

# **Special Breed Specific Instructions (BSI)**

**Regarding exaggerations in  
pedigree dogs**

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# Introduction and Application

The task of a dog show judge is to preserve the characteristics of each breed within the approved breed standard. This must never be done at the expense of soundness or through exaggerations in conformation. It is the responsibility of the judge to be acquainted with the breed standard as well as health issues which exaggerations can cause.

A judge's main task is to judge and evaluate dogs outlined in the breed standards and to see the dogs as a result of previous generations of breeding. A judge must pay particular attention to tendencies to exaggerations which can have a negative effect on the health of individual dogs. It is important that tendencies to exaggerations are noted before they are allowed to give rise to unsoundness.

These instructions are a result of an inventory made possible through extensive collaboration between dog show judges, breed clubs, other dog clubs and veterinary surgeons.

The views and facts contained in this document are a result of available statistics on dogs' health for individual breeds. The process was initiated by a meeting

between ten Scandinavian all-breed judges followed by correspondence with the breed clubs culminating in a judges' conference for all Swedish dog show judges.

The survey has resulted in the current document in which 47 out of approximately 300 recognised F.C.I breeds have been mentioned specifically with a view to improve their health.

## **Breeds which require *URGENT attention (7):***

*Bulldog, Neapolitan Mastiff, Shar-Pei, Chow-Chow, Basset Hound, French Bulldog, Pekingese.*

## **Breeds which require *INCREASED ATTENTION (12):***

*Doque de Bordeaux, Mastiff, St Bernard Dog, Bull Terrier/ Miniature Bull Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Bloodhound, Clumber Spaniel, Boston Terrier, Chihuahua (Long-haired and Smooth-haired), Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniel, Pug Dog.*

## **Breeds which require *ATTENTION (28):***

*Collie (Rough-haired and Smooth-haired), German Shepherd Dog, Shetland Sheepdog, Welsh Corgi Cardigan, Welsh Corgi Pembroke,*

*German Boxer, Bullmastiff, Great Dane, Norwich Terrier, Skye Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, German Spitz/Pomeranian, Artesian-Norman Basset, Italian Pointing Dog, Italian Wire-haired Pointing Dog, American Cocker Spaniel, English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, Labrador Retriever, Sussex Spaniel, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chinese Crested Dog, Griffons, Shih-Tzu, Standard Poodle, Borzoi, Irish Wolfhound*

Prior to each judging appointment, it is the responsibility of the judge to familiarise himself/herself with these specific instructions for the breed he/she has been invited to judge.

A continuous follow-up of the development of the health of the breeds listed herein will be carried out, and also regular updates.

## Application

It is of utmost importance that each judge continues to judge positively and, as previously, selects winners of correct type and overall quality. The critique must be written in a positive form, but it is important to be precise and open about relevant health matters if this has affected the evaluation and/or placing of the dog.

As previously, the judge must evaluate what he sees and deviations must be judged on its degree of imperfection, and no faults are linked to a certain award. This list must not be seen as an added list of disqualifying faults in breeds whose standards contain disqualifications!

Exaggerations in conformation and faults which have an affect on the dog's health are more serious than cosmetic failings.

Judges should always give 0 prize to dogs with manifest abnormalities and defects.

Frequently existing faults, not linked with health concerns and exaggeration of breed points in individual breeds, have not been listed here routinely, but must also be noted when judging.

Judges are requested to consider health aspects to a higher degree than previously, particularly when awarding CK (certificate quality) or not.

# Requirements for all dogs

## **Breathing**

All dogs should be able to breathe normally, also when moving.

## **Eyes**

All dogs should have clear eyes without any sign of discomfort.

## **Skin**

All dogs should have healthy skin without any sign of discomfort.

## **Coat**

The coat should not be so extensive as to impede movement.

## **Movement**

All dogs should be able to move naturally without visible effort or pain.

## **Temperament**

All dogs should have good temperament suitable for life in present society. Breed specific behaviour must be noted and allowed, but excessive shyness or sharpness of temperament is not desirable. Aggressive dogs and dogs showing signs of panic and/or fear should always be awarded 0 prize.

