



BULGARIAN SHEPHERD DOG

Group 1: Shepherds and herding breeds
Without working trial



Origin: Bulgaria

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A large, massive dog with a proud bearing, exuding self-confidence and vitality, harmoniously developed, with well-jointed body parts. Its musculature is powerful, its bones are massive, and it has abundant hair. With its appearance, it radiates strength, confidence and inspires respect. Sexual dimorphism is highly expressed.

CONSTITUTION TYPE

Rough-robust and robust-rough. Height / height at the withers/: for males: min. 68 cm for women: min. 63 cm. Body Proportions: - bone index: male - from 20-23, female - from 19 to 21 - stretch index /format/ : 105-109 - length index: 51-53 - massiveness index: 116-120 - long head index: 39-42 - wide forehead index: 55-60

HEAD

Proportional, voluminous.

Skull part: Wide, massive, the forehead is slightly convex, almost flat, with a noticeable occipital protrusion. The upper arcs are weakly expressed.

Stop: weakly expressed.

Muzzle: voluminous, slightly narrowing towards the nose, blunt and deep. Nose: large and well pigmented, nostrils wide. The nasal bridge and visible mucous membranes are black pigmented, in brown and white dogs they may be brown pigmented.

Lips: thick and tight. The upper one covers the lower one. Dark-pigment-tirali, with a deep notch.

Teeth: Strong, large and white, normal set (42 pieces). The bite is scissor-like. The incisors are arranged in a slight arc.

Ears: Hanging, set at eye level, triangular with rounded tip, medium size, covered with thick and dense hair.

Acceptable length of ears: +/- 2.5 cm. from the inner medial corner of the eye. It is allowed to place the ears up to 2.5 cm below or above the eye line.

Eyes: Small, deep and obliquely set, the lateral corners being higher than the medial. The eye shape ranges from round to almond-shaped, with the almond shape being recommended. The eye color is dark or light brown, depending on the color of the hair. The edge of the eyelids is dark-colored, the look is self-confident, it radiates firmness of character.

Neck: Powerful, of medium length, well muscled, with a slightly rounded nape line, visibly widening towards the body, set at an angle of 30 to 35 degrees. The skin on the neck is elastic, loosely connected, but does not form folds.

BODY

Top line: horizontally straight Withers: powerful, well muscled, slightly projecting above the line of the back.

Back: Medium long, strong, straight and broad.

Loin: Short and narrow in male dogs, and in females long, muscular, with a tucked belly line.

Croup: medium length, wide, slightly sloping, rounded and muscular. It is relatively narrow in male dogs, and wider in female dogs.

Chest: broad, deep and reaching the level of the elbow joint. The sternum is well defined and the ribs are broad and rounded.

Permissible depth: +/- 2 cm. from the elbow joint. Bottom line and abdomen: the abdomen is muscular and tight, slightly tucked in.

Tail: set not very high - reaches the hock, but meets and allows a congenitally short tail. It is covered with long and coarse hairs with a very abundant undercoat. In a relaxed state it hangs loose with a coiled end on a hook. In motion it is raised above the line of the back, coiled sickle-shaped or on a wheel.

LIMBS

Forelimbs: Straight and parallel to each other and widely set.

Shoulder: long and broad, firmly connected to the body and covered with massive muscles. The angle between the scapula and the humerus is 100-110 degrees.

Elbows: pointing back and parallel

Shoulder: medium length with massive bone and developed musculature.

Wrists: massive, relatively short and almost vertically placed, allows a slight incline.

Metacarpus: broad, strong, with a slight slope.

Paw: large, rounded with dry closed toes and arched. The pads are elastic and dark, the nails are thick and healthy, preferably dark in color.

Hind limbs: Straight, parallel, seen from behind - with highly developed musculature.

Thighs: medium length, broad, with massive muscles.

Knees: with slightly straight angles.

Lower thighs: Proportioned and well muscled.

Hocks: strong and strong, the angle is 140-150 degrees.

Metatarsals: medium length, massive and vertically placed. A common feature of the breed is an extra fifth and sixth toe.

Paws: Medium-sized, oval-shaped, with tucked-in toes and hair between them. Well arched, with strong claws. The pillows are firm and dark.

Movements: Rational, do not expend excess energy, free, with a wide stride. They are characterized by a calm, easy gait and a springy trot.

Skin: Dense, elastic and adherent, does not form folds - with the exception of a weakly developed necklace longitudinally in the lower part of the neck.

COAT

The coat is double. The top coat is thick, straight and hard, the undercoat is well developed. There are two types of dogs in terms of hair length: 1.

Long-haired: with a coat length of more than 10 cm. 2.

Short-haired: with a coat length of up to 10 cm.

Minimum permissible length of top hair at the withers: 7 cm.

Color: One-color, two-color and three-color color is allowed. Large, clearly defined dark spots on a white background or large white spots on a dark background are preferred. The dark background can be black, gray, brown and red. Brown and red dogs are brown-pigmented and have eyes to match the coat color. A black mask is allowed.

DISADVANTAGES:

- Minor deviations from the indicated indexes.
- Insufficiently wide and massive head.
- A pronounced medial furrow.
- Elongated or insufficiently wide muzzle.
- Underdeveloped chest.
- Tight posture of the limbs.
- Sagging or protruding back.
- Croup slightly higher than the withers.
- Crooked front or rear limbs.
- Relaxed or markedly retracted abdomen.
- Slightly loose skin in the neck area.
- Thin or slightly hanging bangs.
- High set ears, not attached to the head.
- Insufficient hair on the tail and hindquarters.
- Small and rare teeth, incisors located outside the main line (incorrect front)
- Teeth with damaged or discolored enamel.
- Soft and loose paws.
- Shortened heavy and clumsy steps.
- Slight deviation from the correct movements.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Unexpressed parentage.
- Inconsistency in constitution type.
- Sharp stop.
- Narrow and gentle head.
- Thin, light and sharp muzzle.
- Very drooping eyelids and/or lower eyelid
- Erect, standing or large ears.
- Croup considerably higher than the withers.
- Aggressiveness or fear.
- Non-standard coat coloration.
- Very short, soft or curly hair.
- Lack of undercoat.
- Deviation from the standard bite.
- Missing teeth.
- Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism.
- Unexpressed sexual dimorphism.

Zab: Male dogs must have two testicles of normal appearance, shape and size, fully descended into the scrotal sac.

The last edition of the standard with amendments was made and adopted on 28.02.2009. at the General Assembly of BKK for BOK. The current version corrected for printing (without changes or additions in the essence and meaning of the standard) was adopted by the Board of Directors of BKK for BOK on 26.01.2013. In 2013 at the General Assembly of the BKK for the BOK, additions and amendments to the standard related to limiting the upper height limit are to be adopted.

In preparing this Standard, the work of all breeders and individuals who contributed to the preservation and formation of the breed was considered and respected, for which we thank them.