

La présentation, dans les pages suivantes, fut faite le 2 novembre 2024 à la CDJA (Canadian Dog Judges Association) pour la conformation. 32 juges étaient présents pour discuter de différents sujets lors de la fin de semaine. Entre autres sujets, quatre races y furent présentées dont la nôtre, car c'est une race encore assez méconnue à travers le Canada. C'était donc une occasion de mieux la faire connaître.

Afin de respecter certaines exigences du CCC, il ne fallait pas mentionner les titres obtenus par les chiens, ni être en mesure de les identifier. Donc les manieurs en conformation ne sont pas identifiables, mais certains pourront se reconnaître...

Les vidéos non disponibles dans la version pdf) d'entraînement à la chasse (visibles en cliquant dessus) furent inclus afin de montrer comment nos chiens se déplacent quand ils sont libres dans le champ. Ces vidéos furent insérés dans la section où l'on parle de l'allure du chien.

Trois sujets furent discutés plus en détails: les changements au standard introduits l'n dernier dont l'acceptation des têtes toutes brunes, la forme des têtes et les tons de brun acceptables.

La présentation est en anglais car la plupart des juges sont unilingues anglophones. Selon la demande, nous pourrions envisager de publier une version traduite.

Si vous des questions, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec l'un des membres du conseil d'administration.

The French Spaniel

A wonderful breed!





Who's the guy in the front ?

Olivier de Brouwer

Owner of French Spaniels since 2000

Member of the board of directors; French Spaniel club in Quebec since 1978

Note: Unless otherwise specified, all pictures in this presentation are coming from the presentator, the CEF web site, various breeders or dog owner who gave their authorization.



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Its versatility



Its versatility

- Family dog
- Sports
- Very sociable



Its versatility

Hunting dog



**Its
versatility**

And it is a beautiful dog !



The French Spaniel club in Québec

The club

- The Club of the French Spaniel in Quebec, was founded in 1978
- The Club had the CKC to recognize the breed in 1985
- In 2023 ; 101 members
- The intent is the improvement of utility and conformation qualities of this splendid general-purpose family and pointer dog which is the French spaniel.
- It is in this spirit that the club manages a website to realize, in the long term, its essential mission in comparison of the improvement and the promotion of the race.
- In 2022, it proposed a modified standard similar to the one from FCI. Adopted in 2023 by the CKC.



The club services

- Yearly **specialty show** (over 23 dogs participating)
- **Confirmation** examination
- Various activities; training ground for hunting, president's lunch, winter get together, breeding register and training seminars ...
- Test for pointing dogs (FDJ-FD-FDA-FDX)
- Water test for pointing dog (WDJ-WD-WDX)
- Maintains a roll of honor of best dogs. It includes over 40 dogs.

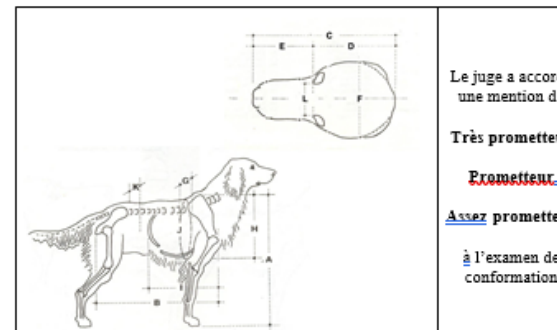


Mensurations

DATE : _____ NOM DU CHIEN : _____
jour / mois / année

ÂGE : _____ M _____ F _____ # D'ENREGISTREMENT DU CCC : _____
ans

R	Désignations	Cm	Mensurations souhaitables	Observations
A	Hauteur au garrot		F 53 à 59 (61 max) cm M 56 à 61 (64 max) cm	
B	Longueur du corps		2 à 3 cm de + que A	
C	Longueur de la tête		Environ 40% de A	
D	Longueur du crâne		2 à 2,5 cm de + que E (55% de C)	
E	Longueur du crâne		De de 45% de C	
F	Largeur de la tête		Très près de 50% de C	
G	Largeur de la poitrine		Environ 33,3% de A	
H	Hauteur de la poitrine		De de 41% de A	
I	Profondeur de la poitrine		60% de B ou largeur +	
J	Profondeur du thorax		A + 10 à 12 cm	
K	Largeur des reins		?	
L	Largeur du crâne		De de 50% de D	
M	Largeur du crâne		40 à 45 mm entre les pupilles	



Le juge a accordé une mention de
Très prometteur
~~Prometteur~~
Assez prometteur
à l'examen de conformation

Mensurations prises par : _____

Le juge attribut au chien la mention générale de

« TRES PROMETTEUR » Mention générale attribuée à un sujet se rapprochant de très près du standard idéal de la race, présenté en parfaite condition, réalisant un ensemble harmonieux et équilibré, ayant de la classe et une brillante allure. La supériorité de ses qualités devra dominer ses petites imperfections tout en conservant les caractéristiques de son sexe ;

« PROMETTEUR » Mention générale attribuée à un sujet parfaitement typé, équilibré dans ses proportions, en bonne condition physique. Il lui sera toléré quelques défauts véniels, mais non morphologiques. Cette mention ne peut être attribuée qu'à un sujet de qualité ;

« ASSEZ PROMETTEUR » Mention générale attribuée à un sujet suffisamment typé. Il possède les caractéristiques de la race mais accuse des défauts, à condition que ceux-ci ne soient pas rédhibitoires.

