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NORWEGIAN LUNDEHUND



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NORWEGIAN LUNDEHUND (Norsk Lundehund)

- Origin:** Norway
- Utilization:** By his anatomical peculiarities this dog is predestinated to puffin-hunting on the steep rocks around the fjords and along the shore.
- Classification FCI:** Group 5: Spitz and primitive types.
Section 2: Nordic hunting dogs.
Without working trial.
- General appearance:** Spitz type dog, small, rectangular, supple, rather lightly made; morphological characteristics different according to sex.
- Behaviour/character:** Alert, energetic, lively.
- Head:** Clean-cut, medium width, wedge shaped.
- Cranial region:**
- Skull:** Slightly rounded with prominent superciliary arches.
- Stop:** Pronounced, but without excess.
- Facial region:**
- Muzzle:** Wedge shaped of medium length. Nasal bridge slightly convex.
- Teeth/Bite:** Scissor bite preferred but a pincer bite or a moderate prognathism of the lower jaw is permitted. The absence of premolars on both sides, in each jaw, is accepted.
- Eyes:** Slightly sloping and not protruding, the iris is yellowish brown, the pupil is encircled by a dark halo.
- Ears:** Triangular ears of medium size, broad at the base, carried erect and very mobile. The cartilage of the ear lobe has the faculty of being able to retract itself so that the ear folds itself and flops in a specific manner, either backwards or in right angle upwards, so as to close the auditory passage.
- Neck:** Clean-cut, of medium length, quite strong with a relatively well furnished collar.

Forequarters:**General appearance:**

Moderately angulated.

Forearm:

Straight.

Feet:

Oval shaped, turning slightly outwards, with at least six toes - of which five must rest on the ground. Eight pads on each foot. The two inner toes, formed respectively by 3 and 2 phalanges and endowed with a ligamentary and muscular system, make the foot look solid.

Body:

Rectangular.

Topline:

Straight.

Back:

Strong.

Croup:

Slightly sloping.

Chest:

Long, of medium width, relatively well let down and spacious, not barrel shaped.

Belly:

Slightly drawn up.

Tail:

Set high, medium length, well covered with hair but without flag. Carried either in a ring or slightly rolled over onto the back, or hanging. The tip must not be too much over nor falling to one side.

Hindquarters:**General appearance:**

The position of the hindquarters is somewhat close.

Tigh:

Strong and muscular.

Stifles:

Moderately angulated.

Lower thighs:

Strong and muscular.

Feet:

Oval shaped, turned slightly outwards, with at least six toes - four of which must rest on the ground. Seven pads on each foot, the one in the middle, the most important one by its size, being attached to the inner pads corresponding to the two inner toes. When the dog is standing up on a flat surface, the weight of the body must be evenly distributed on the pads.

Gait/movement:

Light and elastic. An external rotary action of the forelegs and somewhat close action behind is characteristic of the breed.

Coat:

Hair: Dense and rough, soft undercoat. Short on the head and the front of the legs, more abundant at the level of the neck, rear of the buttocks (thighs) and on the tail, but without flag.

Colour: Always combined with white: from red to fawn, coat more or less sprinkled with hairs with black tips; black; grey; white with dark patches. The adult usually has more marked black tips in the coat than the younger dog.

Size:

Hight at withers: Males: 35-38 cm
Females: 32-35 cm

Weight: Males: about 7 kg
Females: about 6 kg

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.

Eliminating faults: Aggressiveness.

NB

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.