# F.C.I Group I

## Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs

Ardennes Cattle Dog	Croatian Sheepdog	Pumi
Australian Cattle Dog	Czechoslovakian Wolfdog	Pyrenean Sheepdog - smooth faced
Australian Kelpie	Dutch Shepherd Dog, long-haired	Romanian Carpathian Shepherd Dog
Australian Shepherd	Dutch Shepherd Dog, rough-haired	Romanian Mioritic Shepherd Dog
Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog	Dutch Shepherd Dog, short-haired	Saarloos Wolfdog
Bearded Collie	Flanders Cattle Dog	Schapendoes
Beauceron	German Shepherd Dog *	Schipperke
Belgian Shepherd Dog/Groenendael	Komondor	Shetland Sheepdog *
Belgian Shepherd Dog/Laekenois	Kuvasz	Slovakian Chuvach
Belgian Shepherd Dog/Malinois	Lancashire Heeler	South Russian Shepherd Dog
Belgian Shepherd Dog/Tervueren	Long-Haired Pyrenean Sheepdog	Tatra Shepherd Dog
Bergamasco Shepherd Dog	Majorca Shepherd Dog	Welsh Corgi Cardigan *
Berger Picard	Maremma and Abruzzes Sheepdog	Welsh Corgi Pembroke *
Border Collie	Mudi	White Swiss Shepherd Dog
Briard	Old English Sheepdog (Bobtail)	
Catalan Sheepdog	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	
Collie Rough *	Portuguese Sheepdog	
Collie Smooth *	Puli	

Breeds marked with an \* are listed in the BSI.

BSI is divided into three levels:

- **Urgent attention**
- **Increased attention**
- **Attention**

### About the breeds in F.C.I Group I

This group contains several working breeds, for which the ability to move soundly is of particular importance. Sound movement should therefore be highly praised and evaluated with particular attention.

## Breeds which require Attention

### **Collie, Rough-haired and Smooth-haired**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect bites caused by narrow under jaws resulting in inverted canine teeth going straight up into the roof of the gums.
- eye problems caused by excessively small eyes, very deeply set

Particular attention should therefore be paid to under jaws, bites, teeth and eyes.

### **German Shepherd Dog (*Deutscher Schäferhund*)**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- narrow, incorrect front construction
- unstable, "wriggly", narrow hind movement.

Particular attention should therefore be paid to correct movement, not only when trotting, but also when pacing.

### **Shetland Sheepdog**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect bites caused by incorrectly placed canine teeth

Particular attention should therefore be paid to bites and teeth.

### **Welsh Corgi Cardigan**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect movement caused by excessively bent front legs
- too long in loin and incorrectly angulated hindquarters

Particular attention should therefore be paid to movement.

### **Welsh Corgi Pembroke**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- excessive shortness of legs
- incorrect movement caused by excessively bent front legs
- too long in loin and incorrectly angulated hindquarters

Particular attention should therefore be paid to movement.

# F.C.I Group 2

## Pinscher and Schnauzer - Molossoïd Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs

Affenpinscher	Dogue De Bordeaux *	Miniature Schnauzer, white
Alentejo Mastiff	Dutch Smoushond	Neapolitan Mastiff *
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	Entlebuch Cattle Dog	Newfoundland
Appenzell Cattle Dog	Fila Brasileiro	Pyrenean Mastiff
Atlas Mountain Dog - Aidi	German Boxer *	Pyrenean Mountain Dog
Austrian Pinscher	German Pinscher	Rottweiler
Bernese Mountain Dog	Giant Schnauzer, black	Saint Bernard Dog, long-haired *
Black Terrier	Giant Schnauzer, pepper and salt	Saint Bernard Dog, short-haired *
Bosnian -Herzegovinian -Croatian Shepherd Dog	Great Dane *	Schnauzer, black
Broholmer	Great Swiss Mountain Dog	Schnauzer, pepper and salt
Bulldog *	Hovawart	Serra da estrela Mountain Dog, long-haired
Bullmastiff *	Italian Corso Dog	Serra da estrela Mountain Dog, smooth-haired
Cao Fila de Sao Miguel	Karst Shepherd Dog	Shar Pei *
Castro Laboreiro Dog	Landseer (Continental-European type)	Spanish Mastiff
Caucasian Shepherd Dog	Leonberger	Tibetan Mastiff
Central Asia Shepherd Dog	Majorca Mastiff	Tosa
Danish-Swedish Farmdog	Mastiff *	Uruguayan Cimarron
Dobermann	Miniature Pinscher	Yugoslavian Shepherd Dog-Sharpplanina
Dogo Argentino	Miniature Schnauzer, black	
Dogo Canario	Miniature Schnauzer, black and silver	
	Miniature Schnauzer, pepper and salt	

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### About the breeds in F.C.I Group 2

This group contains several heavy breeds of Molossoïd type, but also herding dogs from mountainous districts. It is of utmost importance that they are not overweight and that they have sound, strong constitution in order to function properly and to be able to move without visible effort or pain. Narrow fronts, bent front legs and weak pasterns or cow-hocked hind legs are incorrect for any breed.