Les sujets qui ne répondent pas aux définitions ci-dessus ne peuvent prétendre au « Certificat de confirmation » ainsi que ceux présentes en mauvaise condition physique ou autre.

Commentaires additionnels :

Nom du juge :

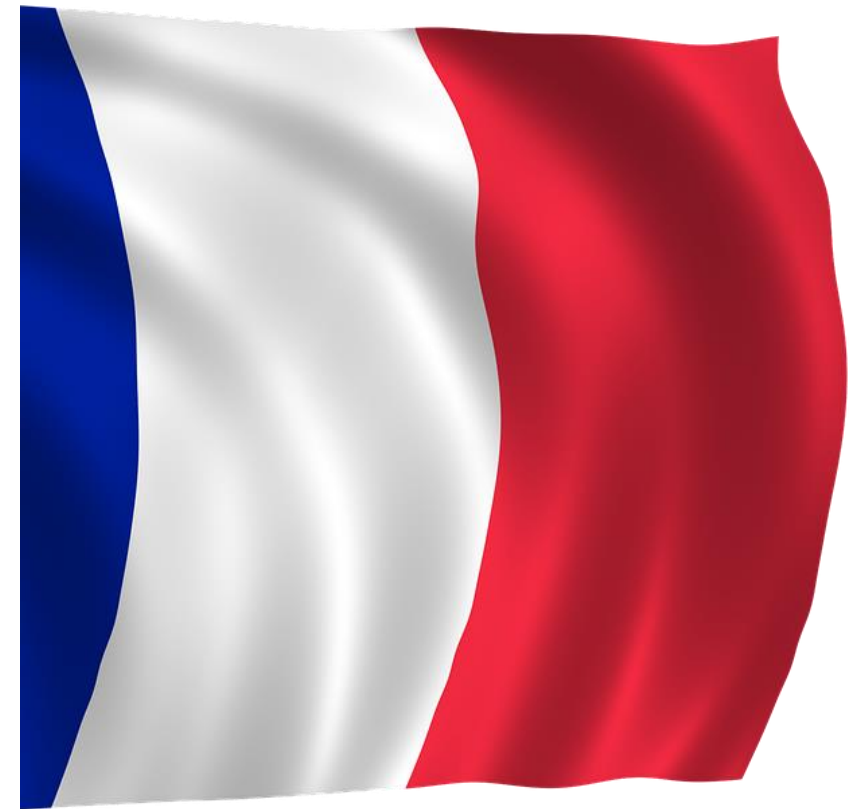
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Breed history

Breed history

- The French spaniel is a breed of dog originating from France.
- He is both a family dog, a companion dog and a remarkable versatile pointing dog and excellent retriever.
- One of the oldest pointing dogs, he has acquired a good reputation since the Middle Ages. Many believe that he is the ancestor of today's setters because of the way he points when he spots game. It was well enough known in the 17th century to be depicted in engravings depicting the quest for pheasants and partridges around Versailles. A strong and enduring dog, the French spaniel is, with the Irish water spaniel, the largest of spaniels.





Breed history

- Its lifespan is around twelve years.
- In Quebec, this typically French dog was imported in **1974**.
- In 2023, 10 breeders in Canada (8 in Québec and 2 in Ontario)



The standard

The standard

General Appearance

- The French Spaniel suggests strength, stamina and elegance. He is a **strongly built well-balanced,**
- **Medium sized hunting dog,** with great endurance, not coarse in any way, very active, with a mild disposition, and is never vicious.



The standard

Temperament

- An intelligent, gentle, calm, willing dog that is an enthusiastic hunter and retriever. He is sociable with other dogs and an ideal companion. A true gentleman by nature, he has a kind, noble and dignified expression and friendly attitude. Highly intelligent and a born hunter, his enthusiasm and willingness to work hard are his heritage. He is very easy to train. His **calm nature** makes him an excellent hunting companion and family member.



