



**AKC Breed Standard**

**General Appearance:**  
 A symmetrical, powerful, active dog, sound and well put together, not clumsy nor long in the leg, displaying a kindly expression and possessing a personality that is eager, alert and self-confident. Primarily a hunting dog, he should be shown in hard working condition. Overall appearance, balance, gait and purpose to be given more emphasis than any of his component parts. Faults--Any departure from the described ideal shall be considered faulty to the degree to which it interferes with the breed s purpose or is contrary to breed character.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:**  
**Males 23-24 inches in height at withers; females 21½-22½ inches.** Dogs up to one inch above or below standard size should be proportionately penalized. Deviation in height of more than one inch from the standard shall disqualify. Length from breastbone to point of buttocks slightly greater than height at withers in ratio of 12:11. **Weight for dogs 65-75 pounds; bitches 55-65 pounds.**