Some of the Molossoïd breeds have excessive, loose skin which must never be



exaggerated and allowed to cause discomfort to the dog. A dog's skin must be healthy without any sign of discomfort.

Heavy breathing, excessively heavy head carried low and dogs giving off large amounts of saliva when breathing are incorrect. This applies to both small and large breeds.

## **Breeds which require Urgent Attention**

### **Bulldog**

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The extreme conformation of this breed with, for example, shortened muzzle and underdeveloped bridge of nose, causes serious health problems if exaggerated.

#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing difficulties which can be linked to narrow respiratory channels through pinched nostrils and/or insufficient room in throat cavities and ribcage.
- eye problems with inflammations/injuries as a result of excessively short bridge of muzzle, excessively loose skin and loose eye-rims.
- inflammation of the skin on the muzzle (heavy nose wrinkle) and around the tail.
- unsound movement/lameness as a result of over exaggerated conformation and insufficient angulation of fore- and hindquarters.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to the shape of the head/skull, width of the nostrils, breathing and eyes, skin and tail, but also to movement.

The breed standard very clearly emphasises unconstrained breathing and sound movement, and this must be given particular attention.

### **Neapolitan Mastiff (*Mastino Napoletano*)**

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The conformation and skin of this breed cause serious health problems if exaggerated.

#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- inflammation of the skin and eye problems caused by folds of loose skin which is also too excessive; also loose eye rims.
- incorrect movement caused by incorrect bone construction and poor overall conformation.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to healthy skin and sound eyes, but also to movement. Dogs with entropion or ectropion, skin problems and unsound movement must not be awarded prizes.

Dogs with the required typical cat-like, agile, somewhat slow movement with good drive from sound hindquarters and proper reach in front, should be rated very highly.

## **Shar Pei**

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The extreme type and character of the skin of this breed cause serious health problems.

### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- excessive amounts of /and loose skin, the texture (mucinos) of which can also lead to eye problems.
- frequently occurring eye- and ear problems.
- problems caused by lower lip folding over lower incisors

Particular attention must therefore be paid to healthy skin and sound eyes

N.B that the following are disqualifying faults in the breed standard:

”Skin, folds or hair disturbing the normal function of the eye”: ”lower lip rolled in, interfering with the bite”; ” Heavy folds of skin on body (except withers and base of tail) and limbs”.

Priority must be given to dogs with sound/clear eyes and healthy skin.

## **Breeds which require Increased Attention**

### **Dogue De Bordeaux**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems due to loose eye rims.
- anatomical malformation, such as incorrect front with bent legs, very high at croup and insufficiently angulated hindquarters resulting in powerless and shuffling movement.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to sound eyes and functional, sound movement.

### **Mastiff**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- excessively heavy dogs, overly heavy head carried low
- incorrect movement caused by anatomical faults such as too high at rear and very steep croups.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to strong, sound conformation able to support this breed’s typical, massive head and its strongly made body and heavy bone. Movement must be sound.

### **Saint Bernard Dog, Short-haired and Long-haired (*St. Bernhardshund*)**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems caused by loose eye rims.

- skin problems caused by excessive amounts of loose skin and loose lip folds.
- incorrect movement (rolling gait), caused by, for example, incorrect proportions with short legs and overly large ribcages.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to correct proportions for the breed with strong, powerful conformation, correct amount of loose skin and sound movement.

## Breeds which require Attention

### **German Boxer** (*Deutscher Boxer*)

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems which could result from pinched nostrils and/or overly short muzzles and insufficient room in throat cavities.
- skin irritation.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing and correct length of the muzzle, but also to sound skin. Unsound or discoloured skin must be paid attention to.

### **Bullmastiff**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems which could result from pinched nostrils and/or overly short muzzles and insufficient room in throat cavities.
- eye problems caused by excessive amount of skin.
- incorrect movement caused by anatomical malformation such as too high at rear and very steep croups

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, correct length of muzzle and that the eyes are not set in an excessive amount of loose skin on the head. Attention must be paid to sound movement.

### **Great Dane** (*Deutsche Dogge*)

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems caused by loose eye rims.
- incorrect movement caused by pasterns knuckling over and weak hindquarters.
- Toe pads which do not meet the ground.