The standard

Coat

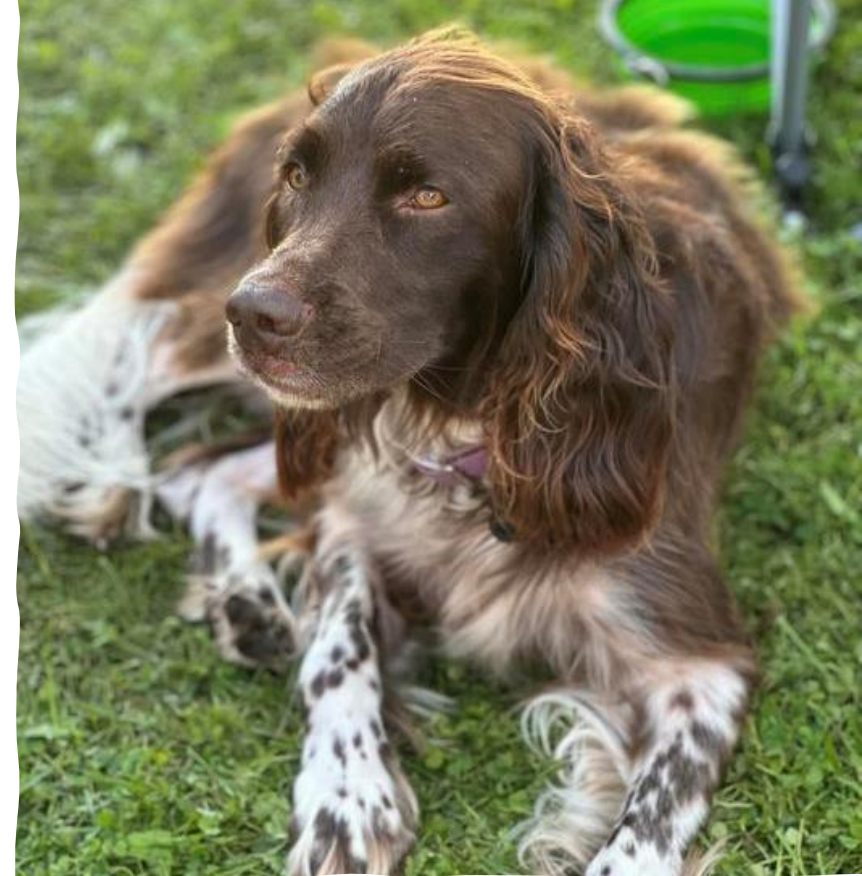
- The hair is short on the head, front of forelegs, below the hocks, and front of hind legs. The **body coat is flat** (straight) or slightly wavy, of medium length, and sufficiently dense to be waterproof and weatherproof. The **texture is fine**, and the hair should have a **clean, glossy appearance**. **Long and wavy on the ears, falling beyond the cartilage as well as on the back of the legs and the tail**. The back of the foreleg is furnished with wavy silky feathering of medium length. The feathering is distinctly longer at level of the forearm and falls to the level of the pastern. Feathering at back of rear limbs particularly profuse behind the upper thighs



The standard

Colour

- **Always white with brown markings, with or without ticking.** Too much ticking is not to be encouraged. White and brown coat with medium spotting, sometimes becoming predominant, with irregular patches, slightly or moderately flecked and roan without excess. **The brown varies from cinnamon to dark liver.** A white blaze and white on the head is desirable, if the marking is not too wide. **The absence of white on the head is perfectly acceptable.** The edges of the lips, the eye rims and the nose are brown, without any unpigmented areas.



The standard

Head (see next page)

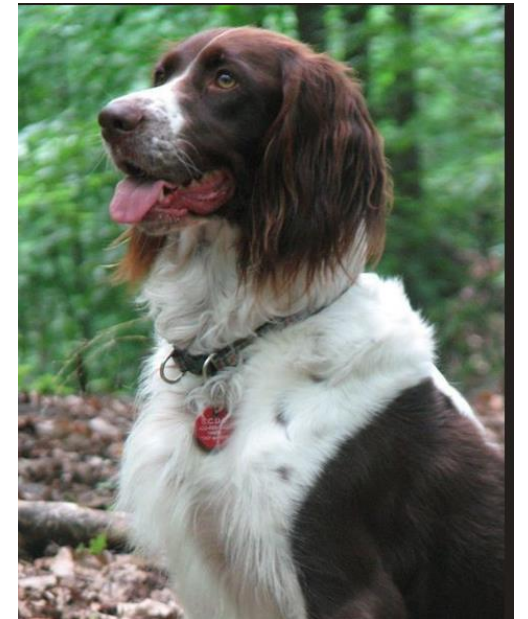
The head is carried proudly, without heaviness, without excessive leanness and showing well defined outlines. It is of medium length and width with a kind and intelligent expression.

