



FCI Standard No. 138
Pyrenean Sheepdog Smooth Faced
Berger des Pyrénées à face rase
Standard Provided by ABIDS

CLASSIFICATION:

Group 1Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)

Section 1Sheepdogs

With working trial.

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This dog, less nervous and more tractable than the long-haired sheepdog is less suspicious of strangers, yet shows much gaiety and liveliness.

CHARACTERISTICS: On the whole he has the same characteristics as the long-haired Pyrenean sheepdog.

MUZZLE: He differs in that he has a slightly longer muzzle.

COAT: His head is covered with short and fine hairs (therefore smooth-faced), the hair on the body is semi-long or less than semi-long, reaching its longest length of 6 to 7 cm on the neck and on the withers, and 4 to 5 cm on the middle line of the back.

The legs are smooth with light feathering on the forelegs and "culottes" on the hindlegs.

Tail: The tail may be long with a hook at its tip or docked. Many dogs are born with a short tail.

Feet: The foot is both tighter and more arched than the foot of the long-haired sheepdog.

PROPORTIONS: All proportions kept, the body is a little shorter than that of the long-haired Pyrenean Sheepdog.

COLOR: The permitted coat colors are black harlequin ,brindle, fawn of various shades with or without a mingling of black hairs and sometimes some white markings. The grey coats are not very widespread.

SIZE: The size of the smooth-faced sheepdog varies from 40 cm to 54 cm for the males and from 40 cm to 52 cm for the females.

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.*

The faults and disqualifications are the same as those indicated for the long-haired variety.

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