



FCI Standard No 31
Petit Bleu de Gascogne
Small Gascony Blue
Standard Provided by ABIDS

F.C.I. CLASSIFICATION:

Group 6.....Scent hounds

Section 1.2.....Medium sized hounds with working trial.

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Utilization: Multipurpose hound used for hunting with the gun and sometimes for coursing. His favorite game is the hare, but he is also successfully well adapted for big game hunting.

Origin: France

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY: It is a voluntary reduction in size of the Great Gascony Blue, certainly going back to the origin of this breed, and linked directly to the utilization.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Medium sized hound, well proportioned- distinguished.

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT:

Behavior: Fine nose, intent in his way of hunting; endowed with a beautiful voice; works well in a pack.

Temperament: Calm and affectionate. Obeys orders easily.

HEAD:

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: seen from the front, only very slightly domed without excessive width; the occipital protuberance is lightly marked; seen from above, the back of the skull is of only slight pronounced ogival shape. The forehead is full.

Stop: only very slightly accentuated.

FACIAL REGION

Nose: black, well developed, nostrils well opened.

Lips: not very thick and not very developed; the upper lip covers the lower lip.

Muzzle: same length as the skull; strong; nasal bridge often slightly arched.

Jaws: scissor bite. Incisors set square to the jaws.

Cheeks: lean.

Eyes: oval shape; brown. Gentle expression.

Leathers: moderately fine, curled in; should, at least, reach the extremity of the nose.

NECK: Of good length, with a slight dewlap

BODY:

Back: well supported, firm.

Loin: well fused, without excess in length..

Rump: slightly sloping (oblique).

Chest: long, let down to elbow level; forechest quite broad.

Ribs: gently rounded.

Flank: flat and let down.

Tail: slender, reaching the point of the hock. Carried proudly in sabre fashion.

LIMBS:

FOREQUARTERS:

View of the ensemble: quite powerful.

Shoulder: muscled, moderately sloping.

Elbows: close to the body.

Forearm: good bone structure.

Feet: oval shape; toes lean and tight. Pads and nails black.

HINDQUARTERS:

View of the ensemble: well proportioned.

Upper thigh: quite long; muscled without excess..

Hock: large, slightly bent, well let down.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Regular and easy.

SKIN: Supple. Black or strongly marbled with black patches, never entirely white. Mucous membranes (hairless zones) black.

COAT:

HAIR: Short, semi-thick; dense (profuse).

COLOR: Entirely mottled (black and white) giving a slate blue coloring effect: either marked or not with more or less extended black patches. Two black patches are generally placed at either side of the head, covering the ears, surrounding the eyes and stopping at the cheeks. They do not meet up on the top of the skull; they leave a white interval in the middle of which there is often a small black oval spot, typical of the breed. Two more or less bright tan markings are placed above the superciliary arches giving a "quatreoeillé" appearance to the eyes. There are also traces of tan on the cheeks, lips, inner face of the leather, on the legs and under the tail.

SIZE: HEIGHT AT THE WITHERS: males: 52 to 58 cm. **females:** 50 to 56 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.

Head: short,

skull too flat, too narrow or too broad,

leathers short, high set, insufficiently curled in.

Body: too long,

slack topline,

lack of substance,

deviated tail,

rump falling away,

Quarters: bone structure insufficiently developed.

straight shoulder,

splayed feet,

cow hocks, seen from behind..

Behavior: timid subject.

ELIMINATING FAULTS:

- Lack of type.

- Any coat other than that indicated in the standard.

- Light eye.

- Serious anatomical malformation.

- Visible disabling (invalidating) defect.

- Frightened or aggressive subject.

- Prognathism.

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