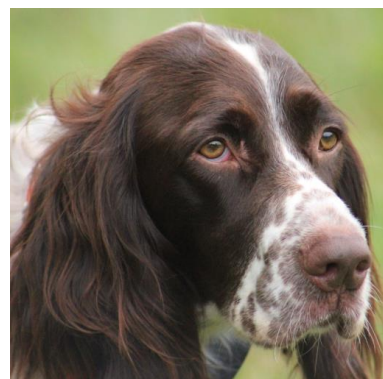
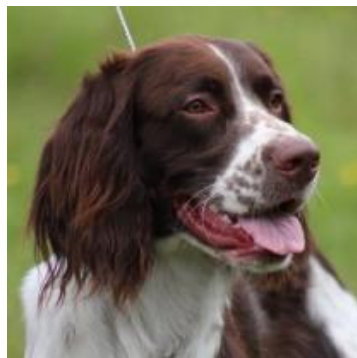
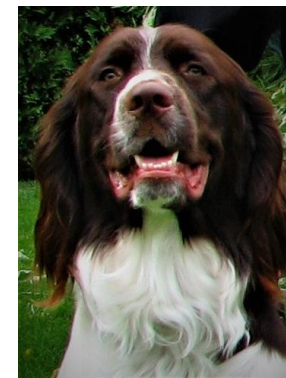
Skull:

The skull is **fairly long and of medium width**, not quite flat. The occipital protuberance should be evident, but only to a slight degree. Cheek bones should not be prominent. Stop: midway between nose and occiput, should be well marked, but not too exaggerated.

Neck

The neck should be of **moderate length**, muscular, slightly arched at the crest, without dewlap.





The standard

Muzzle:

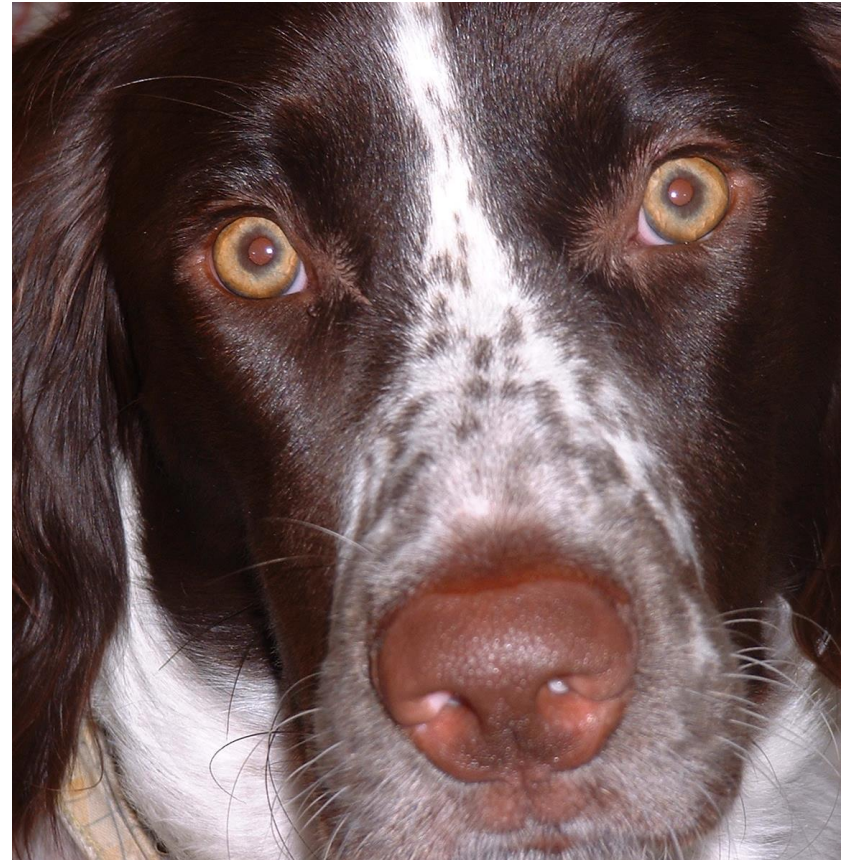
- Muzzle is **fairly long, broad and deep**. Lips or jowls of average thickness, slight curved, not square. A slightly convex nasal bridge is preferable to a straight one; it is a little shorter than the skull. The upper lip fits well. Seen in profile, it falls almost vertically at the front and curves progressively up to the only slightly visible but well closed corner of the lips. The upper lip must not cover the lower lip excessively. Complete dentition. **Teeth meet in a scissor bite or an even bite, neither undershot nor overshot.**

Nose:

- Nose is well developed, **brown in colour with no pale spots**. The nostrils large and wide open.

Eyes:

