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LABRADOR RETRIEVER

ORIGIN:
Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION:
Retriever.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.:
Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing Dogs, Water Dogs.
Section 1 Retrievers. With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:
Strongly built, short-coupled, very active; (which precludes excessive body weight or substance) broad in skull; broad and deep through chest and ribs; broad and strong over loins and hindquarters.

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT:
Good-tempered, very agile. Excellent nose, soft mouth; keen lover of water. Adaptable, devoted companion. Intelligent, keen and biddable, with a strong will to please. Kindly nature, with no trace of aggression or undue shyness.

HEAD:

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Broad. Clean-cut without fleshy cheeks.
Stop: Defined.

FACIAL REGION:
Nose: Wide, nostrils well developed.
Muzzle: Powerful, not snipy.
Jaws/Teeth: Jaws of medium length, jaws and teeth strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

EYES:
Medium size, expressing intelligence and good temper; brown or hazel.

EARS:
Not large or heavy, hanging close to head and set rather far back.



NECK:

Clean, strong, powerful, set into well placed shoulders.

BODY:

Topline: Level.

Loin: Wide, short-coupled and strong.

Chest: Of good width and depth, with well sprung barrel ribs – this effect not to be produced by carrying excessive weight.

TAIL:

Distinctive feature, very thick towards base, gradually tapering towards tip, medium length, free from feathering, but clothed thickly all round with short, thick, dense coat, thus giving “rounded” appearance described as “Otter” tail. May be carried gaily, but should not curl over back.

LIMBS:

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forelegs straight from elbow to ground when viewed from either front or side. Legs placed well under the body.

Shoulder blade: Long and well laid back.

Humerus (Upper arm): Near equal in length to shoulder blade.

Forearm: Well boned and straight.

Forefeet: Round, compact; well-arched toes and well developed pads.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Well developed hindquarters, not sloping to tail.

Stifle (Knee): Well turned.

Metatarsus (Rear pastern): Hocks well let down. Cow-hocks highly undesirable.

Hind feet: Round, compact; well-arched toes and well developed pads.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Free, covering adequate ground; straight and true in front and rear.

COAT:

Hair: Distinctive feature, short, dense, without wave or feathering, giving fairly hard feel to the touch; weather-resistant undercoat.

Colour: Wholly black, yellow or liver/chocolate. Yellows range from light cream to fox red, livers/chocolates range from light to dark. Small white spot on chest and the rear of pasterns permissible.

SIZE:

Ideal height at the withers:

Dogs 56 - 57 cm

Bitches 54 - 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 and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on its ability to perform its traditional work.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.
- Any other coat colour or combination of colours.

N.B:

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

Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.