

KUSA

Official Breed Standard

Gordon Setter (Gundog Group)



A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Stylish dog, with galloping lines. Consistent with its build which can be compared to a weight carrying hunter. Symmetrical in conformation throughout.

CHARACTERISTICS

Intelligent, able and dignified.

TEMPERAMENT

Bold, outgoing, of kindly even disposition.

HEAD AND SKULL

Head deep rather than broad, but broader than muzzle, showing brain room. Skull slightly rounded, broadest between ears. Clearly defined stop, length from occiput to stop slightly longer than from stop to nose. Below and above eyes lean, cheeks as narrow as leanness of head allows. Muzzle fairly long with almost parallel lines, neither pointed nor snipey. Flews not pendulous, clearly defined lips. Nose large, broad, nostrils open and black. Muzzle not quite as deep as its length.

EYES

Dark brown, bright. Neither deep nor prominent, set sufficiently under brows, showing keen, intelligent expression.

EARS

Medium size, thin. Set low, lying close to head.

MOUTH

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

NECK

Long, lean, arched without throatiness.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulder blades long, sloping well back, wide flat bone, close at withers, not loaded. Elbows well let down and close to body. Forelegs, flat-bone straight, strong; upright pasterns.

BODY

Moderate length. Level topline, deep brisket, ribs well sprung. Back ribs deep. Loins wide, slightly arched. Chest not too broad.

HINDQUARTERS

From hip to hock long, broad and muscular, hock to heel short, strong, stifles well bent, straight from hock joint to ground. Pelvis tending to horizontal.

FEET

Oval, close-knit, well arched toes, plenty of hair between. Well-padded toe, deep heel cushions.

TAIL

Straight or slightly scimitar, not reaching below hocks. Carried horizontally or below line of back. Thick at root, tapering to fine point. Feather or flag starting near root, long, straight, growing shorter to point.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Steady, free-moving and true, with plenty of drive behind.

COAT

On head, front of legs, tips of ears short and fine, moderate length; flat and free from curl or wave on all other parts of body. Feather on upper portion of ears, long and silky; on backs of legs long, fine, flat and straight; fringes on belly may extend to chest and throat. As free as possible from curl or wave.

COLOUR

Deep, shining coal black, without rustiness, with tan markings of rich chestnut red. Tan should be lustrous. Black pencilling on toes and black streak under jaw permissible. 'Tan markings': two clear spots over eyes not over 2 cm (¾ in) in diameter. On sides of muzzle, tan not reaching above base of nose, resembling a stripe around clearly defined end of muzzle from one side to other. Also on throat, two large, clear spots on chest. On inside hindlegs and inside thighs, showing down front of stifle and broadening out to outside of hindlegs from hock to toes. On forelegs, up to elbows behind, and to knees or little above, in front. Around vent. Very small white spot on chest permissible. No other colour permissible.

SIZE

Height: Dogs: 66cm (26 in) Bitches: 62cm (24½ in).
Weight: Dogs: 29.5kg (65 lb) Bitches: 25.5kg (56 lb).

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 on the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

NOTE

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



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