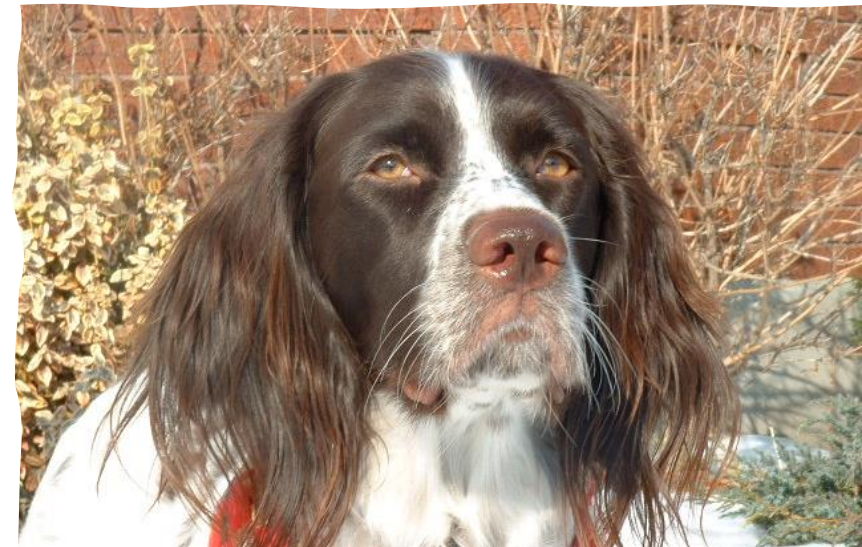
- Eyes are **medium in size** and not showing any haw. The eyes are of **oval shape, cinnamon to dark brown in colour**, as close as possible to that of the patches. The brown eyelids are well fitted to the eyeball. The upper eyelid is well furnished with eyelashes.



The standard

Ears:

- **Ears are long**, framing the head, **attached low, at the level of the outer corner of the eye**, or lower, hanging slightly at the back of the head and not showing the inside face of the ear (burr). The ears are **covered with a lot of wavy, silky hair**. The tip is rounded. The hair on the ears **should be brown**. The ears are well set back at eye level, carried close to the cheeks. Pulled gently towards the front, the end of the cartilage must just reach the base of the nose. The fringes are long and wavy.





The standard

Forequarters

Shoulders well laid back, shoulder blades long and well slanted; well attached to the chest and quite oblique (50° to the horizontal). Forelegs are straight, well-boned and muscular. Forefeet are oval, with tight, well arched toes and strong, dark coloured nails. Furnished with hair between the toes. The pads are firm and dark. Carpus/Metacarpus (Pastern joint/Pastern), well defined and lean. Seen from the side, the pastern is very slightly oblique.

The standard

Body

- The chest should be **deep and fairly broad**, its depth reaching the elbows, with good length, depth and breadth of ribcage. Underline gradually rises towards the belly without excessive tuck-up.
- Withers: Lean, **well-defined, and broad**. Ribs well proportioned, not too flat, or too round. The back is of moderate length, topline slopes very slightly from the withers to the set on of tail.
- Topline: **Straight, well sustained in both action and standing**. The loin must be strong, short, with well-developed muscles, the buttocks slightly prominent. The length of the ribcage is equal or superior to 6/10th of the length of the body.
- Croup: Broad, rounded, gradually sloping from the loin without visible bony structure.

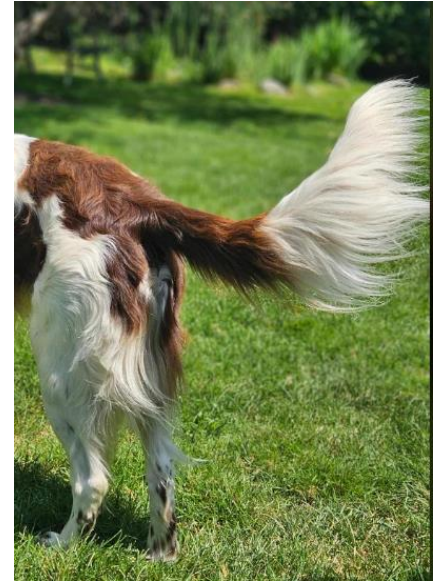


The standard

Hindquarters

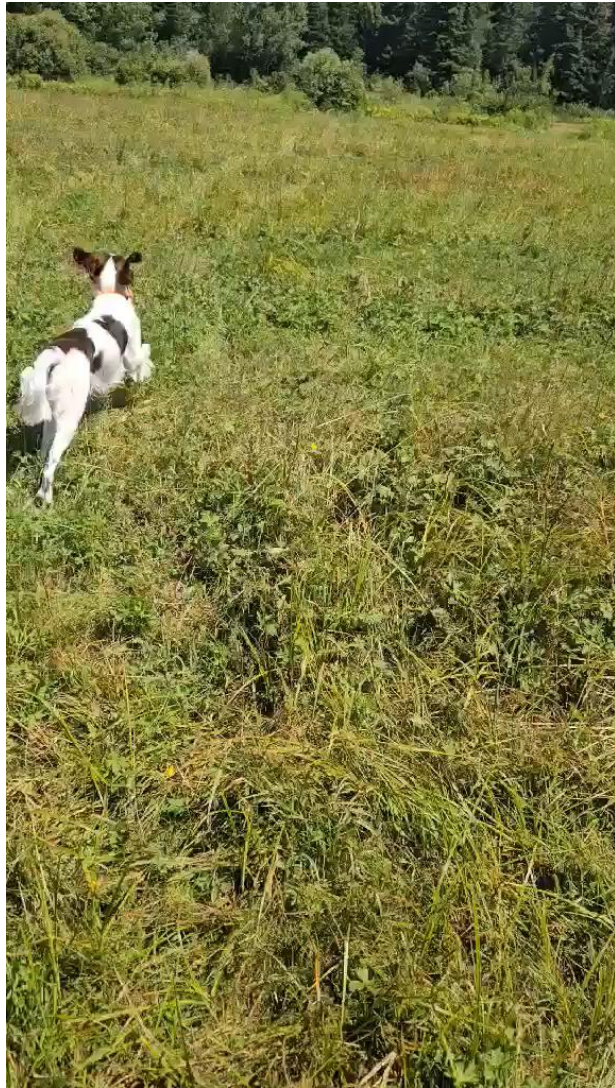
- General appearance: Seen from behind, the hind **legs are straight**. The upper and lower **thighs are large, muscled, strong and quite long**. Its angle on the horizontal is between 65° and 70°. Lower thigh is of almost equal length to the upper thigh with broad and quite long muscles. Pasterns are solid and sinewy. Hind Legs: thighs broad, muscular, well curved stifles, hocks well bent. Hind legs must not be cow hocked. Hind feet: Oval and slightly longer than the front foot, but otherwise with the same characteristics. Feet are thick and well padded.





