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Breed Study

ENGLISH TOY SPANIEL

Breed Study Presentation



English Toy Spaniel Club of America

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English Toy Spaniel Breed History

- Toy spaniels originally referred to as *comforter spaniell* or *spaniell gentile*
- First recorded history in 1570 by Dr. Caius
 - personal physician to Elizabeth I
- Breed prominence during the reign of the Stuart kings
 - Charles I and Charles II.
- Common name of “*King Charles Spaniel*” or “*Charlie*” given to breed in honor of Charles II
- Recognized officially as King Charles Spaniel in every country, but US
- Breed origin as a result of crosses with the

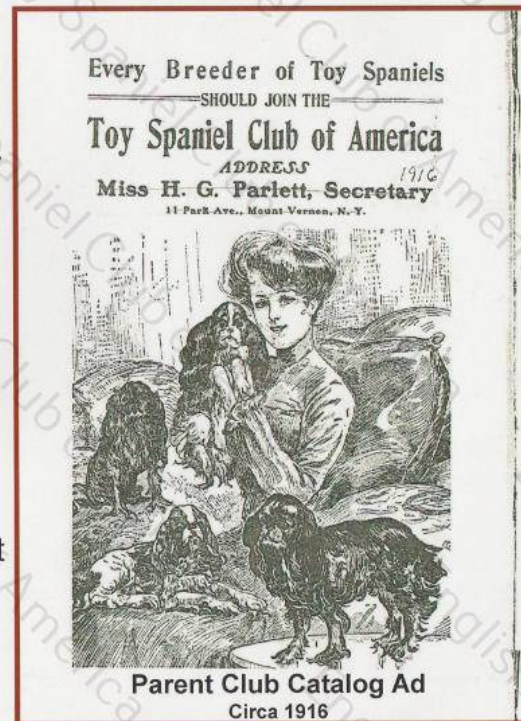


Continental Spaniel by the Bulldog, Pug, Japanese Spaniels and Pekingese

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English Toy Spaniel Breed History

- Breed popularity peaked during Edwardian period
- Massive global decline in breed population leading up to World War II
 - In UK, many dogs were put down for fear of raids, as well as, lack of food
- **(1886)**- First Toy Spaniel registered in US
- **(1892)**- English Toy Spaniel breed officially recognized by the AKC
- **(1895- 1899)**- Breed popularity peaked in US
- **(1925-1950)**- Breed popularity plummeted in US to level of only a handful of breeders
- **(1955-1960)**- Breed numbers so few that there was threat the AKC would rescind breed recognition



English Toy Spaniel Current breed status- US



English Toy Spaniel Club Of America

"Uniting fanciers and promoting the breed"

- Monthly individual registrations 2nd lowest for any toy breed
- Examples (individual registrations)
 - Shih Tzu 1541
 - Pug 901

- Monthly litter registrations lowest for any toy breed
- Pekingese 124
- ETS (both Varieties) 23
(August 2008/ AKC Gazette)

English Toy Spaniel Varieties

- **Two (2) Varieties/ Divided by color alone**
- **King Charles & Ruby (KC&R)**
 - Referred to as *Solids* or *Solid Colors*
 - King Charles = Black and Tan
 - Ruby = Red
 - Only allowable white is a small (quarter-sized) patch on the chest
- **Blenheim & Prince Charles (B&PC)**
 - Referred to as *Brokens* or *Broken Colors*
 - Blenheim = Red & White
 - Prince Charles = Tri-color (Black & White with tan points)
 - Both comprised of a pearly white ground color broken with patches of red or black
 - Pearly white is an iridescent white not an ice white
 - Note: There is no Black & White coloration



English Toy Spaniel Breed Standard

- **Balance**
 - Compact, cobby dog with big round head
- **Head** (*Large in comparison to size of dog*)
 - Dome
 - Nose placement



- Eyes
- Muzzle/ Jaw
- Ear Set
- **Body**
 - Square in all proportions
 - Long, straight coat
 - Bone
- **Movement**
 - Strong & Forward
- **Temperament**
 - Sophisticated, Aloof
 - Happy, Proud, Confident



