

The Sloughi is a sighthound of Oriental origin, adapted for many centuries to North Africa. Morocco is the official country of origin.

General Appearance is a combination of elegance and strength without coarseness. A dignified hound, illustrating fineness of skin, muscular leanness, one capable of sustained effort over long distances.

Size Males Height at withers 25 to 29 inches (66 to 72 cms)

Females Height at withers 24 to 27 inches (61 to 68 cms)

For a male with an ideal size of 28 ins (70 cms) the length of body should be 26 to 27 ins (67 to 68 cms).

For a female with an ideal size of 26 ins. (65 cms) the length of body should be 24 ins (62 to 63 cms).

Mountain & Desert types : Desert type, built on taller frame than mountain type, both should be of identical proportions. Both types may be bred from the same litter.

Temperament Noble, very attached to his master. Defends him when necessary. Enjoys free exercise. Capable of sustained effort, with instincts of a hunter but also appreciates home comforts. Scrupulously clean. Reserved with strangers.

Head In profile, the head is long, refined but rather strong compared to other sighthounds. From above it has the shape of a very long wedge.

The skull is flat and rather broad, measuring between the ears 4 to 5 ins. (12 to 13 cms). It is rounded at the back, curving gently onto the sides. The occiput is visible.

The forehead is equal in length to skull, a refined wedge without exaggeration. Stop barely visible. The bridge of the nose is straight from its root. The nose leather not held by the skeletal structure, starts a very slight line going down. The underjaw forms the strength but should be in keeping with the line of the head. The nose is black.

Ears Not too large, triangular in shape with rounded tips. Lying close to the head. Set level with the corner of the eye or slightly above. May be carried away from the skull or sometimes thrown backwards. Never a rose ear. Ear texture of medium thickness, not too fine to fly nor too thick to detract from elegance.

Eyes Large, deep and obliquely set, giving oriental appearance. Expressive, giving gentle but slightly sad and nostalgic gaze. A burnt topaz or dark amber colour acceptable in lighter coloured hounds.

Mouth Lips thin and supple, just covering lower jaw. Teeth in perfect, regular and complete scissor bite ie upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Neck Long, arched with strength, very elegant in proportion to body. Gently flowing into shoulders. Skin, fine, tight but supple without throatiness or excess hair.

Forequarters Shoulders, long and set obliquely onto body. Well laid and clearly visible with muscle tone. Upper arm of moderate length, well set back to give ability of front extension. Elbows well tucked into body.

Length of foreleg longer in proportion to height from withers to elbow. Strong, flat bone, muscular appearance through to foot. Foot, well arched, shape of elongated oval, flexible in pastern. Arched, harefoot acceptable. Flat feet not acceptable. Dewclaws removed.

Body Forechest not too broad, in depth hardly reaches the level of elbow. Slightly sprung ribs giving flat appearance, close fitting to the sternum. Well ribbed back and tucked up. Topline almost level. Short body in relation to height, more length in loin acceptable in bitches. Loin wide and slightly arched. Croup bony and obliquely set.

Hindquarters Thighs : strongly muscled giving flat appearance. Second thigh well developed. Bones from hip to stifle and stifle to hock being of great length. Stifle moderately well bent. Hocks well let down. In movement, demonstrating great power and extension.

Tail Thin, without fleshiness and fringes of long hair. Set in line with the croup as a continuation of the topline. Strong with curve towards end. Reaches at least to point of hock. When moving, tail never carried higher than line of the back.

Movement Neither elbowing or pinning in front nor cow hocked or pinning from behind. Free and flowing extension showing strength and great speed capabilities. Very light on feet but with purpose.

Coat & Skin Very fine, short. Undercoat will be grown in severe weather conditions.

Colours with or without black mask
with or without black mantle

Sand from light sand to dark reddish tone.
Brindle.

Not permissible Solid black, White or Particolours.

Males should have two testicles descended in the scrotum.

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