Particular attention must be paid to ensure eyes with firm rims, correct fore- and hindquarters and correct shape of the feet.

# F.C.I Group 3 Terriers

Airedale Terrier	Fox Terrier, smooth	Miniature Bull Terrier *
American Staffordshire Terrier	Fox Terrier, wire	Norfolk Terrier
Australian Silky Terrier	German Hunting Terrier	Norwich Terrier *
Australian Terrier	Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier	Parson Russell Terrier
Bedlington Terrier	Irish Softcoated Wheaten Terrier	Scottish Terrier
Border Terrier	Irish Terrier	Sealyham Terrier
Brazilian Terrier	Jack Russell Terrier	Skye Terrier *
Bull Terrier, standard *	Japanese Terrier	Staffordshire Bull Terrier *
Cairn Terrier	Kerry Blue Terrier	Welsh Terrier
Cesky Terrier	Lakeland Terrier	West Highland White Terrier *
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	Manchester Terrier	Yorkshire Terrier *
English Toy Terrier		

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## About the breeds in F.C.I Group 3

This group contains a few breeds with skin problems, a few with problems with incorrect bites and a few with tendencies towards exaggerated breed type.

### Breeds which require Increased Attention

#### **Bull Terrier Standard/Miniature Bull Terrier**

Existing faults in both varieties are:

- incorrect bites caused by narrow under jaws and inverted canine teeth.
- skin irritation and sparse coat.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to under jaws, correct bites, but also to coat and skin.

The standard reads: "Teeth sound, clean, strong, of good size, regular with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite".

## **Yorkshire Terrier**

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### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems caused by narrow respiratory channels.
- weakness of under- and upper jaws and also poor dentition: lameness of tongue not held properly in the mouth.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, normal development of the muzzle with wide, open nostrils, healthy teeth and correct jaws and tongue.

A lame tongue is an anomaly which disqualifies any dog in the show ring.

## **Breeds which require Attention**

### **Norwich Terrier**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing difficulties caused by tendencies towards incorrect dwarfism resulting in apple head, protruding eyes and a tendency to dish face.
- excessively short neck and extremely short body affecting movement negatively.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to correct head type and body, but also to sound movement.

### **Skye Terrier**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect movement caused by bent front legs and loose elbows.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to sound limbs and movement, without any sign of lameness.

### **Staffordshire Bull Terrier**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect bites caused by narrow under jaws and subsequently inverted canine teeth.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to bites and teeth.

### **West Highland White Terrier**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- skin irritation and discoloured coat, sometimes caused by skin folds.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin and coat.

# F.C.I Group 4

## Dachshunds

Dachshund miniature, smooth-haired  
Dachshund miniature, long-haired  
Dachshund miniature, wire-haired

Dachshund rabbit, smooth-haired  
Dachshund rabbit, long-haired  
Dachshund rabbit, wire-haired

Dachshund standard, smooth-haired  
Dachshund standard, long-haired  
Dachshund standard, wire-haired

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### **About the breeds in F.C.I Group 4**

At the moment no breeds in Group 4 are listed in the BSI.

## F.C.I Group 5

### Spitz and Primitive types

Akita	Ibizan Warren Hound - Ibizan Podenco,	Portuguese Warren Hound - Portuguese
Alaskan Malamute	smooth-haired	Podengo, smooth-haired/medium-sized
American Akita	Icelandic Sheepdog	Portuguese Warren Hound - Portuguese
Basenji	Japanese Spitz	Podengo, smooth-haired/miniature
Canaan Dog	Kai	Portuguese Warren Hound - Portuguese
Canarian Warren Hound	Karelian Bear Dog	Podengo, wire-haired/large
Chow Chow *	Kishu	Portuguese Warren Hound - Portuguese
Cirneco dell'Etna	Korea Jindo Dog	Podengo, wire-haired/medium-sized
East Siberian Laika	Mexican Hairless Dog, intermediate	Portuguese Warren Hound - Portuguese
Eurasian	Mexican Hairless Dog, miniature	Podengo, wire-haired/miniature
Finnish Lapphund	Mexican Hairless Dog, standard	Russian-European Laika
Finnish Reindeer Herder	Norrbottenspitz	Samoyed
Finnish Spitz	Norwegian Buhund	Shiba
German Spitz/Keeshond	Norwegian Elkhound, black	Shikoku
German Spitz/Giant Spitz	Norwegian Elkhound, grey	Siberian Husky
German Spitz/Medium size Spitz	Norwegian Lundehund	Svensk vit älghund
German Spitz/Miniature Spitz	Peruvian Hairless Dog, large	Swedish Elkhound
German Spitz/Pomeranian *	Peruvian Hairless Dog, medium-sized	Swedish Lapphund
Greenland Dog	Peruvian Hairless Dog, miniature	Swedish Vallhund
Hälleforshund	Pharaoh Hound	Taiwan Dog
Hokkaido	Portuguese Warren Hound - Portuguese	Thai ridgeback dog
Ibizan Warren Hound - Ibizan Podenco,	Podengo, smooth-haired/large	Volpino Italiano
rough-haired		West Siberian Laika