English Toy Spaniel Breed Standard- Balance

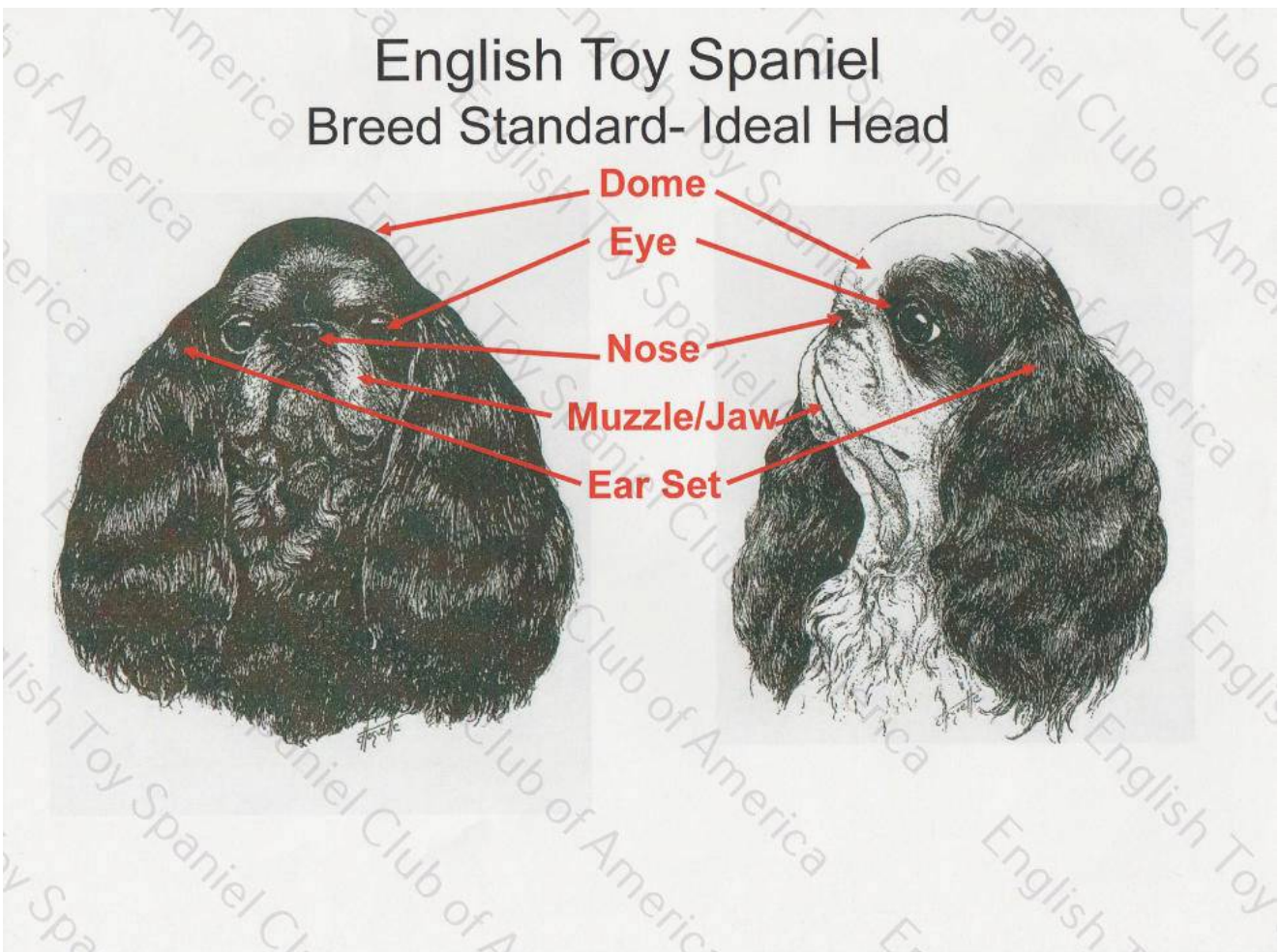
- A compact, cobby and essentially square toy dog
- A large, domed head, short laid back nose, lustrous round dark eye, and a well-cushioned face leading to a soft expression
- The ETS is a head breed- the head makes the ETS different
- ***The most important characteristics of the breed are exemplified by the head***



English Toy Spaniel Breed Standard- Ideal Head



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English Toy Spaniel 1959 Breed Standard- Ideal Head Point of Reference

**In 1959, 55/100
points in standard
allocated to head**

the muzzle, snout and eye
Prince Charles has no "spot," that being a particular feature of the Blenheim.

SCALE OF POINTS

King Charles, or Black and Tan.
Prince Charles, White, with Black and Tan Markings.
Ruby, or Red.

Symmetry, condition, size and soundness of limb	20	Eyes	10
Head	15	Ears	15
Stop	5	Coat and feathering	15
Muzzle	10	Color	10
		TOTAL	100

Blenheim, or White with Red Markings.

Symmetry, condition, size and soundness of limb	15	Eyes	10
Head	15	Ears	10
Stop	5	Coat and feathering	15
Muzzle	10	Color and markings	15
		Spot	5
		TOTAL	100

DISQUALIFICATIONS

King Charles and Ruby: A white patch on the chest, or white on any other part.

