

COLLIE (Rough) STANDARD

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UK CHAMPION PHREELANCER PHROSTY MOON OVER CORYDON
Owned by Corydon Kennels - England



The Overview

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Has instant appeal of:

- great beauty
- standing with impassive dignity
- with no part out of proportion to the whole



CHARACTERISTICS

For the Collie to fulfil their natural function of sheepdog work, its physical structure is on lines of:



- strength
- activity
- free from cloddiness
- without any trace of coarseness

EXPRESSION, one of the most important points is obtained by perfect balance and combination of:

- skull and foreface
- size, shape, colour and placement of eyes
- correct position and carriage of ears

COAT

The coat fits the outline of the dog and is very dense

Outer coat:

- straight
- harsh to touch

Undercoat:

- soft, furry, very close
- almost hides the skin

Forelegs:

- well feathered

Mane and frill:

- very abundant

Face/mask, ears at tip and below hocks:

- is smooth

Hind legs (above hocks) and tail:

- is profusely haired

COLOUR

Three recognised colours:

- **sable**
- **tricolour**
- **blue merle**



Sable: Ranging from light gold to rich mahogany or shaded sable. Light straw or cream colour is highly undesirable

Tricolour: Predominantly black with rich tan markings about the legs and head. Rusty tinge in top coat is highly undesirable

Blue Merle: Predominantly clear, silvery blue, splashed and marbled with black. Rich tan markings to preferred, but their absence not to be counted as a fault. Large black markings, slate colour, or a rusty tinge either on the top coat or undercoat are highly undesirable

White Markings: All the above may carry the typical white collie markings to a greater or lesser degree. The following markings are favourable:

- white collar, full or part
- white tail tip
- white shirt
- white legs and feet
- a blaze may be carried on the muzzle or skull or both

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

Strongly condemned faults:

- length of head out proportion to the body
- receding skull
- unbalanced head

Highly objectionable faults:

- round eyes
- light coloured eyes
- staring or glassy eyes

Other faults:

Head:

- weak, snipy muzzle
- domed skull
- high peaked occiput
- prominent cheek bones
- dished faced
- roman nosed
- pricked ears, low set ears
- undershot/overshot mouth
- missing teeth

Body:

- flat sided
- short or cobby
- straight shoulder or stifle

Tail:

- short
- kinked or twisted to one side
- carried over the back

Coat:

- soft
- silky or wavy
- insufficient undercoat

Temperament:

- nervousness

Feet and legs:

- large feet
- open or hare feet
- long, weak pasterns
- out at elbow
- crooked forearms
- cow-hocks or straight hocks

Chest:

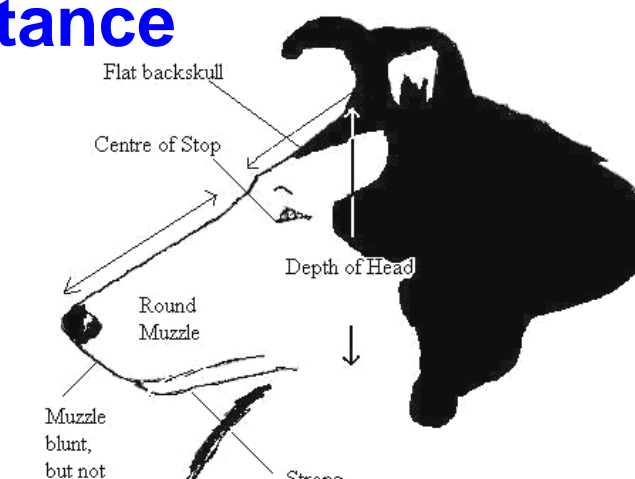
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Specific Static Anatomical Structure

HEAD AND SKULL

Head properties are of great importance

and must be considered in proportion to the size of the dog.



Viewed from the front

or side the head:

- is smooth in outline
- bears a general resemblance to a well-blunted, clean wedge
- the sides taper gradually and smoothly from the ears to the end of the black nose, without prominent cheek bones or pinched muzzle

Viewed in profile:

- top of skull and the top of the muzzle lie in two parallel straight planes of equal length, divided by a slight but perceptible "stop" or break
- a mid-point between the inside corners of the eyes (which is the centre of a correctly placed "stop") should be the centre of balance in the length of the head
- the end of the smooth, well rounded muzzle is blunt, but not square
- the under jaw is strong, clean cut
- the depth of the skull from the brow to the underpart of the jaw, must never be excessive (deep through)

Whatever the colour of the dog, the nose must be black

EARS

- small
- placed not too close together nor too much on the side of the head
- in repose carried thrown back
- when alert they are brought forward and carried semi-erect, with approximately two thirds of the ear standing erect, the top third tipping forward naturally, below the horizontal

EYES

A very important feature giving a sweet expression to the dog.