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## Breeds which require Urgent Attention

### Chow Chow

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Problems are caused by an excessive amount of skin and the formation of the hindquarters.

#### Existing faults in this breed are:

- breathing difficulties caused by insufficiently wide respiratory channels and throat producing snoring and laboured breathing, often with mouth constantly open.
- eye problems as a result of eyes set in excessive amount of skin.
- incorrect movement which may be the result of inadequately angulated stifles and hock joints.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, eyes and skin, but also to movement.

The current breed standard reads: "short and stilted movement". This requires minimal angulation of the stifles; this must not be exaggerated so as to impair movement.

Stifles and hocks that knuckle over are anatomically incorrect.

Unconstrained breathing, sound eyes not showing any sign of irritation and typical movement are all important points.

## Breeds which require Attention

### German Spitz/Pomeranian (*Deutscher Spitz/Zwergspitz*)

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#### Existing faults in this breed are:

- incorrect bites caused by poorly developed muzzles and incorrectly placed canine teeth.
- neurological faults which can be linked to injuries caused by open fontanels.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to correct, well developed muzzles, jaws and teeth. It is important to check for closed fontanels.



## F.C.I Group 6

### Scenthounds and Related Breeds

Alpine Dachsbracke	Gascon Saintongeais	Polish Hound
American Foxhound	German Hound	Polish Hunting Dog
Anglo-français de Petite Vénerie	Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen	Porcelain
Ariégeois	Grand Griffon Vendeen	Posavaz Hound
Artesian-Norman Basset *	Great Anglo-French Tricolour Hound	Rhodesian Ridgeback
Artois Hound	Great Anglo-French White and Black Hound	Russkaja Gontjaja
Austrian Black and Tan Hound	Great Anglo-French White and Orange Hound	Russkaja pegaja gontjaja
Basset Hound *	Great Gascony Hound	Schiller Hound
Bavarian Mountain Scenthound	Griffon Nivernais	Serbian Hound
Beagle	Halden Hound	Serbian Tricolour Hound
Beagle-Harrier	Hamilton Hound	Slovakian Hound
Billy	Hanoverian Scenthound	Småland Hound
Black and Tan Coonhound	Harrier	Small Blue Gascony Hound
Bloodhound *	Hellenic Hound	Small Swiss Hound/Bernese Hound
Blue Gascony Basset	Hygen Hound	Small Swiss Hound/Jura Hound
Blue Gascony Griffon	Istrian Coarse-haired Hound	Small Swiss Hound/Lucerne Hound
Bosnian Coarse-haired Hound - called Barak	Istrian Short-haired Hound	Small Swiss Hound/Schwyz Hound
Dalmatian	Italian Hound, coarse-haired	Spanish Hound
Drever	Italian Hound, short-haired	Styrian Coarse-haired Hound
English Foxhound	Medium Griffon Vendeen	Swiss Hound/Bernese Hound
Estonian Hound	Montenegrin Mountain Hound	Swiss Hound/Jura Hound
Fawn Brittany Basset	Norwegian Hound	Swiss Hound/Lucerne Hound
Fawn Brittany Griffon	Otterhound	Swiss Hound/Schwyz Hound
Finnish Hound	Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	Transylvanian Hound
French Tricolour Hound	Poitevin	Tyrolean Hound
French White and Black Hound		Westphalian Dachsbracke
French White and Orange Hound		

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## **About the breeds in F.C.I Group 6**

This group currently contains three breeds which require close scrutiny due to exaggerations in type, and with excessive amount of loose skin

It is very important to examine all Basset breeds carefully for incorrectly formed ribcages with deformed ribs with or without incorrect, shortened sternum. Attention should also be given to toe pads which do not meet the ground properly.

