

COLOMBIAN FINO HOUND



ILLUSTRATED STANDARD

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ORIGIN:
COLOMBIA

PURPOSE:
HUNTING AND COMPANION DOG

TYPE:
SCENTHOUND

BRIEF HISTORICAL RESUME

The Colombian Fino hound is a hunting dog developed in Colombia from pack hounds along with some pointing dogs imported from continental Europe, Great Britain and North America in colonial days. Due to their ability as hunters, they became popular with all the social classes from presidents of the republic and the upper class because of their interest in hunting and sporting events, to the farmers and humble classes as they were used to hunt in order to find food.

For over 200 years these hunting dogs have been used in Colombia to find their prey and they are equally adapted to the diverse geographical areas and climates of the country.



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GENERAL APPEARANCE

Typical "howling" dog with long ears and tail; passionate hunter, rustic of medium to large size and rectangular proportions. The coat is short and comes in a variety of colours.



IMPORTANT MEASUREMENTS

Proportions: 10:11.5 height at withers to length. Depth of chest is slightly less than the distance from the chest to the Ground. Head proportions - length of muzzle can be slightly less than that of the skull.



TEMPERAMENT

Stubborn and obstinate while hunting, at home he is affectionate with children and makes a wonderful companion. Due to his hunting nature, he is capable of working with and/or living with other dogs and is friendly towards strangers Proportions: 10:11.5 height at withers to length.

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HEAD

Head shape is harmonious and in proportion to the body.

CRANIAL REGION

SKULL

Cranial planes somewhat divergent. Seen from the front the skull is slightly domed. A prominent occiput is highly desirable.

STOP

A moderate stop is present.

FACIAL REGION

NOSE

Large, well-developed, ample nostrils. Either black or brown.

MUZZLE

Medium length, slightly shorter than the skull, straight. Seen from above it is rectangular.

LIPS

The flews should not be thick nor hanging. Upper lip covers the lower one.

BITE

Scissor bite preferred but an even bite is acceptable. Complete dentition.

CHEEKS

Flat

EYES

Almond-shaped with a sweet expression. All eye colours are acceptable depending on and in accordance with coat colour. Blue eyes and eyes of different colours are not allowed.

EARS

Long, broad, hanging from a medium set (on a level with the eye). When pulled forward they should reach at least to the nose and have a rounded tip.



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NECK

Strong or moderate length set well into shoulders forming a slightly arched shape. Some loose skin on the underside of the neck not to be penalized.

BODY

Rectangular and of medium build.

TOPLINE

Topline slopes gently from the withers to the croup which is slightly higher.

WITHERS

The withers should be well defined.

LOIN

Short and strong.

CROUP

Of medium length and should be slightly higher than the withers.

CHEST

Moderately wide with a noticeable prow. Should descend to the elbows. Ribs moderately arched and extending well back.

UNDERLINE

Defined tuck up.

TAIL

Long, reaching to beyond the point of hock. No brush should be present.



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LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS

Well muscled with good strong bone.

SHOULDERS

Well angulated with the scapula being slightly longer than the humerus.

FORELEGS

Of medium length with strong bone.

ELBOWS

Should neither be turned out nor too close to the body.

CARPUS (WRIST)

Moderately angulated.

FOREFEET

Medium sized, tough with resistant nails and pads.

HINDQUARTERS

Strong, well angulated, muscular. Hocks should not be too long.

THIGHS

Long with strong but lean musculature.

HOCKS

Strong, well let down and seen from behind they should be parallel.

REAR FEET

Same as forefeet.

MOVEMENT

Agile, smooth and effortless with good reach and drive and a smooth trot.



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SKIN

Of fine texture and elastic.

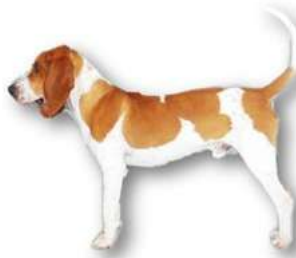
COAT

Straight, shiny. There should be no brush on the tail.

COLOUR

The Colombian Fino comes in a wide variety of colours.

Red, black, white, brown, brindle. Different shades, tones, patterns and combinations of these colours are acceptable.



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SIZE/WEIGHT

Due to the diversity of preys for this hunting dogs, there is a difference in size which is NOT a determining factor when appreciating the quality of dogs of this breed, in conformation shows they are divided into 2 varieties:

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Desired height at withers: 45 cm up to 50 cm with a tolerance of -2 cm.

Weight: between 15 - 25 Kg.

COLOMBIAN FINO HOUND (LARGE)

height at withers over 51 cm up to 58 cm with a tolerance of +2 cm. Weight: between 25 - 35 Kg.



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FAULTS

Any deviation from the above standard is considered a fault depending on the seriousness of the fault.

MINOR FAULTS

- Short ears (ears that look long but do not reach to the point of the nose when stretched forward)
- High set ears
- Short tail (not reaching to at least the point of hock)
- Tailset (too high or too low)
- Elbows (in or out at elbow)
- Level topline
- Too high a croup

SERIOUS FAULTS

- Under or oversize limitations (including the tolerance stipulated)
- Excess skin - hanging flews, too heavy in dewlap, drooping eyelids

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

- Aggressiveness or extreme timidity
- Short-haired specimens with too much coat (e.g. brush on tail)
- Dogs with a long coat that forms tufts of hair ears or tail
- Lack of type
- Albinism ❖ Blue eyes or eyes of two different colours
- Dwarfism (achondroplasia)
- Undershot.
- Overshot
- Broken or kinked tail (deformed vertebrae)
- Any dog showing clear signs of physical or temperamental abnormalities must be disqualified.

NOTE

- Male dogs should have two testicles of normal size duly descended into the scrotum.
- Only dogs that are clinically and functionally healthy, with the traits of the breed, should be used in reproduction.



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