



CKC Breed Standard
Retriever (Curly-Coated)
Standard Provided by ABIDS

General Appearance: A strong, smart, upstanding dog, showing activity, endurance and intelligence.

Coat and Colour: Coat should be one mass of crisp curls all over - a slightly more open coat not to be severely penalized. A prominent white patch on breast is undesirable, but a few white hairs allowed in an otherwise good dog.
Colour: black or liver.

Head: Long and well proportioned, **skull** not too flat. Jaws long and strong but not inclined to snipiness. **Nose** black, in the black-coated variety, with wide nostrils. **Teeth** strong and level. **Eyes** black or brown, but not yellow, rather large but not too prominent. **Ears** rather small, set on low, lying close to the head, and covered with short curls.

Forequarters: Shoulders should be very deep, muscular, and obliquely placed. Legs should be of moderate length, forelegs straight and set well under the body.

Body: Chest not too wide, but decidedly deep. Body rather short, muscular, and well ribbed up. Loin powerful, deep, and firm to the grasp.

Hindquarters: Quarters strong and muscular, hocks low to the ground with moderate bend to stifle and hock. Feet round and compact with well-arched toes.

Tail: Should be moderately short, carried fairly straight and covered with curls, slightly tapering towards the point.

Faults: A saddle back or patch of uncurled hair behind the shoulder should be penalized.