



CKC Breed Standard
Canaan Dog
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General Appearance: A medium sized, well balanced, strong and square dog resembling the wild dog type. Strong distinction between the sexes.

Head: Well proportioned, blunt wedge shape of medium length, appearing broader due to low set ears. **Skull** somewhat flattened. Some width allowed in powerful male heads. Stop shallow but defined. **Muzzle** sturdy, of moderate length and breadth. **Jaws** should be strong. **Lips** tight. **Nose** black. **Ears** erect, relatively short and broad, slightly rounded at the tip and set low. **Eyes** dark brown, slightly slanted, almond shaped. Dark rims essential. **Mouth** full dentition with scissors or level bite.

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. Moderate angulation. Balance is essential.

Forequarters: The shoulder should be oblique and muscular, elbows close to the body. Forelegs perfectly straight.

Hindquarters: Powerful, well bent stifles. Hocks well let down. Strong buttocks, lightly feathered.

Feet: Strong, round and catlike with hard pads.

Tail: Set high, thick brush carried curled over the back.

Coat: 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 and gold, red, cream are most typical of the breed.

Weight and Size: Height 50-60 cm, males may be considerably larger than females. Weight 40-55 lbs. 18-25 kg.

Gait: Quick, light and energetic trot. Should demonstrate marked agility and stamina. Correct movement is essential.

Character: 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.

Faults: *All deviations from the standard of the breed. All faults in body structure which constitute a deviation from the norm of a well built dog; anything that would detract from his potential for survival as a desert animal.*

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