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**WHIPPET**

**ORIGIN** : Great Britain.

**PATRONAGE** : FCI.

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**UTILIZATION** : Racing dog.

**CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.** : Group 10 Sighthounds.  
Section 3 Short-haired Sighthounds.  
Without working trial.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE** : Balanced combination of muscular power and strength with elegance and grace of outline. Built for speed and work. All forms of exaggeration should be avoided.

**BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT** : An ideal companion. Highly adaptable in domestic and sporting surroundings. Gentle, affectionate, even disposition.

## **HEAD**

**CRANIAL REGION** :

**Skull** : Long and lean, flat on top, tapering to muzzle, rather wide between the eyes.

**top** : Slight.

**FACIAL REGION** :

**Nose** : **Black. In blues a bluish colour. In livers a liver nose. In isabel, creams or other diluted coat colours any colour except pink. Only in whites or parti-coloured a butterfly nose is permissible but not a completely unpigmented nose.**

**Jaws/Teeth** : Jaws strong, powerful and clean cut with a perfect scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

**Eyes** : Oval, bright, expression very alert.

Ears : Rose shaped, small, fine in texture.

NECK : Long, muscular, elegantly arched.

**BODY** :

Topline: Showing a **graceful** arch over loin but the dog is not humped.

**Back : Broad, well muscled, firm, somewhat long.**

Loin : Giving impression of strength and power.

Chest : Very deep with plenty of heart room, brisket deep, well defined. Ribs well sprung, muscled on back.

**Belly : With definite tuck up.**

TAIL : No feathering. Long, tapering, when in action carried in a delicate curve but not higher than the level of the back.

**LIMBS**

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs straight and upright, front not too wide.

Shoulders : Oblique and muscular; blades carried up to top of spine, where they are clearly defined.

Elbows : Set well under body.

Pasterns : Strong with slight spring.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong. Dog able to stand over a lot of ground.

Thighs : Broad across.

Stifles : Well bent.

Second thighs : Well developed.

Hocks : Well let down.

FEET : Very neat, well split up between toes, knuckles well arched, pads thick and strong.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT : Perfectly free action. In profile should move with a long easy stride, maintaining the topline.**

The forelegs **should be** thrown well forward **and** low over the ground, **hindlegs should come well under the body giving great and powerful drive.** General movement not to **be** stilted, high stepping, short or mincing. **True coming and going.**

## **COAT**

**HAIR** : Fine, short, close in texture.

**COLOUR** : Any colour or mixture of colours.

## **SIZE** :

**Height at the withers** : Dogs 47-51 cm (18 1/2 - 20 ins).  
Bitches 44-47 cm (17 1/2 - 18 1/2 ins).

**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.

## **ELIMINATING FAULTS** :

- **Aggressive or overly shy.**

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

**N.B.** : Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.