### **Breeds which require Urgent Attention**

#### **Basset Hound**

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Exaggerations of this breed's chondrodystrophic conformation and substance can lead to serious health problems.

##### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- skin folds and inflammation of the eyes caused by excessive skin and loose eye rims.
- frequently recurrent inflammation of the ears which can be linked to overly heavy/long ear leathers.
- incorrect movement caused by inadequate ground clearance as a result of excessive shortness of legs.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to eyes, ears, skin and movement. Sound eyes, ears and skin as well as free movement are very important.

### **Breeds which require Increased Attention**

#### **Bloodhound (*Chien de Saint-Hubert*)**

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##### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems caused by loose eye rims.
- skin problems caused by excessive, loose skin.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to eyes and skin.

The breed standard reads about exaggerations "...eyes which are too deep set or too small: distended eyelids; too much and too loose skin with too many and too deep folds; too much dewlap...".

### **Breeds which require Attention**

#### **Artesian-Norman Basset (*Basset Artésien Normand*)**

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##### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- poorly developed ribcages.

- incorrect movement due to excessively bent legs and toe pads which do not meet the ground.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to the formation of the ribcage, correctly formed legs and toe pads.

The breed standard reads under disqualifying faults: "Rear end of sternum too short with absence of xiphoid process. Ribs very much deformed".

# F.C.I Group 7

## Pointing Dogs

Ariege Pointing Dog	French Wire-haired Korthals Pointing Griffon	Italian Wire-haired Pointing Dog *
Auvergne Pointing Dog	Griffon	Large Münsterlander
Blue Picardy Spaniel	Frisian Pointing Dog	Old Danish Pointing Dog
Bohemian Wire-haired Pointing Griffon	German Long-haired Pointing Dog	Picardy Spaniel
Bourbonnais Pointing Dog	German Rough-haired Pointing Dog	Portuguese Pointing Dog
Brittany	German Short-haired Pointing Dog	Pudelpointer
Burgos Pointing Dog	German Wire-haired Pointing Dog	Slovakian Wire-haired Pointing Dog
Drentse Partridge Dog	Gordon Setter	Small Münsterlander
English Pointer	Hungarian Short-haired Pointing Dog	Spaniel de Pont-Audemer
English Setter	Hungarian Wire-haired Pointing Dog	St. Germain Pointing Dog
French Pointing Dog - Gascogne type	Irish Red and White Setter	Weimaraner, long-haired
French Pointing Dog - Pyrenean type	Irish Red Setter	Weimaraner, short-haired
French Spaniel	Italian Pointing Dog *	

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- **Attention**

### About the breeds in F.C.I Group 7

This group contains gundogs which must not show extreme tendencies such as excessive substance, overly lymphatic conformation, excessive coat or ribcages that are too deep or too flat.

### Breeds which require Attention

#### Italian Pointing Dog (*Bracco Italiano*)

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##### Existing faults in this breed are:

- eye problems caused by excessive loose skin and loose eye rims.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin and eyes.

**Italian Wire-haired Pointing Dog** (*Spinone Italiano*)

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**Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems caused by excessive loose skin and loose eye rims.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin and eyes.

# F.C.I Group 8

## Retrievers - Flushing Dogs - Water Dogs

American Cocker Spaniel *	Flat Coated Retriever	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
American Water Spaniel	French Water Dog	Portuguese Water Dog
Cheasapeake Bay Retriever	Frisian Water Dog	Romagna Water Dog
Clumber Spaniel *	German Spaniel	Small Dutch Waterfowl Dog
Curly Coated Retriever	Golden Retriever	Spanish Waterdog
English Cocker Spaniel *	Irish Water Spaniel	Sussex Spaniel *
English Springer Spaniel *	Labrador Retriever *	Welsh Springer Spaniel
Field Spaniel		

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– **Increased attention**

– **Attention**

### About the breeds in F.C.I Group 8

This group contains gundogs and endurance and sound movement are therefore particularly important. It is important to be able to distinguish between substance and obesity.

Several of the breeds in this group suffer from problems with eyes and ears due to excessive skin, but this can also be caused by large, heavily coated outer ears.

### Breeds which require Increased Attention

#### Clumber Spaniel

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Existing faults in this breed are:

- eye problems caused by excessive amount of loose skin producing loose eye rims and irritation of the eyes.
- incorrect movement caused by heavy, deep bodies and insufficient angulation.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to eyes and movement.

Excessive amount of loose skin and heavy, inefficient movement are highly undesirable.