The standard Tail

- Tail is attached slightly low and somewhat curved in the **shape of an “S,”** reaching the point of the hock, set below the topline. Not docked. Curving downwards at the root and curving more or less upwards at the tip. Strong at its root, tapering progressively towards the tip. Furnished with long, wavy, silky fringes starting at a few centimetres from the root, lengthening to the middle, and then getting progressively shorter towards the tip.



The standard



Gait

- **Easy, supple, even and energetic while remaining elegant.** The legs move well in the axis of the body. In movement, the topline remains horizontal without too much up and down movement and without rolling.

The standard

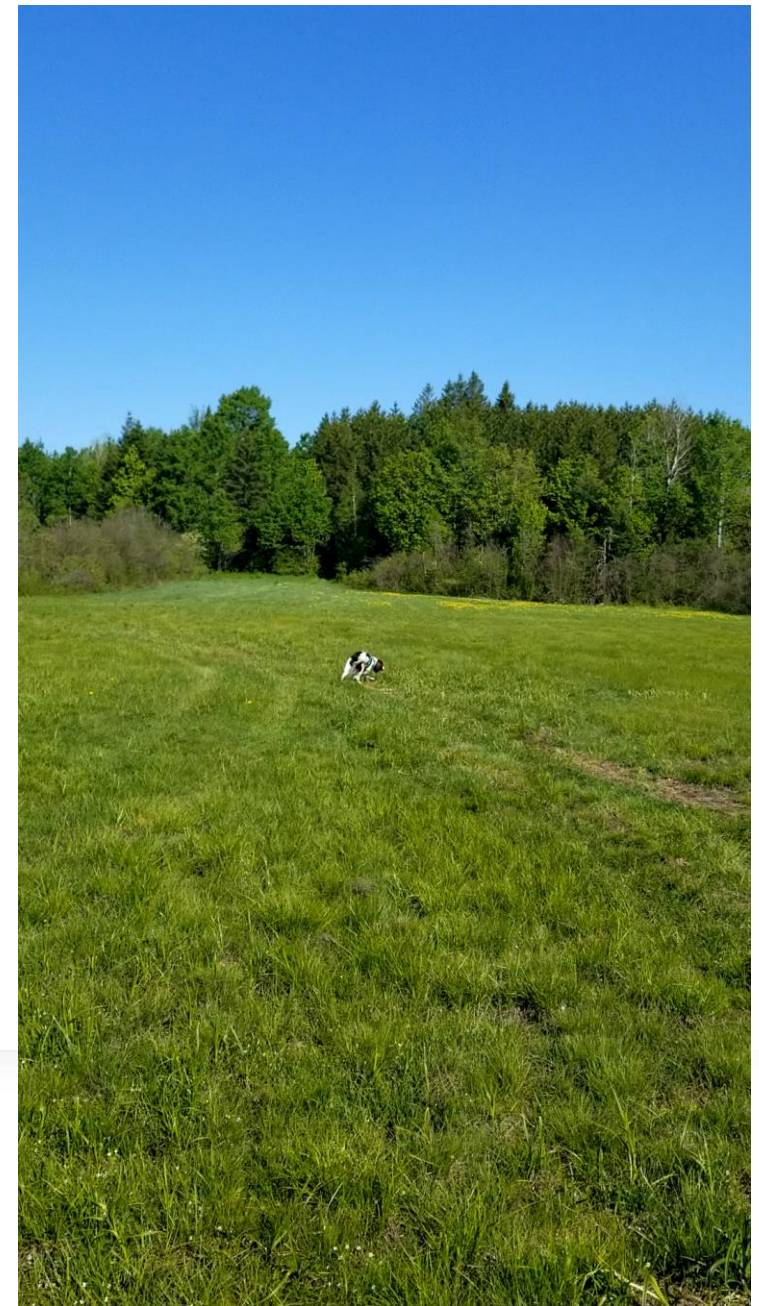


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Serious Faults

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.

