

Norwegian Buhund

General Appearance

The Norwegian Buhund is a typical Spitz dog of under middle size, lightly built, with a short, compact body, fairly smooth-lying coat, erect, pointed ears, tail carried curled over the back, and with a courageous, energetic character.

Origin

Norway

Head

Size in proportion to the body, wedge-shaped, lean, not too heavy. **Skull** almost flat; the stop is well defined but should not be too pronounced. **Muzzle** is rather short, tapering evenly towards the nose, which is black; bridge is straight; lips tightly closed. The male and female sex must be clearly defined. **Eyes:** Colour as dark as possible, harmonizing with the colour of the coat. **Ears:** Pointed; size and shape in harmony with the head; height somewhat greater than width at the base; carried strongly erect. **Mouth:** Scissors Bite.

Neck

Lean, comparatively short, good carriage.

Forelegs

Moderately angulated at the shoulder, harmonizing with type; well set elbows, legs are straight, lean and with good bone, not coarse although this is preferred to too fine. Feet are oval in shape and compact.

Body

Deep chest with well sprung ribs; strong, straight back and loins. Arch of coupling should harmonize with type. Length of body equal to height at the withers.

Hindquarters

Moderate angulation; powerful; good muscle and bone; oval, compact feet; dewclaws may be removed.

Tail

Well furred, set high, tightly curled, not carried too much on one side.

Coat**Outer coat**

Thick, rich and hard, but rather smooth-lying.

Undercoat

Soft, dense, woolly. On head and front of legs the coat is comparatively short, on neck and chest it is longer.

Colours**Wheaten (Biscuit)**

Ranging from light to yellowish red, with or without dark tipped hairs; mask permitted but should otherwise be self coloured.

Black

Preferably self coloured, but white blaze, and white markings on chest, narrow ring on neck and white on legs are permissible. The white markings should not, however, disturb the overall impression.

Size

Height at the withers: Males: 17-18.5 inches (43-47 cm).
Bitches: 16-18 inches (41-45 cm).

Weight

Males: 31-40 lbs. (14-18 kg).
Bitches: 26-35 lbs. (12-16 kg).

Faults

Too fine, too coarse, nervous, liver coloured nose, light eyes, not strongly erect ears, anything but scissors bite, poorly curled tail, wavy or too long coat, any colour but the ones mentioned above.

Note:

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

Old English Sheepdog

General Appearance

A strong, compact-looking dog of great symmetry, practically the same in measurement from shoulder to stern as in height, absolutely free from legginess or weaseliness, very elastic in his gallop, but in walking or trotting he has a characteristic ambling or pacing movement, and his bark should be loud, with a peculiar “pot-casse” ring in it. Taking him all round, he is a profusely, but not excessively coated, thick-set, muscular, able-bodied dog with a most intelligent expression, free from all Poodle or Deerhound character. Soundness should be considered of greatest importance.

Size

Twenty-two inches (56 cm) and upwards for dogs and slightly less for bitches. Type, character, and symmetry are of the greatest importance and are on no account to be sacrificed to size alone.

Coat and Colour

Coat profuse, but not so excessive as to give the impression of the dog being over fat, and of a good hard texture; not straight, but shaggy and free from curl. Quality and texture of coat to be considered above mere profuseness. Softness or flatness of coat to be considered a fault. The undercoat should be a waterproof pile, when not removed by grooming or season. Colour any shade of grey, grizzle, blue or blue-merled with or without white markings or in reverse. Any shade of brown or fawn to be considered distinctly objectionable and not to be encouraged.

Head

Skull: Capacious and rather squarely formed, giving plenty of room for brain power. The parts over the eyes should be well arched and the whole well covered with hair. **Muzzle:** Fairly long, strong, square, and truncated. The stop should be well defined to avoid a Deerhound face. (The attention of judges is particularly called to the above properties, as a long, narrow head is a deformity.) **Nose:** Always black, large and capacious. **Mouth:** Teeth strong and large, evenly placed and level in opposition. **Eyes** vary according to the colour of the dog. Very dark preferred, but in the glaucous or blue dogs a pearl, walleye, or china eye is considered typical. (A light eye is most objectionable.) **Ears:** Medium sized, and carried flat to side of head, coated moderately.

Neck

The neck should be fairly long, arched gracefully and well coated with hair.

Forequarters

The shoulders sloping and narrow at the points. The forelegs should be dead straight, with plenty of bone, removing the body a medium height from the ground, without approaching legginess, and well coated all around.

Body

The dog stands lower at the shoulder than at the loin. Rather short and very compact, ribs well sprung and brisket deep and capacious. Slab-sidedness highly undesirable. The loin should be very stout and gently arched.

Hindquarters

Should be round and muscular with well-let-down hocks, and the hams densely coated with a thick, long jacket in excess of any other part. Feet small, round, toes well arched, and pads thick and hard.

Tail

It is preferable that there should be none. Should never, however, exceed 1-1/2 inches (4-5 cm) in grown dogs. When not natural-born bobtails, puppies should be docked at the first joint from the body and the operation performed when they are from three to four days old.

Faults

Softness or flatness of coat to be considered a fault. Any shade of brown or fawn to be considered distinctly objectionable and not to be encouraged. A long, narrow head is a deformity. A light eye is most objectionable. Slab-sidedness highly undesirable.

Scale of Points

Skull.....	5
Eyes.....	5
Ears.....	5
Teeth	5
Nose.....	5
Jaw	5
Foreface	5
Neck and shoulders	5
Body and loins	10
Hindquarters	10
Legs.....	10
Coat (texture, quality and condition).....	15
General appearance and movement.....	15

TOTAL	100
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