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**PHARAOH HOUND**

**ORIGIN** : Malta

**PATRONAGE** : Great Britain.

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**UTILIZATION** : 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.

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

**BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT** : Alert, intelligent, friendly, affectionate and playful.

**HEAD** : 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** :

**Nose** : Flesh coloured only, blending with coat.

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

**Eyes** : Amber coloured, blending with coat ; oval, moderately deep-set, with keen, intelligent expression.

Ears : 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.

BODY : 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.

Chest : Deep, extending down to point of elbow. Ribs well sprung.

Belly : Moderate cut up.

TAIL : 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

HINDQUARTERS : Strong and muscular. Limbs parallel when viewed from behind.

Stifle : Moderate bend of stifle.

Second thigh : Well developed.

FEET : 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

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

COLOUR : 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.

HEIGHT : Dogs : ideally 56 cm (22-25 ins = 56-63,5 cm),  
bitches : ideally 53 cm (21-24 ins = 53-61 cm).

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 **and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.**

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

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