- Temperament: excessive timidity, or aggressiveness towards people or other dogs
- Head: Coarse, too short a muzzle, too much or too little stop, lips too thick or too square
- Nose with pale spots, small or dry nostrils
- Eyes not of the prescribed colour, too light, too deep set, or too prominent. Yellow, light-eyed “bird of prey” eyes
- Ears too short, set on too high.
- Elbows turning in or out
- Chest too shallow.
- Ribs too flat or too barreled
- Flat or long feet
- Tail set too high or carried between the legs
- Coat incorrect texture and density, hair too short, or too wavy or too curly
- Insufficient feathering on neck, chest, legs and tail
- Colour brown too light or too dark
- Body all brown

The standard

Disqualifications

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Teeth overshot or undershot by more than 0.158 cm (1/16th inch)
- Wry mouth
- Any teeth missing (except PM1)
- Eyes of a different colour (bi-eyed)
- Eye surrounded by white hair
- Ear entirely or partially covered with white feathering, or triangular
- Head entirely white
- Any other colour than white and brown
- Depigmentation (severely flesh coloured nose and/or eyelids)
- Size outside the limits of the standard [males over 63 cm (25 in) or under 55 cm (21 ½ in).
Females over 61 cm (24 in) or under 52 cm (20 ½ in)]





Comparison with other breeds

English setter

Irish setter

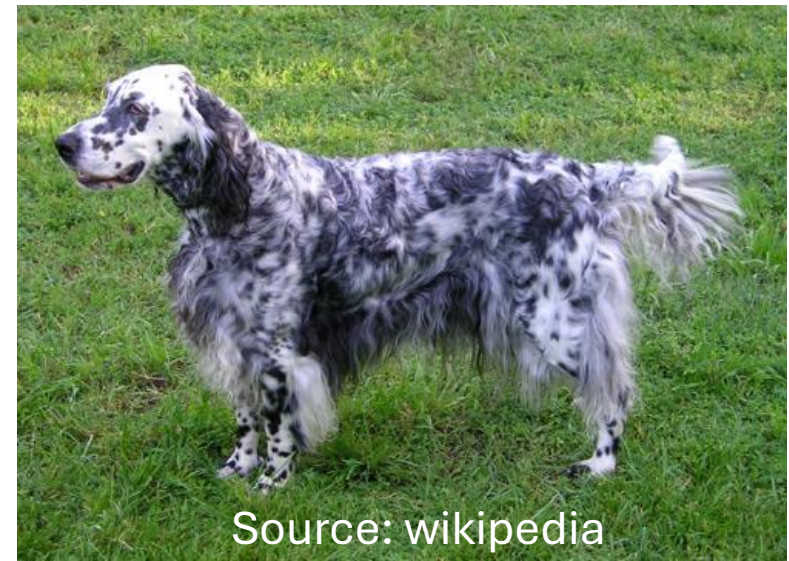
Gordon setter

Red and white Irish setter

And more ...

Comparison with other breeds (GR01)

