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GOLDEN RETRIEVER



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STANDARD: 28.07.2009.

<u>UTILIZATION</u>: Gundog.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing

Dogs, Water Dogs.

Section 1 Retrievers. With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Symmetrical, balanced, active, powerful, level mover; sound with kindly expression.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Biddable, intelligent and possessing natural working ability; kindly, friendly and confident.

HEAD: Balanced and well chiselled.

CRANIAL REGION:

<u>Skull</u>: Broad without coarseness; well set on neck.

Stop: Well defined.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Preferably black.

<u>Muzzle</u>: Powerful, wide and deep. Length of foreface approximately equals length from stop to occiput.

<u>Jaws/Teeth</u>: Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

EYES: Dark brown, set well apart, dark rims.

EARS: Moderate size, set on approximate level with eyes.

NECK: Good length, clean and muscular.

BODY: Balanced. Back: Level topline.

Loin: Strong, muscular, short-coupled.

Chest: Deep through heart. Ribs deep, well sprung.

TAIL: Set on and carried level with back, reaching to hocks, without curl at tip.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forelegs straight with good bone.

Shoulde: Well laid back, long in blade.

Upper arm: Of equal length as the shoulder blade, placing legs well

under body.

Elbow: Close fitting.

Forefeet: Round and cat-like.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Hindlegs strong and muscular.

Stifle: Well bent. **Lower** thigh: Good.

Hock: Well let down, straight when viewed from rear, neither turning

in nor out. Cow-hocks highly undesirable.

Hind feet: Round and cat-like.

<u>GAIT / MOVEMENT</u>: Powerful with good drive. Straight and true in front and rear. Stride long and free with no sign of hackney action in front.

COAT

<u>Hair</u>: Flat or wavy with good feathering, dense water-resisting undercoat.

<u>Colour</u>: Any shade of gold or cream, neither red nor mahogany. A few white hairs on chest only, permissible.

SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Height at withers: Dogs 56 - 61 cm (22-24 ins);

Bitches 51 - 56 cm (20-22 ins).

<u>FAULTS</u>: 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 **and on its ability to perform its traditional work.**

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.

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.

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SURFACE ANATOMY

