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PHARAOH HOUND

ORIGIN: Malta

PATRONAGE: Great Britain.

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<u>UTILIZATION</u>: An alert keen hunter, hunting by scent and sight, using his ears to a marked degree when working close.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.: Group 5 Spitz and primitive

types.

Section 6 Primitive type.

Without working trial.

<u>GENERAL APPEARANCE</u>: Medium sized, of noble bearing with clean-cut lines. Graceful yet powerful. Very fast with free easy movement and alert expression.

<u>BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT</u>: Alert, intelligent, friendly, affectionate and playful.

<u>HEAD</u>: Foreface slightly longer than skull. Top of skull parallel with foreface, whole head representing a blunt wedge when viewed in profile and from above.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Long, lean and well-chiselled.

Stop: Only slight.

FACIAL REGION:

<u>Nose</u>: Flesh coloured only, blending with coat.

<u>Jaws/Teeth</u>: Powerful jaws with strong teeth. Scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

 $\underline{\text{Eyes}}$: Amber coloured, blending with coat; oval, moderately deep- set, with keen, intelligent expression.

<u>Ears</u>: Medium high set; carried erect when alert, but very mobile; broad at base, fine and large.

NECK: Long, lean, muscular and slightly arched. Clean throat line.

<u>BODY</u>: Lithe with almost straight topline. Length of body from breast to haunch bone slightly longer than height at withers.

Croup: Slight slope down from croup to root of tail.

<u>Chest</u>: Deep, extending down to point of elbow. Ribs well sprung.

Belly: Moderate cut up.

<u>TAIL</u>: Medium set, fairly thick at base and tapering (whip-like), reaching just below point of hock in repose. Carried high and curved when dog is in action. Tail should not be tucked between legs. A screw tail undesirable.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS: Forelegs straight and parallel.

Shoulder: Strong, long and well laid back.

Elbow: Well tucked in.

Pastern : Strong

<u>HINDQUARTERS</u>: Strong and muscular. Limbs parallel when

viewed from behind.

<u>Stifle</u>: Moderate bend of stifle. <u>Second thigh</u>: Well developed.

<u>FEET</u>: Strong, well knuckled and firm, turning neither in nor out. Paws well padded. Dewclaws may be removed.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Free and flowing; head held fairly high and dog should cover ground well without any apparent effort. Legs and

feet should move in line with body; any tendency to throw feet sideways, or high stepping « hackney » action highly undesirable.

COAT

<u>HAIR</u>: Short and glossy, ranging from fine and close to slightly harsh; no feathering.

<u>COLOUR</u>: Tan or rich tan with white markings allowed as follows: White tip on tail strongly desired. White on chest (called « the star »). White on toes. Slim white blaze on center line of face permissible. Flecking or white other than above undesirable.

<u>**HEIGHT**</u>: Dogs : ideally 56 cm (22-25 ins = 56-63,5 cm),

bitches : ideally 53 cm (21-24 ins = 53-61 cm).

<u>FAULTS</u>: 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 **and its effect upon** the health and welfare of the dog.

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

<u>N.B.</u>: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.