



FCI Standard No 326
South Russian Ovtcharka
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CLASSIFICATION FCI

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

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Without working trial.

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UTILIZATION: Sheepdog

The Ovtcharka of meridional Russia Is a dog of robust constitution, of above average size; he is fierce and distrustful of strangers, not very demanding and adapts easily to diverse climatic conditions and temperatures.

ORIGIN: Russia.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Robust, lean, with massive bone structure and a strongly developed musculature.

Faults: Frail constitution, bones too light, Insufficient musculature; constitution of coarse or gross appearance.

Sexual type: Well evident according to sex. The males are courageous, stronger and more massive than the females.

Faults: Females of male type.

Severe faults: Effeminate type male.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:

- Index of bone structure: Males 17 - 19--Females 16 - 18

- Length index (Format): 108 - 110.

Faults: Slight divergences of the given norm.

Severe faults: Accentuated divergences of the given norms (square shape or very elongated).

BEHAVIOR/TEMERAMENT: Type of highly nervous activity, strong, balanced, lively. Dominant action active way of defense.

Faults: Excessive excitability, timidity, laziness.

Severe faults: Uncontrolled excitability, cowardice.

HEAD: Elongated shape with a moderately broad forehead; the occipital crest and the zygomatic arches are strongly pronounced. The stop is barely visible. The nose is big, black.

Faults: Coarse head, accentuated stop, superciliary arches prominent, muzzle too short or too elongated, gray lips; nose gray or brown. Severe faults Narrow muzzle, weak, turned up, of truncated shape. Pink nose.

Teeth: White, big, fitting closely. The incisors are set regularly and close in scissor bite.

Faults: Teeth too small and spaced, yellow or prematurely worn. Broken teeth but not impeding a correct closure of the jaws. Lack of premolars.

Severe faults: Everything which does not correspond to a perfect closure of the teeth In scissor bite. Decayed teeth. Incisors set Irregularly.

Ears: Relatively small, of triangular shape, hanging.

Faults: Detached ears.

Eyes: Oval shape, set horizontally, dark; the eyelids lean, tight.

Faults: Light eyes.

Severe faults: Eyes of different colors, pink eyelids.

NECK: Lean, muscular, of moderate length, set high. *Faults:* Neck too short, set low.

BODY:

Withers: Apparent but not high.

Back: Straight and strong.

Faults: Weak back or roach-back.

Severe faults: Saddle back or humped.

Loin: Short, broad, rounded.

Faults: Slightly elongated, straight or too rounded.

Severe faults: Long, narrow, drooping.

Chest: Reasonably broad, slightly flattened, deep.

Faults: Chest insufficiently let down (above the elbow).

Severe faults: Narrow chest, too small, barrel shaped.

Belly: Moderately tucked up.

Faults: Excessively whippety or sagging.

FEET: (Front and back): oval shaped, strong, well arched, covered with long hair.

Faults: Flat feet, splayed feet.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: The gaits are free and extended. The natural gaits of this dog are the heavy trot and the gallop. At the trot, the legs move in a straight line with a slight convergence to the median line. The articulations of the fore- and hindquarters straightening up freely.

Faults: Slight lateral deviation in the movement of the legs; Insufficient straightening up of the articulations.

Severe faults: Restrained gait, lack in action.

COAT

HAIR: Long (10-15 cm), coarse, thick, dense, of equal length on head, chest, legs and tail, with a well developed undercoat.

Faults: Straight hair.

Severe faults: Short hair, soft texture.

COLOR: Most often white, but also white and yellow, straw color, grayish (ashen gray) and other shades of gray; white lightly marked with gray; gray speckled.

Severe faults: Black, rushy or brown coat; strongly speckled.

HEIGHT AT WITHERS: Males a minimum of 65 cm. Females : a minimum of 62 cm.

Faults: Size of less than 65 cm for the males, less than 62 cm for the females.

Severe faults: Size of less than 60 cm for the males, less than 58 cm for the females.

FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault is regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

ELIMINATING FAULTS:

- Everything which does not correspond to a correct closure of jaws in scissor bite.

- Hair short or straight.

- All the shades of the coat which have not been taken into consideration in the present standard.

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