Healthy skin and overall agility are particularly desirable

## Breeds which require Attention

### American Cocker Spaniel

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#### Existing faults in this breed are:

- eye problems caused by shallow eye sockets set in excessively short, rounded skulls; also loose eye rims.
- incorrect bites caused by overly short muzzles

Particular attention must therefore be paid to correct head proportions, but also to correct eyes and eye rims.

American Cocker Spaniels with poorly developed ribcages sometimes occur and this is a major fault.

### English Cocker Spaniel

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#### Existing faults in this breed are:

- eye problems caused by excessive, loose and thick skin; loose eye rims.
- low set ears which can cause inflammation of the ears on dogs with thickened skin and heavy, woolly coat. The skin of the ear leather should be fine.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin, eyes, ears and correct texture of coat.

The breed standard reads: "The coat should be flat, silky in texture and not too profuse".

### English Springer Spaniel

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#### Existing faults in this breed are:

- eye problems caused by excessive, loose and thick skin; loose eye rims.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin and eyes.

### Labrador Retriever

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#### Existing faults in this breed are:

- obesity/overweight.
- lameness and incorrect movement.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to correct movement. Obesity/overweight must not be confused with substance.

## **Sussex Spaniel**

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### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems caused by excessive, loose and thick skin; loose eye rims.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin and eyes.



# F.C.I Group 9

## Companion and Toy Dogs

Belgian Griffon *	Havanese	Phalène
Bichon Frise	Japanese Chin *	Pražský krysařík
Bolognese	King Charles Spaniel *	Pug *
Boston Terrier *	Kromfohländer	Russian Toy, longhaired
Brussels Griffon *	Lhasa Apso	Russian Toy, smooth-haired
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel *	Little Lion Dog	Shih Tzu *
Chihuahua, long-haired *	Maltese	Small Brabant Griffon *
Chihuahua, smooth-haired *	Medium size Poodle	Standard Poodle *
Chinese Crested Dog *	Miniature Poodle	Tibetan Spaniel
Coton de Tuléar	Papillon	Tibetan Terrier
French Bulldog *	Pekingese *	Toy Poodle

Breeds marked with an \* are listed in the BSI.

BSI is divided into three levels:

- **Urgent attention**
- **Increased attention**
- **Attention**

### About the breeds in F.C.I Group 9

Several breeds in this group have extreme conformation with shortened skull and underdeveloped muzzle. Further exaggeration of these points would give rise to serious health problems.

Brachycephalic head type is part of correct breed type in breeds such as Boston Terriers, French Bulldogs, the Griffon breeds, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniels, Pugs, Pekingese and Shih-Tzus. This can lead to problems if exaggerated causing, for instance, overly large, protruding eyes in shallow eye sockets, which in turn may cause prolapse of the eyes. Such eyes are also very vulnerable to injuries of the cornea if surrounded by excessive skin or coat.

Narrow respiratory channels with restrained breathing and pinched nostrils are serious problems which must be noted.

The majority of these breeds should have well-developed, long ribcages with well sprung ribs extending far back giving good protection to heart and lungs and ample support to the diaphragm. Unsound deviations are short, open (ribs too short)

ribcages with short sternum, but also ribs pointing inwards and narrow ribcages - all serious faults. Some of the breeds in this group are also heavily coated which in some cases has resulted in incorrect, woolly and excessive coats, so heavy that they impair movement.

Effortless movement without drive can be seen in some of the breeds as a possible effect of poor muscular condition.

## **Breeds which require Urgent Attention**

### **French Bulldogg (*Bouledogue francais*)**

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The extreme conformation of this breed with shortened skull and underdeveloped bridge of nose, cause serious health problems if exaggerated further.

#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems which can be linked with narrow respiratory channels with pinched nostrils and/or insufficient room in throat cavities and/or ribcage.
- inflammation of the eyes/eye injuries caused by overly large eyes and loose eye rims.
- effortless movement without drive caused by too short a neck and back and insufficient angulation of hind- and forequarters.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, eyes, skin and movement.

The breed standard calls for an "active" dog which is "compact and well proportioned", but which must not be excessively short in neck and back.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, and complete lack of tail vertebrae are always disqualifying faults.

### **Pekingese**

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The extreme conformation of this breed with shortened skull and underdeveloped bridge of nose, cause serious health problems if exaggerated further.