English setter





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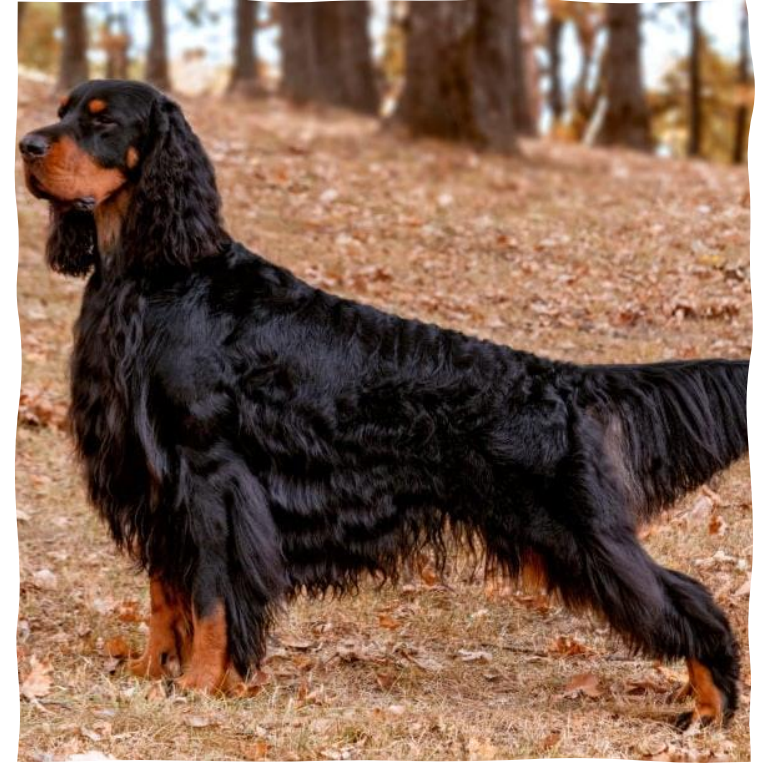
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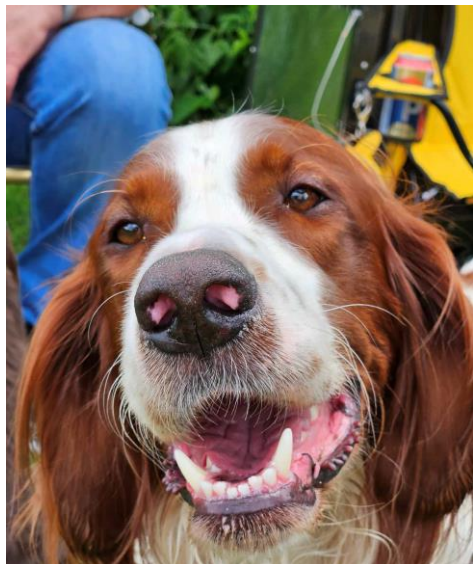
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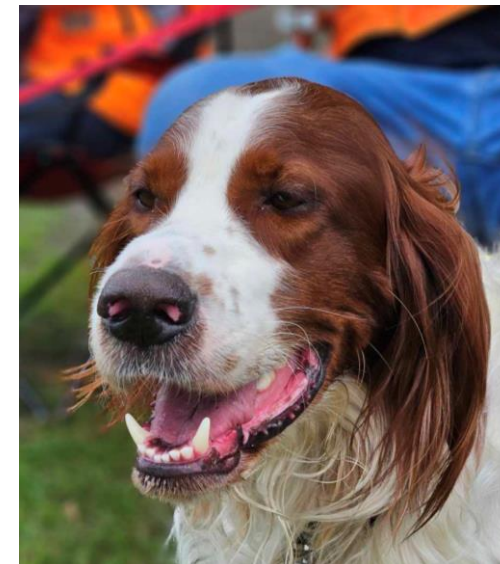
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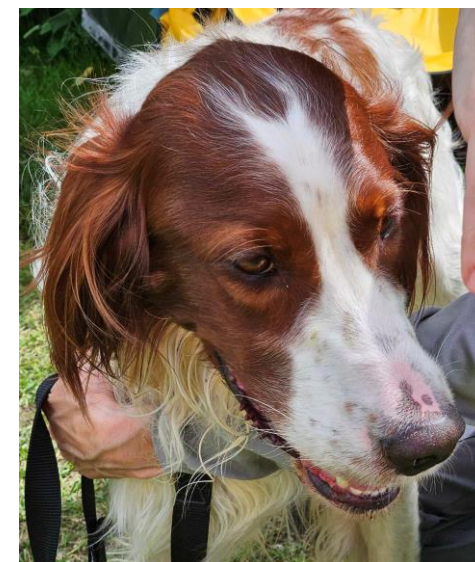
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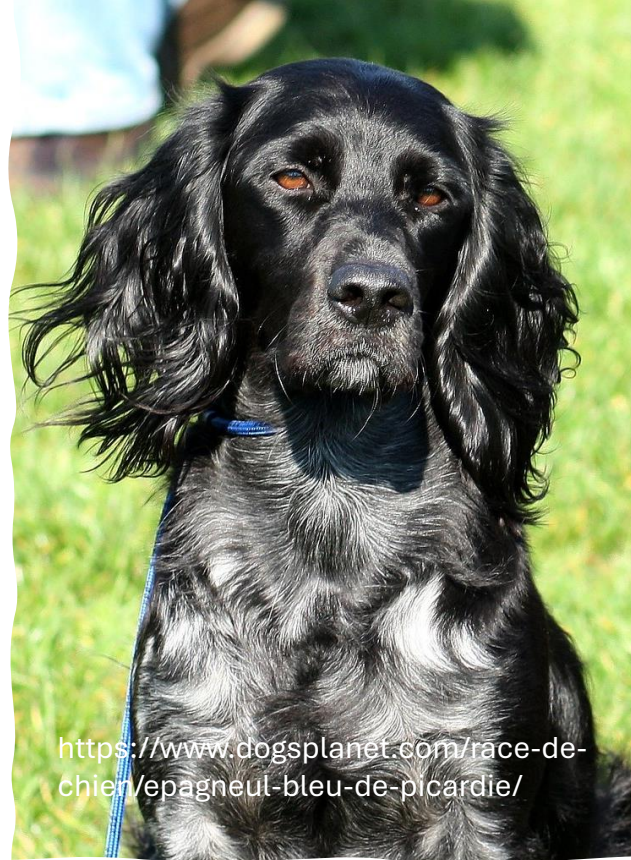


Irish red and white setter



Comparison with other breeds (GR01)

Other breeds







10 years old



Question period

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