



*FCI-Standard N° 21bis / 04. 10. 1996 /GB*  
**SMALL GASCON SAINTONGEOIS**  
*Petit Gascon Saintongeois*  
Standard Provided by ABIDS

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

Group 6.....Scenthounds.  
Section 1.2.....Medium sized hounds.  
With working trial.

**TRANSLATION:** Mrs Peggy Davis.

**ORIGIN:** France.

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**UTILIZATION:** Multipurpose dog used in hunting with the gun. His origin makes of him a specialist of hare hunting, but also hunts the big game very well.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** At the beginning of the 20th century, a few huntsmen from the South-West selected the smallest subjects of their litters of the Great Gascon Saintongeois and established that breed; originally intended principally for hare hunting.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Well proportioned, medium sized dog, distinguished.

**BEHAVIOR/TEMPERAMENT:** Fine nose, intent in his way of hunting; endowed with a beautiful voice. Goes well in a pack. Temperament calm, affectionate. Obeys orders easily.

**HEAD:**

**CRANIAL REGION:** Skull: Seen from the front, domed and rather narrow; the occipital protuberance is well marked; seen from above, the back of the skull is of pronounced ogival shape. Stop: Only slightly marked.

**FACIAL REGION:** Nose: Black, developed, nostrils well opened. Muzzle: Of equal length to that of the skull; strong; nasal bridge sometimes slightly arched. Lips: Covering the lower jaw, discreet corner of the lips. Jaws/Teeth: Scissor bite. Incisors well set square to the jaws. Cheeks: Lean. Eyes: Oval shape; brown. Gentle and trusting expression. Leathers: Fine, curled in and reaching, at least, the extremity of the nose. Set on below the eye level and attached rather backwards, leaving the skull quite free.

**NECK:** Of medium length and thickness. Slightly arched, showing little dewlap.

**BODY:** Back: Well sustained (firm). Loin: Well coupled, not too long, slightly arched. Croup: Very slightly sloping. Chest: Long, let down to elbow level; forechest quite broad. Ribs gently rounded. Flank: Flat and only slightly tucked up.

**TAIL:** Well set on; tapering well to the tip; reaching the point of the hock. Carried elegantly sabre fashion.

**LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS:** View of ensemble: Forehand quite powerful. Shoulders: Muscular, moderately sloping. Elbow: Close to the body. Forearm: Good bone structure.

**HINDQUARTERS:** View of ensemble: Well proportioned. Upper thigh: Quite long, muscular without excess. Hock: Well directed in the axis of the body, well let down.

**FEET:** Of slightly elongated oval shape; toes lean and tight. Pads and nails black.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT:** Regular and easy.

**SKIN:** Supple, and not too thick; white with black patches; mucous membranes (hairless zone) black.

**COAT**

**HAIR:** Short and dense.

**COLOR:** The basic color is white marked with black patches, sometimes speckled. Two black patches are generally placed at either side of the head, covering the leathers, surrounding the eyes and stopping at the cheeks. The cheeks are of tan color, preferably pale. Two tan markings placed above the superciliary arches give a "quatroieillé" appearance. We also find traces of tan on the inner face of the leathers and in speckles along the legs. Some fawn hairs may appear on the upper part of the leathers

without however giving the head a tricolor appearance. Sometimes, there is at the base of the thigh a typical leaf brown marking called "roe buck mark" (color roe buck).

**SIZE:** Height at the withers: Males: 52 to 58 cm. Females: 50 to 56 cm.

**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.

**Head:** Short.

Skull broad.

Leathers short, high set.

Absence of tan markings.

**Body:** Lack of substance.

Slack (soft) back.

Croup falling away.

**Tail:** Deviated tail.

**Limbs:** Insufficiently developed bone structure.

Shoulder too sloping.

Cow hocks, seen from behind.

Splayed feet.

**Behavior:** Timid subject.

**ELIMINATING FAULTS:**

Frightened or aggressive dog.

Lack of type.

Serious anatomical malformation.

Visible disabling (invalidating) defect.

Over-or undershot mouth.

Light eye.

Any other coat than indicated in the standard.

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.