



**FCI Standard No. 176**  
**Picardy Sheepdog**  
*Berger de Picardie; Berger Picard*  
Standard Provided by ABIDS

**CLASSIFICATION:**

Group: I .....Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs (except Swiss Cattle dogs)

Section: 1. ....Sheepdogs

**ORIGIN:** France

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With working trial.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Medium sized dog of rustic yet elegant appearance in its shapes, vigorous, well muscled, well structured, intelligent face, lively wide awake, characterized by his appearance resembling the Griffon.

**DESCRIPTION:**

**HEAD:** Without being massive, must be in proportion with the size. Very slight stop, at equal distance from the tip of the nose and the summit of the skull; skull quite broad, without exaggeration. Hair about 4 cm, eyebrows well marked without ever veiling the eyes. **Penalization:** *Stop too pronounced, or insufficient. Hair too short or too long, eyebrows absent or too marked.*

**Disqualification:** *Lacking in type, disproportionate, without furnishings or too hairy.*

**FOREHEAD:** Seen from the front, must look flat but slightly vaulted with a light furrow between the frontal sinuses.

**Penalization:** *Insufficiently or too vaulted, furrow too accentuated.* **Disqualification:** *Skull flat or domed, forehead too flat or too steep.*

**CHEEKS:** Must not be too strong but without being flat, must have a certain roundness. Behind the cheeks the hair has the same length as that on the body. **Penalization:** *Cheeks too full, flabby or lacking muscles.*

**MUZZLE:** Strong and not too long, must not end in a point. Nose always black, lips lean and well closed, the bridge of the nose is straight. Slight moustache and small beard. **Penalization:** *Too long, weak or too strong, snipey or too square; nose small, spotted with pink; corner of the lips thick, lippy; convex nasal bridge lack of moustaches and small beard (it must be remembered that the hair on the head must be of about 4 cm and that the moustache and small beard must stand out clearly).* **Disqualification:** *Disproportionate at the skull, pendulous lips, nose of any other color than black, depigmentation of the mucous membranes.*

**JAWS:** Powerful, closing perfectly without being over- or undershot. **Penalization:** *Very slightly under- or overshot; absence of two premolars does not allow any CAC nor reserve. Absence of four premolar : no "excellent"; decayed (caries) teeth depending on importance; broken or cut canines.* **Disqualification:** *Absence of more than four teeth, distinctly over- or undershot.*

**EARS:** Of moderate size, broad at their base, set rather high, the base resembling the ear of a sheep, always carried naturally erect, the tips slightly rounded; the slightly divergent carriage is tolerated. Length 10 cm. Never more than 12 cm for a male of maximum size. **Penalization:** *Ear too big or similar to that of the Belgian Shepherd, set too low or too close together.* **Disqualification:** *Ear not carried correctly.*

**EYES:** Of medium size, not prominent, dark in color, neither light nor wall eye; color more or less dark according to the coat color (in every cases never lighter than hazel). **Penalization:** *Everything which does not correspond to the description.* **Disqualification:** *Wall eyes, slanting, dissimilar, color too light.*

**EXPRESSION:** Must not be vicious, nor suspicious. **Disqualification:** *Haggard expression, shifty look.*

**NECK:** Strong and muscular, of great length, carried erect in action and set well free of the shoulders, with proud head carriage. **Penalization:** *Neck long and weak, short and thick, rising too abruptly from the shoulders, loose skin.*

**BODY:** Chest deep without exaggeration, must not be deeper than the elbow level; the thoracic perimeter taken immediately behind the elbows must be superior by 1/5 of the height at the withers, the length of the body slightly superior to the height at the withers; back straight; solid loin; the ribs well sprung at their upper third, then gradually flattening up to the sternum; belly slightly tucked up; the rump merges progressively with the thigh; bone structure visible without exaggeration. **Penalization:** *Depending on the importance of the fault; body too heavy or too light, too long, high on the legs or too close to the ground; ribs too flat or too sprung (barrel shape); built like a Bouvier (herder); rump too straight or falling away.* **Disqualification:** *The above mentioned faults too accentuated.*

**TAIL:** Hairy, the hair is of the same length as that of the body. At rest the tail must reach the point of the hock and hang straight with a slight curve at the tip; in action the tail may be carried higher without ever being carried over the back. **Penalization:** *Rat tail or too hairy, too short, deviated, carried badly.* **Disqualification:** *Continuously carried over the back; carried low as a result of a correcting operation (niquetage); rudimentary or tailless.*

**FOREQUARTERS:** Shoulders long and oblique giving great freedom of movement, muscular without being heavy; the legs straight and vertical; lean bone structure; joints are evident without giving the impression of malformation; pasterns slightly inclined from back to front giving suppleness in the leg and thereby facilitating the sudden halts. **Penalization:** *Shoulders too long (like a Greyhound) or too steep (like a Bouvier), weak or heavy, loose or impeding movements; bone structure weak or too strong; weak joints or giving the impression of being distended; pastern too straight or too inclined carrying foot too forward.* **Disqualification:** *The above mentioned faults too accentuated.*

**HINDQUARTERS:** Thighs long and well muscled. The upper part rather long, the articulation of the stifle strong; the dog must not be straight behind nor stand too far back; standing neither close nor wide. There must not be any lack of harmony between the thigh and the rump, the whole must dissolve into a pleasant curve. Legs solid supporting the hindquarters without weakness, but with suppleness; bone structure pronounced without exaggeration.

Hockjoints moderately angulated, neither spread nor too close, not set too high; a good angulation of the hock is absolutely essential in our Sheepdog. Hocks robust and lean, perpendicular to the ground when the dog is standing true; the legs seen from all sides are vertical and parallel. **Penalization:** *Depending on the importance of the faults.* **Disqualification:** *Hindquarters generally faulty.*

**FEET:** Rounded and short, close-cupped, arched; nails strong and dark in color. No dewclaws or extra toes; a dog with dewclaws is not disqualified but penalized. Firm pads, with a certain suppleness, the pad being a plantar cushion must absorb part of the jolts. **Penalization:** *In accordance with the fault.* **Disqualification:** *Double dewclaws on the four legs.*

## **COAT**

**HAIR:** Hard, semi-long, not curly, not flat, must be harsh and crisp to the touch. The length is 5 to 6 cm on the whole of the body including the tail. Undercoat fine and dense. **Penalization:** *Hair less than 4 1/2 cm, not sufficiently harsh, tendency to be curly or flat.* **Disqualification:** *Hair less than 4 cm, more than 6 cm, curly or very flat, soft or woolly.*

**COLOR:** Grey, grey-black, grey with black highlights, grey-blue, grey-red, light fawn or dark, or a mixture of these shades. No big white patches permitted, a slight white marking is tolerated on the chest and on the tip of the feet. **Penalization:** *White patch on the chest forming a "shirtfront", white all over the toes.* **Disqualification:** *Black, white, harlequin, pied, too much white on the chest, feet completely white; white in the coat elsewhere than on the parts indicated.*

**SIZE:** 60 to 65 cm for the male and 55 to 60 cm for the female. **Penalization:** *Up to 2 cm above the maximum.* **Disqualification:** *Below the minimum, even in the young classes. More than 2 cm over the maximum limit.*

**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.*

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