



Bavarian Mountain Hound

(Bayerische Gebirgsschweißhund)

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Breed Standard

General Appearance

A well balanced, lightly built, muscular and powerful, clean cut hound, of medium size. Body slightly longer than high.

Characteristics

A natural ability to hunt cold scent with perseverance and endurance.

Temperament

Calm, devoted to owner, biddable, reserved with strangers, not shy or aggressive.

Head and Skull

Moderately broad. Skull flat, with no pronounced occiput. Well defined stop. Muzzle shorter than skull, moderately broad, lips pendulous of medium thickness, well pigmented with corner of lips clearly visible. Nose of moderate size with well open nostrils. Black or dark red.

Eyes

Medium size, not too large or too round. Dark brown or hazel, alert expression. Well fitting lids, eye rims well pigmented.

Ears

Heavy. Set moderately high. Broad, rounded at tips. Hanging close and flat to head. Reaching no further than the nose.

Mouth

Jaws strong with a perfect regular and complete scissor bite, set square to the jaw.

Neck

Strong, of medium length. Skin somewhat looser on throat.

Forequarters

Muscular and strongly boned. Shoulders well laid back. Upper arm long. Elbows close fitting to body. Forelegs straight and parallel when viewed from the front; standing well under the body when viewed from side. Pasterns strong, slightly sloping.

Body

Back strong and supple. Topline rising slightly from withers to long, level croup. Ribcage oval, deep, long and reaching far back. Loin short, broad and well muscled. Slight tuck up.

Hindquarters

Good angulation, strongly boned and well muscled. Upper thigh broad. Lower thigh relatively long. Hocks well let down. Rear pasterns vertical and parallel.

Feet

Strong, turning neither in nor out. Oval feet with well arched, tight toes. Pads well cushioned and pigmented. Nails black or horn colour.

Tail

Set high, tapering, of moderate length, not reaching below hock. Carried level or slightly lower than back.

Gait/Movement

Light, springy, ground covering with good reach in front and strong drive from the rear.

Coat

Dense and close fitting, moderately harsh, finer on head and ears.

Colour

Deer red, tan or fawn, any of which may be interspersed with black hairs, or brindle. The back and tail generally being more intense in colour. Muzzle and leathers darker in colour. A small, light coloured patch on chest allowed.

Size

Dogs: 47-52 cm (18 ½ – 20 ½ in). Bitches 44-48 cm (17 ½ -19 in).

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 and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

Note

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