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FCI-Standard N° 219

FRENCH TRICOLOUR HOUND
(Chien français tricolore)
TRANSLATION : Mrs. Peggy Davis, revised by Dr. Paschoud.

ORIGIN : France.


UTILIZATION : Pack Hound for big game.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION :    Group 6  Scenthounds and related breeds.
                        Section 1.1  Large sized Hounds.
                        With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Large pack hound, elegant, sufficiently well boned and muscled.

HEAD : Not too imposing, but quite elongated; occipital protuberance marked.

CRANIAL REGION :
Skull : Very slightly domed, skull quite developed.
Stop : More accentuated than in the Pointevin.

FACIAL REGION :
Nose : Black; open nostrils.
Muzzle : Straight, rather long and sometimes slightly arched.
Lips : More substantial than in the Pointevin, i.e. very slightly square.
Eyes : Big and brown, sometimes circled with black. Intelligent expression.
Leathers : Broader than those of the Poitevin, set at eye level, slightly curled, not too supple, preferably extending to the set-on of the nose or within two fingers of it.
NECK: Long, rather strong and sometimes with a slight trace of dewlap.

BODY:
Back: Sustained and solid.
Chest: Deep and well let down, at least as far down as the point of the elbows. Ribs long and not too flat.
Belly: Very slightly tucked up.

TAIL: Quite long, carried high and with elegance.

LIMBS:

FOREQUARTERS:
General appearance: Well positioned, broad and straight.
Shoulders: Long and close to the chest.

HINDQUARTERS:
Hips: Well laid, in harmony with the forequarters.
Thighs: Long, sufficiently muscled.
Hocks: Rather broad, low set, slightly bent.

FEET: Lean.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Easy and light.

SKIN: Quite fine.

COAT

HAIR: Short and rather fine.

COLOUR: Tricolour, with black mantle more or less spread out. Tan preferably bright or even copper-taned. Neither blackend tan on the cheeks and on the lips nor blue or tan fleckings on the legs and on the body are to be sought after. The grizzled « wolf colour » is admitted.
**SIZE**: From 62 to 72 cm for the males and from 60 to 68 cm for the bitches.

**FAULTS**: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness, with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.
- Pink spots on the nose.
- Under-or overshot mouth.
- Light eyes.
- Leathers too flat, too short or set too high.
- Legs badly positioned or thin.
- Hocks too straight.
- Fat feet.
- Any apparent trace of English hound blood, especially in the head. "Smoky" coloured heads which indicate cross-breeding with the White and Black Hound and all other colours than those above mentioned.

**DIQUALIFYING FAULTS**:
- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

**N.B.**:
- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.