

DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS of the GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

General Appearance -

**Aristocratic in appearance
Balanced front to rear
Eyes radiating intelligence and animation
Medium sized
Firm muscled**

Size -

**Within recommended height standards
Bone in proportion to body
Square or slightly longer than tall**

Head -

**Clean cut with dark brown almond shaped eyes
Ears broad/placed just above eye level, lie close to head, placed forward rounded tip should reach corner of mouth
Skull reasonably broad, arched sides, slightly rounded on top, gradual rise from nose to forehead
Stop created by eye and eyebrow placement
Muzzle length equals length of top skull while depth indicates sufficient under jaw
Chops fall gracefully from projecting nose
Large nose with well opened nostrils (double barrel shotgun)
Lips are full and deep never flewy
Scissor bite with molars intermeshing properly(pinking shears)**

Body -

**Clean neck into shoulders, nape muscular, slightly larger at shoulders
Depth not breath of chest - reaches well down to elbows
Apparent tuck up
Gradual slope downward from withers to tail with a short strong back
Side profile gives appearance of wedge not tubular
Tail set high and firm
Broad hips with sockets set wide apart**

Forequarters -

**Shoulder blade, smooth, laid on and back
Long upper arm angles back with elbow close to body
Forearm straight into nearly vertical pasterns
Feet tight, compact-round or spoon shaped, arched toes/thick pads/strong toenail**

Hindquarters -

**Strong, well muscled both inside and out
Upper & second thigh approximate in length
Hock joint well angulated/straight bone structure point of hock to pad
Good bend of stifle and flex of hock joint**

Coat -

**Short, thick and feels tough to the hand
Head and ears softer, thinner and shorter
White hair is harsher in texture and different than that of a Pointer or Dalmatian**

Color -

No preference on shade of liver color, specific markings, head or body patterns

Gait -

**Smooth lithe with increase, legs converge under body - Single track
Forelegs reach well ahead while rear legs drive the body forward with great power and full extension behind with no upward foot kick or piston action of the hock.**

Temperament - Friendly, intelligent, willing to please, keen enthusiasm for work