- medium size
- set somewhat obliquely
- almond shape
- dark brown colour, except in blue merles where one or both eyes maybe blue or blue flecked



Expression:

Full of intelligence, with a quick, alert look when listening

MOUTH

Teeth:

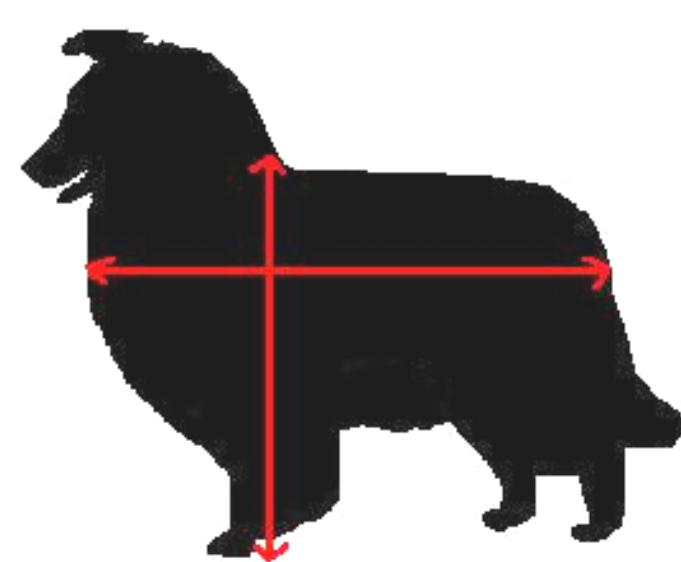
- good size
- lower incisors fitting closely behind the upper incisors

NECK

- powerful
- muscular
- well arched
- of fair length



BODY



The body should be a trifle long compared to the height

Back:

- firm
- slight rise over the loin

Ribs:

- well sprung

Chest:

- Deep and fairly broad behind the shoulders

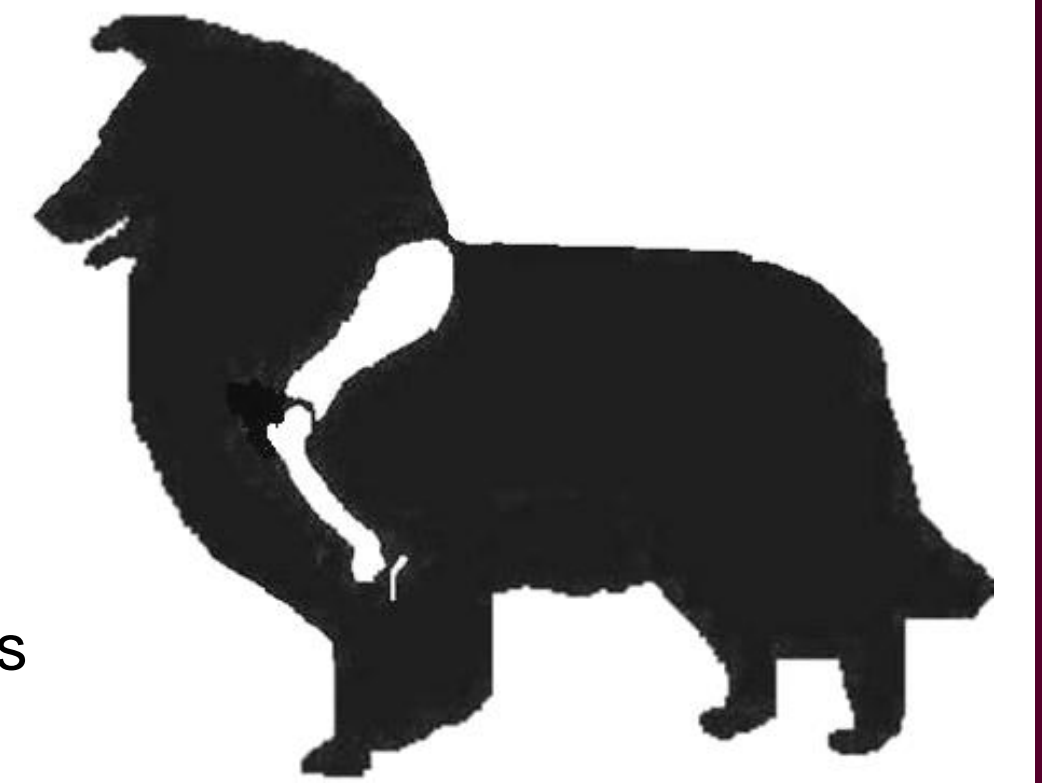
FOREQUARTERS

The shoulders should be:

- sloped
- well-angulated

The forelegs:

- straight
- muscular
- neither in nor out at elbows
- moderate amount of bone



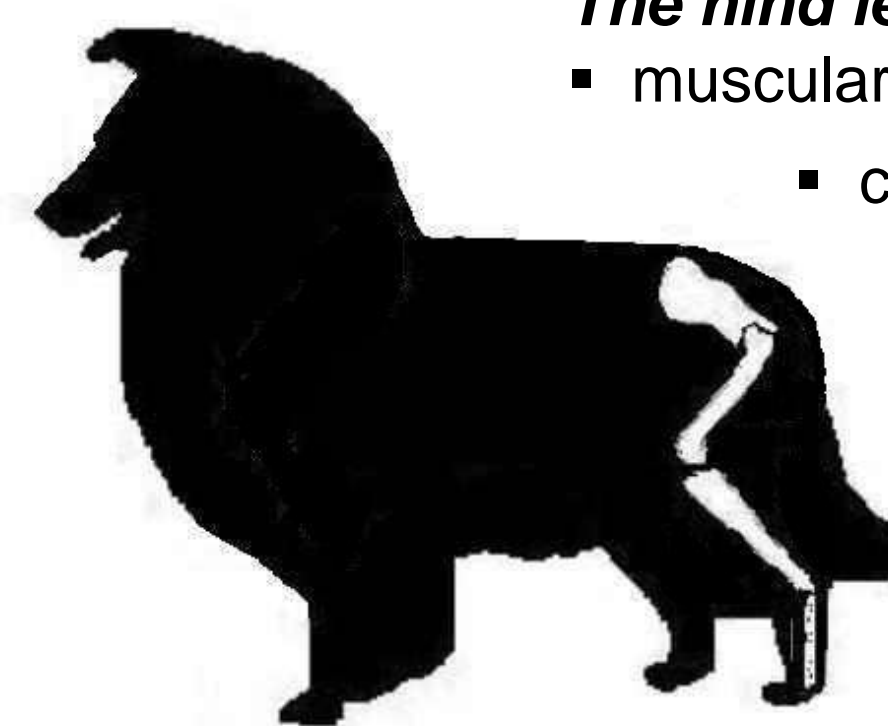
HINDQUARTERS

The hind legs:

- muscular at thighs
- clean and sinewy below thighs
- well bent stifles

Hocks:

- well let-down
- powerful



FEET

- oval
- soles well padded
- toes arched and close together

Oval Shape



The hind feet slightly less arched



Toes close together

TAIL

- long with the bone reaching at least to the hock joint
- carried low when the dog is quiet, but with slight upward swirl at the tip
- may be carried gaily when the dog is excited, but not over the back

SIZE

Height: (at the shoulder)

- **Dogs:** 56-61cm (22-24 in)

Weight:

- 20.5-29.5kg (45-65 lbs)

- **Bitches:** 51-56cm (20-22in)

- 18-25kg (40-55lbs)

NOTES

Males have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum

Dynamic Functionality

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Movement is a distinct characteristic of the breed

Viewed from the front:

- a sound dog is never out at elbow, yet it moves with its front feet comparatively close together

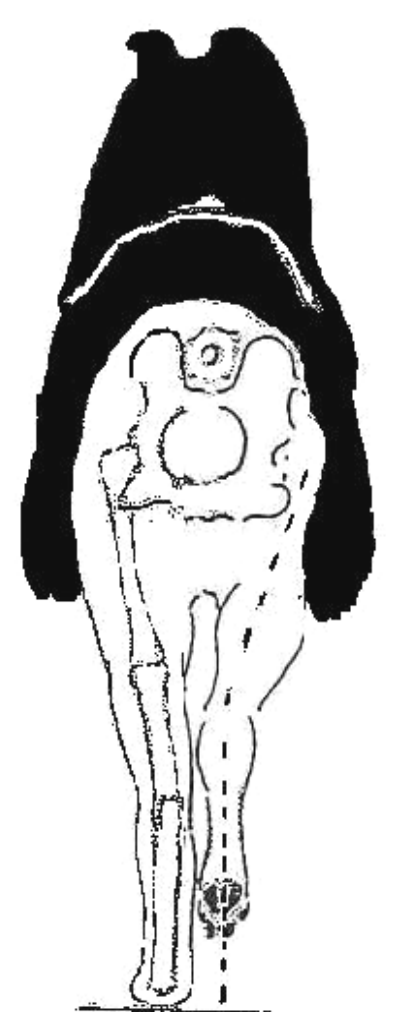
- plaiting, crossing, rolling are highly undesirable

Viewed from the rear the hindlegs from the hock joint to the ground should be:



Parallel hocks

- parallel
- powerful
- full of drive



Viewed from the side the action:

- is smooth
- is with reasonably long strides
- is light
- appears quite effortless