

Sloughi.

Official Standard.

General Appearance. The general appearance of the Sloughi, is that of a very racy dog, with a frame outstanding for its muscular leanness and the delicacy of tissue.

Head. Without being heavy, the head is a little weightier than that of the Greyhound.

The Sloughis' lines are less marked than those of the English Greyhound. The skull is flat, rather wide, distinctly rounded at the back and curved harmoniously inwards on the sides. The orbital arches are scarcely projecting. There is virtually stop.

Eyes. Large, dark, deep-set in their sockets and slanting. The expression is gentle, but slightly sad, as if home-sick. Light coloured individuals (off-white, sable, fawn) have a velvety black eye with very dark eyelashes, very much like the large liquid eye of the Gazelle. Dark-coated Sloughi have the eyes the colour of burnt Topaz.

Ears. Drooping, set well on the head and at eye level or slightly above. The ear is not excessively wide; it is flat, triangular and slightly rounded at the tips. Some dogs carry their ears slightly off the skull, sometimes slightly thrown back, although this is not desirable. Ears carried like those of the Greyhound are also objectionable.

Muzzle. The muzzle is wedge-shaped and almost in a straight line with the slope of the skull, to which it is roughly equal in length. There is virtually no stop. The nose is black, with open nostrils. The lips are thin and black, or very deep brown. The jaws are neither overshot nor undershot.

Neck. The neck must be absolutely lean, with no wincing aspect. The relaxed skin beneath the throat forms slight wrinkles.

Forequarters. The shoulders should be flat, lean and with a moderate slope. The forelegs are lean without fleshiness with flat bone. The chest should not be too wide, in depth it reaches to the elbows, it is well developed, with fairly long back ribs.

Body. The back line is quite straight and the back is relatively short. The belly is fairly tucked up, but not as much as in the Greyhound. The loins are lean, wide and slightly arched.

Hindquarters. Hind legs are lean, without fleshiness, with flat bones and well-separated tendons. The buttocks are boney and very slanting, the hanches are well out and projecting. The hocks are close to the ground but not abruptly bent.

Tail. Thin and without fleshiness, fringes or long hair. It has an accentuated curve at the tip and should long enough to reach to the tip of the hocks. When moving, the Sloughi should not carry the tail higher than the back-line.

Feet. Lean, long, oval in shape and lighter than the Greyhound's feet. The nails are strong and either black or very dark coloured.

Coat. The hair is smooth and close.

Colour. Sable and all shades of fawn, with or without a black mask; a mantle is also allowed; off-white, brindle, black with reddish marks on the lower part of the head,

on the paws, and occasionally on the chest. Solid black or white is permissible but not desirable. Dark-coloured dogs sometimes have a few hairs on the chest.

Height. Height at the withers 22 to 30 inches

Faults.

Light eyes, nealiness, overshot or undershot jaw, knotty muscles.

Disqualifications.

Definite nealiness, ears straight or button ears, Greyhound ears, harsh coat, coarse hair, long coat, fringes on legs or tail, piebald coat.