

CANAAN DOG

FCI-Standard N°273

ORIGIN : Israel.

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UTILIZATION : Watch- and security Dog.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. :

Group 5 : Spitz and primitive type.

Section 6 : Primitive type
Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : a medium sized, well balanced, strong and square dog resembling the wild dog type. Strong distinction between the sexes.

BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT : alert, quick to react, distrustful of strangers, strongly defensive but not naturally aggressive. Vigilant not only against man but other animals as well. Extraordinarily devoted and amenable to training.

HEAD : well proportioned, blunt wedge shape of medium length, appearing broader due to low set ears.

Cranial region :

- Skull : somewhat flattened. Some width allowed in powerful male heads.
- Stop : shallow but defined.

Facial region :

- Nose : black.
- Muzzle : sturdy, of moderate length and breadth.
- Lips : tight.
- Jaws / Teeth : jaws should be strong. Full dentition with scissor or level bite.
- Eyes : dark brown, slightly slanted, almond-shaped. Dark rims essential.
- Ears : erect, relatively short and broad, slightly rounded at the tip and set low.

NECK : muscular, of medium length.

BODY : square.

- Withers : well developed.
- Back : level.
- Loins : muscular.
- Chest : deep and of moderate breadth. Ribs well sprung.
- Belly : well tucked up.

TAIL : set high, thick brush carried curled over the back.

LIMBS : moderate angulations. Balance is essential.

Forequarters : forelegs perfectly straight.

- Shoulders : oblique and muscular.
- Elbows : close to the body.

Hindquarters : powerful.

- Thighs : strong, lightly feathered at the rearside.
- Stifles : well bent.
- Hocks : well let down.

Feet : strong, round and cat-like with hard pads.

GAIT/MOVEMENT : quick, light and energetic trot. Should demonstrate marked agility and stamina. Correct movement is essential.

COAT :

- Hair : outer coat dense, harsh and straight, of short to medium length. Undercoat close and profuse.
- Colour : sand to red-brown, white, black, or spotted, with or without mask. If masked, mask must be symmetrical. Black mask permitted on all colours. White markings are permitted on all colours : " Boston Terrier " patterns are common. Grey, brindle, black-and-tan, or tricolour are unacceptable. Desert colours-sand, gold, red, cream- are most typical of the breed.

SIZE AND WEIGHT :

- Size : height at withers : 50-60 cm. Males can be considerably larger than females.
- Weight : 18-25 kg.

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.

N.B. : male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.