



FCI Standard No. 214

Hellenic Hound

*Hellinikos Ichnilatis; Chien Courant Grec;
Griechischer Laufhund; Sabueso Helenico*

Standard Provided by ABIDS

CLASSIFICATION:

Group: VI Scenthounds and Related Breeds

Section: 1. Scenthounds

Subsection: 2. Medium Sized Hounds

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UTILIZATION: Hound with a fine sense of smell and of great resistance; he is an active hunter either alone or in a pack and responds completely in all terrains of lowland or mountains and even in the more rocky and unworkable terrains; his voice is resonant and harmonious. With working trial.

Origin: Greece

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Medium sized dog, short haired, black and tan, strong, vigorous, lively, keen.

SIZE: The height at the withers for the males is from 47 to 55 cm and the females from 45 to 53 cm. Tolerance of more or less 2 cm. The weight is of 17 to 20 kg.

COAT: Short hair, dense, a little hard, close fitting.

COLOR: Black and tan. A small white patch on the chest is tolerated. The mucous membranes visible, the nose and the nails black.

DESCRIPTION:

HEAD: Long, its total length reaches the 4,35:10 of the height at the withers. The width of the skull must not be more than the half of the total length of the head, i.e. the total cephalic index must be less than 50. The upper cranial lines and the muzzle are divergent.

SKULL: Its length is equal or a little less than the length of the muzzle; of fairly flat shape. The occipital protuberance only slightly evident. Forehead quite broad. Medial furrow not very marked. Superciliary arches high.

MUZZLE: Straight or, in the males, slightly bowed (arched), its length is equal or a little more than that of the skull. Stop not very pronounced. Nose on the muzzle line, overhanging the forward vertical lip line, humid, mobile and black. Nostrils well open.

JAWS AND LIPS: Strong jaws meeting perfectly either in scissor or pincer bite, strong white teeth. Lips rather developed.

EYES: Normal size, neither deep set nor prominent, brown color with lively and intelligent expression.

EARS: Of medium length, (almost half the length of the head), set on high, i.e. above the zygomatic arches, flat, rounded at the lower extremity and hanging vertically.

NECK: Powerful, muscled, without dewlap, descending harmoniously towards the shoulders. Its length is nearly 6,5:10 of the total length of the head.

BODY: The length of the body is 10% more than the height at the withers. Topline of the body is straight and slightly convex at the loins; the lower line slightly rising.

WITHERS: Slightly raised above the backline.

CHEST: Well developed, deep, let down to elbow level.

RIBS: Slightly sprung.

BACK: Long, straight.

LOINS: Slightly arched, short, strong, well muscled.

BELLY: Lean, slightly drawn up.

RUMP: Long, broad, well muscled, slightly sloping.

TAIL: Not long, at maximum reaching the point of the hock, set rather high, thick at the root and tapering slightly towards its tip; in movement carried saber fashion.

FOREQUARTERS: Good straight legs from the front and in profile, well muscled and robust.

SHOULDERS: Sloping, well muscled and close to the thorax.

ARMS: Oblique, muscular and robust.

FOREARMS: Straight, long, well boned.

PASTER-NOINT: Lean, not prominent.

PASTER: Of sufficient length, strong, rather straight, never hollow.

FRONT FEET: Rounded, compact; strong toes, close, arched; strong nails, curved, black; pads large, hard, tough.

HINDQUARTERS: Good, straight vertical seen from behind and in profile; well muscled and robust.

THIGHS: Long, strong, well muscled.

LEG: Slanted, long, strong.

HOCK JOINT: Lean, strong, medium height, bent hock.

HOCK: Strong, lean, quite long, almost straight, without dewclaw.

HIND FEET: Same as the front feet.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Swift and light.

SCALE OF POINTS:

General appearance	20 points
Head (skull and muzzle)	15 points
Eyes	5 points
Ears	5 points
Neck	5 points
Body	15 points
Legs	20 points
Tail	5 points
Coat	10 points
	100 points

QUALIFICATION:

Excellent: points not less than 90 points

Very good: points not less than 80 points

Good: points not less than 70 points

Fair: points not less than 60 points

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.

- Muzzle short and broad.
- Ears too long or too short, pointed, twisted.
- Neck too short, thin or too thick, with dewlap.
- Upper line convex or concave.
- Lower line very let down or too drawn up.
- Loins flat, narrow.
- Rump short, narrow, not sloping.
- Cow or barrel hocks.
- Pasterns and hocks too short or too long, thin, hollow.
- Harefeet.
- Tail long, heavy, curly.

ELIMINATING FAULTS:

- Height at the withers over or under the indications of the standard.
- Other color than that specified for the coat, the nose, the eyes and the nails.
- Total depigmentation of the visible mucous membranes.
- Nasal bridge concave, muzzle very pointed.
- Overshot or undershot mouth.
- Convergence of the upper longitudinal axes of the skull and the nasal bridge.
- Ears semi-erect.
- Legs out of vertical.
- Dewclaws.
- Tail curled up.

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