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STANDARD : CANAAN DOG.

ISRAELIAN BREED.

A.- COLLIE-LIKE TYPE.

General Appearance.- A medium sized, well proportioned dog; resembling the wild dog type.

Character.- Alert, sharp, distrustful of strangers, aggressive, but not a real fighter, vigilant not only against men but also against animals (shepherd dog tradition), extraordinarily devoted and docile. If well kept, he is firmly attached to his home and shows no tendency to straying.

Size and Weight.- 50-60 cm high, males mostly considerably higher than females. Weight 18-25 kg, coefficient of robustness : 20-25. Colour : Sand to redbrown, white or black, large white markings are permissible, even desirable with all colours. Harlequins of all kinds, as well as dark and white masks are also permissible. Boston terrier markings are very frequent. Grey and black-and-tan are not desired, to emphasize the difference to similar European sporting breeds.

Coat desired : Hair middle long, straight and harsh ("Stock-hair) undercoat according to the season. Smooth and long-haired less desirable. Legs should be well feathered, tail plumed, mane desirable with males.

Body Shape.- Square; where length is greater than height, it is due to shortness of legs, not to length of back or loins. Brisket deep, chest not too narrow, well ribbed. Loins arched. Belly well drawn up.

Neck.- Noble, straight, withers well developed.

Eyes.- Slightly slanting, the darker the better. Unpigmented corners normal with Harlequins, permitted, but not desired with other colours.

Ears.- Short, relatively broad prick-ear, or semi-prick, slightly rounded at the tip, set on low and widely apart, not high and long like the Alsatians. V-shaped ear (Button ear) and all intermediate stages between prick-ear and not heavy drop-ear are still permitted, but not desired.

Head.- Well proportioned and noble, not at all heavy and clumsy, but not of Greyhound like over-delicacy. The head is blunt wedge-shaped, of medium length, not too broad in region of forehead, but appearing broader through ears set on low. The distance from the point between the eyes to the occipital bone distinctly longer than the distance between the ear roots, but without striking disproportion.

Praeorbital depression better absent, or only slightly marked. Stop slightly marked; Skull not domed, but also not Greyhound-like flat. Frontal furrow and middle furrow of the back of the head slightly marked. Muzzle sturdy, of moderate length and deep and of proportional breadth; not at all cube shaped or of Greyhound-like appearance. The relation bet-

ween the length of the upper skull and the length of the muzzle is approximately 1 : 1, deviation must be in favour of the muzzle length. That anatomic shape of the head resembles mostly (to compare it with the well known sporting breeds) to the head of the Collie, but it differs from it by the shorter muzzle and more powerful upper skull, also by the low, broad set ears. The lips stiff and short. A slight lengthening is tolerated with powerful male dog heads.

Molar Bones. - Powerful but flat, with male dogs somewhat domed afore.

Teeth. - "Pliers" wanted, "Scissors" allowed; teeth at full number also the premolar teeth. Forbidden : over and undershot.

Nose. - Dark pigmented most desirable; lack of pigment till now allowed (especially with piebold individuals).

Legs. - Forelegs perfectly straight, medium strong bones, pasterns strong. Shoulders well angulated. Hindlegs also well angulated (ca 130), hocks well let down, strong buttocks slightly feathered.

Feet. - Should be round and catlike with hard pads.

Tail. - Carried over the back when excited, set on high, very bushy.

Gait and Movement. - Essentially a trotter, his trott is short but very quick. Desirable : " Natural Trott ".

General Remarks. - Particular stress must be laid on difference to the Alsatian : The Canaan is squarely built, has short loins, is not overangulated, is well erect, has a slender neck and short trott. As seen above, head, colours and carriage are different.

Faults. - Besides the deviations from the standard of the breed, all faults in body structure which constitute deviations from the general norm of a well built dog.

B.- DINGO-LIKE TYPE.- Changes to A.

Body Shape. - Square or long rectangle. Where length is greater than height, it is due to shortness of legs, not to length of back or loins. Brisket deep, chest not too narrow, well ribbed. Loins arched. Belly mostly not well drawn up.

Neck. - Straight, sometimes short, withers well developed.

Ears. - Seldom prick-ear or semi prick-ear. Mostly button-ear and all intermediate stages between prick-ear and not heavy drop-ear.

Head. - Well proportioned not too heavy and clumsy, sometimes more stop. The proportion of the length of the upper skull and the length of the muzzle is mostly showing a bigger deviation in favour of the upper skull. The head appears to be the original gross shape of the Collie-like ennobled head shape, as generally the whole Dingolike type appears to be the heavier original form of the Collie-like Canaan Dog.

PSYCHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CANAAN DOG (Both Forms).

A.- Basis Characteristics.

Reagibility.- Very high, generally particularly low threshold of stimulus, very alert.

Courage.- Medium, sometimes below average.

Hardiness.- Average.

Willingness.- Extremely high, therefore his great aptitude for domestication and his great attachment to his human companion.

Distrust.- Very highly developed.

Perseverance.- Physical is extremely high, the psychic varies from moderate to high.

B.- Instincts for fighting and protecting.

Aggressiveness.- Generally very high, varies in the different families and also with the individual. The latter according to conditions of surrounding.

Protecting Drive.- Medium to high grade.

Fighting Drive.- Very low in connection with human beings. In connection with animals, specially dogs, slightly higher.

C.- Other Drives.

Tracking Drive.- Varies from medium to high grade.

Retrieving Drive.- Varies from medium to high grade.

Drive for Prey.- In his original form highly developed, not all ways on the same level transferable to the retrieving drive.

Herding Drive.- In some families highly developed, in others medium.

Hunting Drive.- Also varies in different families.

Drive to care for offspring.- Extremely high.
