



**FCI-Standard N° 1 / 07. 09. 1998 / GB**

## **English Pointer**

**Standard Provided by ABIDS**

### **CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.:**

Group 7.....Pointing Dogs.

Section 2.1.....British and Irish Pointers and Setters, Pointer.

With working trial.

**ORIGIN:** Great Britain.

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE ORIGINAL VALID STANDARD:** 24. 06. 1987.

**UTILIZATION:** Pointing dog.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Symmetrical and well built all over, general outline a series of graceful curves. A strong but lissome appearance.

**BEHAVIOR/TEMPERAMENT:** Aristocratic. Alert with appearance of strength, endurance and speed. Kind, even disposition.

### **HEAD**

#### **CRANIAL REGION:**

Skull: Of medium breadth, in proportion to length of foreface. Pronounced occipital bone.

Stop: Well defined.

#### **FACIAL REGION:**

Nose: Dark, but may be lighter in the case of a lemon and white colored dog.

Nostrils wide, soft and moist.

Muzzle: Somewhat concave, ending on level with nostrils, giving a slightly dishfaced appearance. Slight depression under the eyes.

Lips: Well developed, soft.

Jaw/Teeth: Jaws strong, with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Cheeks: Cheek bones not prominent.

Eyes: Same distance from occiput as from nostrils, bright and kindly in expression. Either hazel or brown according to color of coat. Neither bold nor staring, not looking down the nose. Eye rims dark, but may be lighter in the case of a lemon and white colored dog.

Ears: Leathers thin, set on fairly high, lying close to head, of medium length, slightly pointed at tips.

**NECK:** Long, muscular, slightly arched, springing cleanly from shoulders and free from throatiness.

**BODY:** Loin: Strong muscular and slightly arched. Short coupled.

Chest: Just wide enough for plenty of heart room. Brisket well let down, to level with elbows. Ribs well sprung and carried well back, gradually falling away at loin.

**TAIL:** Medium length, thick at root, tapering gradually to a point. Well covered with close hair, carried on a level with back, with no upward curl. In movement, tail should lash from side to side.

### **LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS:** Forelegs straight and firm, with good oval bone, with back sinews strong and visible.

Shoulders: Long, sloping and well-laid back.

Pastern joint: Flat with front leg and protruding very little on inside.

Pastern: Lengthy, strong and resilient. Slightly sloping.

**HINDQUARTERS:** Very muscular.

Haunch: Haunch bones well spaced and prominent, not above level of back.

Upper thigh: Good expanse of first thigh.

Stifle: Well turned.

Lower thigh: Good expanse.

Hock: Well let down.

FEET: Oval, well knit, arched toes, well cushioned.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT:** Smooth, covering plenty of ground. Driving hind action, elbows neither in nor out. Definitely not a hackney action.

### **COAT**

**HAIR:** Fine, short, hard and evenly distributed, perfectly smooth and straight with decided sheen.

**COLOR:** Usual colors are lemon and white, orange and white, liver and white, and black and white. Self colors and tricolors are also correct.

**SIZE:** Height at the withers: Dogs: 63-69 cm (25-27 ins). Bitches: 61-66 cm (24-26 ins).

**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.***

*Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.*

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