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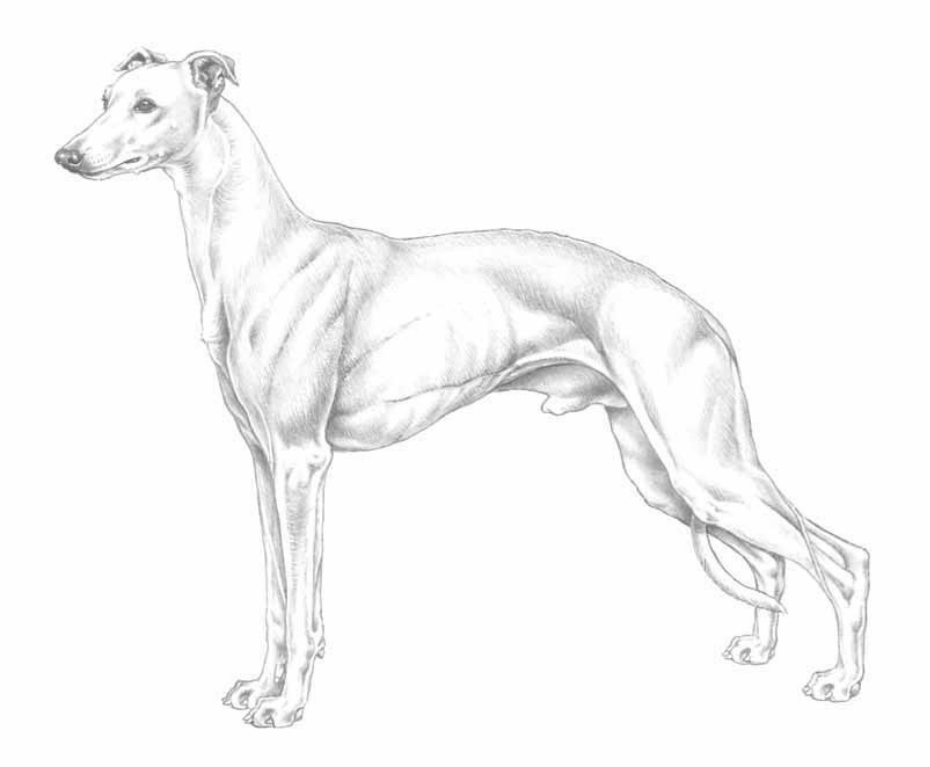

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This illustration does not necessarily show the ideal example of the breed.

ORIGIN : Great Britain.

PATRONAGE : **FCI.**

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UTILIZATION : Racing dog.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 10 Sighthounds.
Section 3 Short-haired Sighthounds.
Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Balanced combination of muscular power and strength with elegance and grace of outline. Built for speed and work. All forms of exaggeration should be avoided.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : An ideal companion. Highly adaptable in domestic and sporting surroundings. Gentle, affectionate, even disposition.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :
Skull : Long and lean, flat on top, tapering to muzzle, rather wide between the eyes.
top : Slight.

FACIAL REGION :
Nose : Black. In blues a bluish colour. In livers a liver nose. In isabel, creams or other diluted coat colours any colour except pink. Only in whites or parti-coloured a butterfly nose is permissible but not a completely unpigmented nose.
Jaws/Teeth : Jaws strong, powerful and clean cut with a perfect scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.
Eyes : Oval, bright, expression very alert.

Ears : Rose shaped, small, fine in texture.

NECK : Long, muscular, elegantly arched.

BODY :
Topline: Showing **a graceful** arch over loin but the dog is not humped.
Back : Broad, well muscled, firm, somewhat long.
Loin : Giving impression of strength and power.
Chest : Very deep with plenty of heart room, brisket deep, well defined. Ribs well sprung, muscled on back.
Belly : With definite tuck up.

TAIL : No feathering. Long, tapering, when in action carried in a delicate curve but not higher than the level of the back.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs straight and upright, front not too wide.
Shoulders : Oblique and muscular; blades carried up to top of spine, where they are clearly defined.
Elbows : Set well under body.
Pasterns : Strong with slight spring.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong. Dog able to stand over a lot of ground.
Thighs : Broad across.
Stifles : Well bent.
Second thighs : Well developed.
Hocks : Well let down.

FEET : Very neat, well split up between toes, knuckles well arched, pads thick and strong.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : **Perfectly free action. In profile should move with a long easy stride, maintaining the topline.**

The forelegs **should be** thrown well forward **and** low over the ground, **hindlegs should come well under the body giving great and powerful drive.** General movement not to **be s**tilted, high stepping, short or mincing. **True coming and going.**

COAT

HAIR : Fine, short, close in texture.

COLOUR : Any colour or mixture of colours.

SIZE :
Height at the withers : Dogs 47-51 cm (18 1/2 - 20 ins).
Bitches 44-47 cm (17 1/2 - 18 1/2 ins).

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.

ELIMINATING FAULTS :

- **Aggressive or overly shy.**

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.