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Norwegian Elkhound Black
Norsk Elghund Sort
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CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.:

Group 5.....Spitz and primitive types.

Section 2.....Nordic Hunting Dogs.

With working trial only for the Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Finland).

TRANSLATION: Norsk Kennel Klub.

ORIGIN: Norway.

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UTILIZATION: Hound for elk-hunting.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: A typical spitz, squarely built, black hair lying rather close to the body, erect pointed ears, tail curled over the back. Proud rise of neck, muscular and athletic.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS: Height of withers = length of body. Length of muzzle = length of skull.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Fearless, energetic and brave.

HEAD: Wedge-shaped, tapering to nose. Clean and rather light, comparatively broad between ears.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Nearly flat.

Stop: Distinct, but not abrupt.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Black.

Muzzle: Bridge of the nose straight.

Lips: Tightly closed.

Jaws/Teeth: Scissor bite. Complete dentition.

Eyes: Not protruding. Preferably dark brown.

Ears: Set on high, pricked, height slightly greater than width at the base, pointed.

NECK: Of medium length, firm, without loose skin.

BODY:

Topline: Straight from the withers to the croup.

Withers: Well developed.

Back: Straight and strong.

Loin: Well developed, broad and straight.

Croup: Broad, well muscled.

Chest: Relatively deep, with good spring of ribs.

Belly: Slightly tucked up.

TAIL: Set on high. Short, thick, with thick and close coat, but not with a flag. Tightly curled over the back, but not carried on either side.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Firm, sinewy and strong, but not heavy.

Shoulders: Sloping.

Upper arm: Moderately sloping.

Elbow: Well set, turned neither in nor out.

Forearm: Straight.

Pastern: Moderately sloping seen from the side.

Forefeet: Rather small, somewhat oval, compact and not turned outwards.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Moderately angulated in stifle and hock. Parallel seen from behind. Dewclaws not desired.

Upper thigh: Muscular and broad.

Stifle: Moderately angulated.

Lower thigh: Of medium length.

Hock joint: Moderately angulated.

Hock: Moderately sloping seen from the side, parallel seen from behind.

Hind feet: Rather small, somewhat oval, compact.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Light and effortless. Parallel seen both from the front and behind.

COAT

HAIR: Dense and rough, but lying close to the body. On head and front of legs short and smooth; longer on chest and neck, back of legs and the underside of tail. The coat is composed of a longish and coarse topcoat and a soft, woolly and black undercoat.

COLOR: Shining black. A little white on chest and feet may be tolerated.

SIZE: Height at withers: Males 46-49 cm. Ideal height 47 cm. Females 43-46 cm. Ideal height 44 cm.

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.*

Pincer bite, irregular bite.

Lacking undercoat.

White hairs, white on the tail.

White socks.

Stressed, nervous, barking.

SERIOUS FAULTS:

Naturally short tail.

ELIMINATING FAULTS:

Aggressiveness.

Bite over- or undershot.

Height at withers under 3 or above 4 cm from the ideal height.

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.

Note: *Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.*