

Gait



Smooth, no wasted motion, legs converge under body, tendency to single track. Forelegs reach ahead - NOT HACKNEY, nor LIFTED at elbow. Hindquarters drive the body forward with ease. Topline - smooth and level. Feet do not flip, top of hocks don't lift upward rather flex forward as the stifle bends bringing the leg up under the body.

Disqualifications

China or Wall-Eye
Flesh colored nose
Extreme over or under shot
Dog with any area of black, red, orange, lemon, tan or a solid white dog.



German Shorthaired Pointer



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General Appearance

Aristocratic, well balanced, symmetrical with conformation indicating power & endurance. Look of intelligence in a medium sized athletic dog. Neck slopes down into shoulders. The top



line continues into a short back with withers higher than the rear. Chest depth reaches to the elbows and slightly deeper a hand's width behind the elbow, rib spring is not flat or barrel. Forechest; moderate and evident when forequarters are not set forward on rib cage. Tuck up is apparent, loin slightly rounded. Tail set high and firm. Hindquarters; strong and well-muscled thighs with well bent stifle. Front and rear angulation **balanced** without extremes on either end.

A hard working gun dog on both land and water that not only points and retrieves, but will also track and trail. As such, the GSP should be judged as a complete package.

Temperament

Not a pack or kennel dog rather bred to be part of the family. Intelligent and willing to please with keen enthusiasm for work. They should not be nervous or flighty. Some will have a humorous look in their eye.

Size

Males: 23" - 25"

Weight: 50 - 70 lbs

Females: 21" - 23"

Weight: 45 - 60 lbs

Severely penalize 1" above or below. Coat color and bone substance can be deceiving about height and weight.

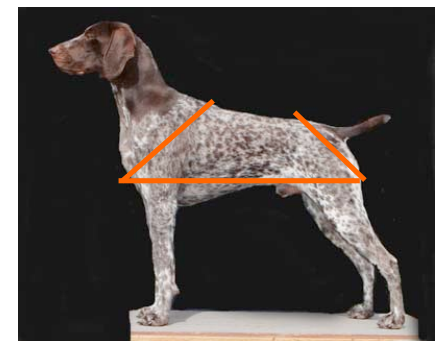
Proportion

Square or slightly longer than tall. Length is measured from point of fore chest to rear most point of rump. Height is from withers to ground taking into account if the dog is standing in grass.



GSP should not be thin/fine boned, tall, leggy or coarse boned with heavy ponderous features. One should not have to guess if it is a male or female.

"Short back standing over a lot of ground" determined by proper shoulder layback and pelvic tilt. Steep croup is a fault.



Head

Clean-cut in proportion to the body.

Skull - reasonably broad, slightly rounded on top, arched on sides

Foreface rises gradually from nose to forehead

Stop-effect created by ***position of eyebrows.*** Median line slightly more pronounced in males. Occiput NOT prominent.

Eyes

Intelligent with good humor - **Almond shaped** NOT round, **dark brown** with tight eyelids. In young dogs - light eye with a dark rim will darken with age. **DQ** - china or walleye color

Nose

Large, brown, broad with nostrils well opened, i.e. looking down a double barrel shotgun. Spotted undesirable. **DQ** - flesh colored.

Ears

Broad, set high just above eye level, lie flat. When laid forward tip should reach corner of mouth. Frame the face, appear triangular when alert. Tip slightly rounded.

Muzzle

Length measured from nose to “stop effect” and then to back skull should be equal. Depth in right proportion to length. Full & deep lips fall away from prominent nose, never flewy. Long enough to seize game and carry a long time.



Bite

Scissor - molars intermesh properly, teeth strong and healthy. Penalize perfect level. **DQ**- extreme over or under shot. Simply lift the lips to check bite and proper intermesh.

Neck - Topline – Body

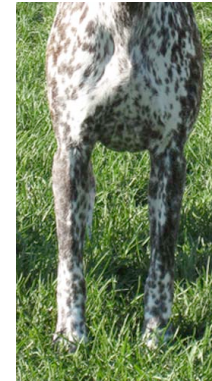
Look for clean outline; elegant nape of neck, smooth shoulders, short back, withers higher than rear, chest depth to elbow, moderate forechest, powerful thighs, tail set high and firm, horizontal when walking, PENALIZE curved or bent toward head. Tuck up apparent, top and underlines SHOULD NOT be level or parallel. Well let down hock, skin close and tight with moderate throatiness.

Forequarters

Sloping shoulders with well laid on blades lying on flat and back. Not upright or forward set on rib cage. Upper arm is long and angles back. It DOES NOT drop in a straight line to the forearm.



Elbows are close to the rib cage and the legs when viewed from the front appear parallel. Pasterns are short, strong and nearly vertical with a slight spring. Compact feet arched toes-round to spoon shaped. Heavily nailed with thick, hard pads.



Hindquarters



Hips broad with sockets set wide. Strong straight bone structure down through thighs, hocks to footpad. Upper and second thigh approximately same length, inside and outer muscles developed. Dogs with a short second thigh and longer hock will tire quicker. Lack of muscle tone of the inner second thigh will cause inefficient movement.

Coat

Defines the breed. Hair is short, thick, tough to the hand. Softer on the head and ears but not on the body. Developed to shed mud, snow, ice and not become entangled in underbrush, pick up seed awls or stickers. Some longer hairs may be found on the untrimmed underside of the tail, back of haunches and flank. Long hair in the body of the coat ; SEVERELY PENALIZE.



Color/Patterns/Head Marking

Solid liver or a combination of liver & white - ticked, patched or roan. Dark liver coats, ticks patches or roan “**do not contain black hair**”. If the **nose is liver the dog is liver PERIOD!** All coat patterns and head markings accepted.