#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems caused by narrow respiratory channels, pinched nostrils, insufficient room in throat cavities and/or ribcage.
- excessively heavy nose wrinkle causing skin infections and eye problems.
- skin problems caused by very heavy coat of incorrect, woolly texture.
- effortless movement caused by looseness of shoulders, weak hindquarters and poor muscle tone.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, eyes, skin and movement.

The current breed standard reads :”All signs of breathing difficulties under normal conditions are unacceptable and must be severely penalised”. The length and extent of the coat must not disguise the shape of the body”.

Dogs with unaffected breathing, typical movement without visible effort and with correct coats should be highly valued in the show-ring.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults.

## Breeds which require Increased Attention

### **Bostonterrier**

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**Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems which can be linked to narrow respiratory channels, pinched nostrils, insufficient room in throat cavities and/or ribcage.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to sound breathing and the formation of the head/skull.

### **Chihuahua, Smooth-haired and Long-haired** (*Chihuaheño*)

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**Existing faults in this breed are:**

- overly large and open fontanel.
- problems with bites and jaws.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to the formation of the skull and the jaws.

The breed standard reads: ”closed fontanel is preferred even if a slight opening is allowed”. A large fontanel is a disqualifying fault.

### **Japanese Chin**

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**Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems caused by pinched nostrils, too small and narrow skull, but also too short a ribcage.
- eye problems caused by large eyes in shallow eye sockets.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to sound breathing, eyes, and the formation of the head/skull and the ribcage.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults.

## **King Charles Spaniel**

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### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- eye problems caused by large eyes in shallow eye sockets.
- incorrect movement caused by poorly developed ribcages and bent front legs

Particular attention must therefore be paid to the formation of the skull and the eyes, but also to sound movement.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults

## **Pug**

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### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems which may be caused by narrow respiratory channels, pinched nostrils and/or insufficient room in throat cavities and/or ribcage.
- skin- and eye problems with inflammations/injuries caused by short bridge of nose and/or excessive loose skin causing friction to the eyes and the function of the nose. Other causes of eye injury are incorrect, harsh (not lying close to skin) coat on nose wrinkle causing irritation of the cornea.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, sound skin and eyes.

The breed standard does not call for a nose wrinkle, neither unbroken nor broken.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults.

## **Breeds which require Attention**

### **Cavalier King Charles Spaniel**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems with snoring sound.
- skin folds showing sign of irritation and loose eye rims.
- eye injuries caused by shallow eye sockets.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to soundness of breathing, skin and eyes.

### **Chinese Crested Dog**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- skin injuries caused by unhealthy and ethically unacceptable shaving of the skin in order to disguise lack of correct hairlessness.

- incorrect bites with wry under jaws

Particular attention must therefore be paid to skin and correct formation of the jaws.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults.

### **Belgian Griffon, Brussels Griffon and Small Brabant Griffon** (*Griffon Belge, Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabançon*)

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems caused by pinched nostrils and/or insufficient room in throat cavities and/or ribcage.
- eye injuries caused by overly large, protruding eyes.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing and sound eyes and jaws.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults.

### **Shih-Tzu**

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- breathing problems caused by too short a muzzle and pinched nostrils.
- eye injuries caused by overly large, protruding eyes.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to breathing, head proportions, eyes and jaws.

Wry under jaw and/or lame tongue, so called tongue fault, are always disqualifying faults.

### **Standard Poodle** (*Grand Caniche*)

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#### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect bites caused by too narrow a skull and muzzle with weak under jaws and subsequently incorrectly placed canine teeth.
- eye problems caused by eyes that are too small and deeply set.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to head proportions and eyes

# F.C.I Group 10

## Sighthounds

Afghan Hound  
Arabian Greyhound  
Azawakh  
Deerhound  
Greyhound

Hungarian Greyhound  
Irish Wolfhound \*  
Italian Greyhound  
Polish Greyhound

Russian Hunting Sighthound \*  
Saluki  
Spanish Greyhound  
Whippet

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### Breeds which require Attention

#### **Russian Hunting Sighthound** (*Russkaya Psovaya Borzaya - Borzoi*)

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##### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect bites caused by poorly developed under jaws with inadequate space for teeth.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to bites and jaws.

The breed standard reads: "incorrect placement of the canine teeth, one or both, in the under jaw so that the gums or the roof of the gums may be injured when mouth is closed, is a disqualifying fault".

#### **Irish Wolfhound**

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##### **Existing faults in this breed are:**

- incorrect bites caused by narrow under jaws with inverted canine teeth going straight up into the roof of the gum.

Particular attention must therefore be paid to bites and jaws.

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