

# KUSA



Official Breed Standard

## Hungarian Vizsla (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**

Medium-sized, of distinguished appearance, robust and medium boned.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Lively, intelligent, obedient, sensitive, very affectionate and easily trained. Bred for hunting fur and feather, pointing and retrieving from land and water.

### **TEMPERAMENT**

Lively, gentle-mannered and demonstratively affectionate, fearless and with well-developed protective instinct.

### **HEAD & SKULL**

Head lean and noble. Skull moderately wide between ears with median line down forehead and a moderate stop. Skull a little longer than muzzle. Muzzle, although tapering, well squared at the end. Nostrils well developed, broad and wide. Jaws strong and powerful. Lips covering jaws completely and neither loose nor pendulous. Nose brown.

### **EYES**

Neither deep nor prominent, of medium size, a shade darker in colour than coat. Slightly oval in shape, eyelids fitting tightly. Yellow or black eye undesirable.

### **EARS**

Moderately low set, proportionately long with a thin skin and hanging down close to cheeks. Rounded 'V' shape; not fleshy.

### **MOUTH**

Sound and strong white teeth. Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Full dentition desirable.

### **NECK**

Strong, smooth and muscular; moderately long, arched and devoid of dewlap.

### **FOREQUARTERS**

Shoulders well laid and muscular, elbows close to body and straight, forearm long, pasterns upright.

## **BODY**

Back level, short, well-muscled, withers high. Chest moderately broad and deep with prominent breast bone. Distance from withers to lowest part of chest equal to distance from chest to ground. Ribs well sprung and belly with a slight tuck-up beneath loin. Croup well-muscled.

## **HINDQUARTERS**

Straight when viewed from rear, thighs well developed with moderate angulation, hocks well let down.

## **FEET**

Rounded with toes short, arched and tight. Cat-like foot is required, hare foot undesirable. Nails short, strong and a shade darker in colour than coat.

## **TAIL**

Tail Previously customarily docked.

Docked: Customarily docked by one-third of length. Moderately thick, rather low set, when moving carried horizontally.

Undocked: Rather low set. Moderately thick. Slightly curved. Tapering towards the end, reaching to hocks. When moving carried horizontally.

**[\*refer note below]**

## **GAIT / MOVEMENT**

Graceful, elegant with a lively trot and ground-covering gallop.

## **COAT**

Short, straight, dense, smooth and shiny, feeling greasy to the touch.

## **COLOUR**

Russet gold, small white marks on chest and feet, though acceptable, undesirable.

## **SIZE**

Height at withers:

Dogs: 57 - 64cm (22½ - 25in); Bitches: 53 - 60cm (21 - 23½ in).

Weight: 20 - 30kg (44 - 66lb).

## **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 & 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.

**\*Regardless of the provisions of the current KUSA-adopted standard, docked or formerly docked breeds may be shown at all FCI- and KUSA-licensed shows in South Africa, whether their tails are docked, or natural. Under no circumstances are judges permitted to discriminate against exhibits on the grounds of docked, or natural tails and equal consideration for awards must be given to either.**



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