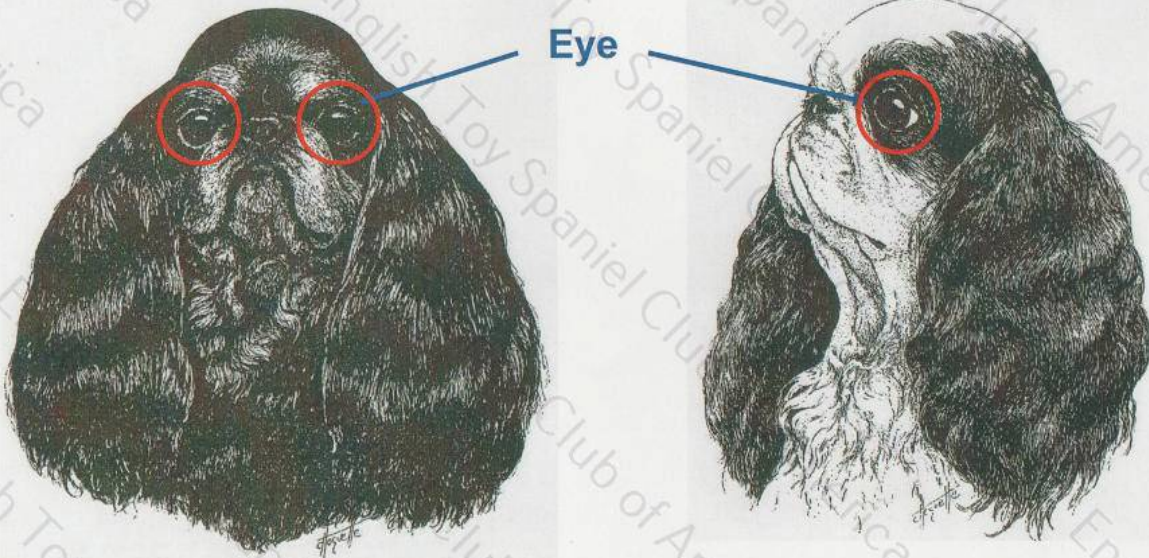
Approved July 14, 1959

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Eyes should be very dark and very round

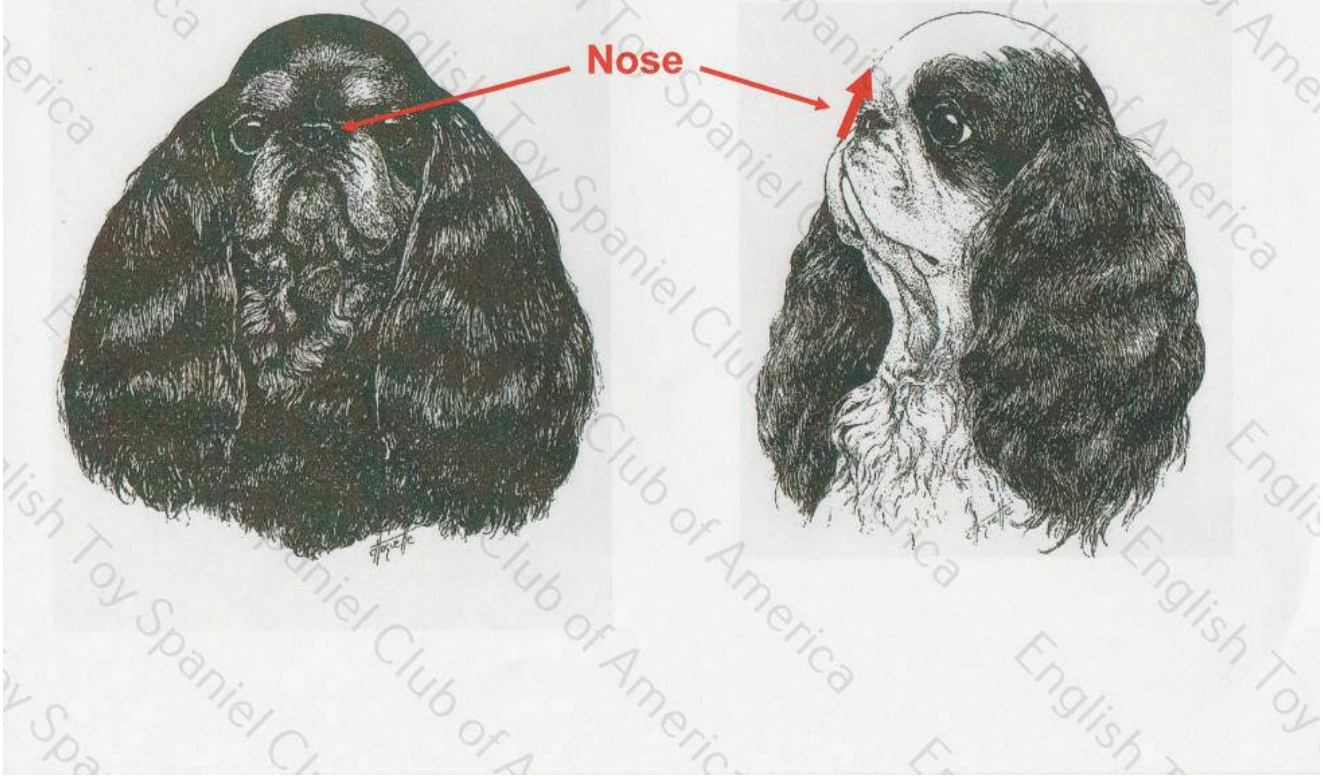
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Correct alignment is a straight line from outer canthus of eye to inner canthus of eye across the top of the nose





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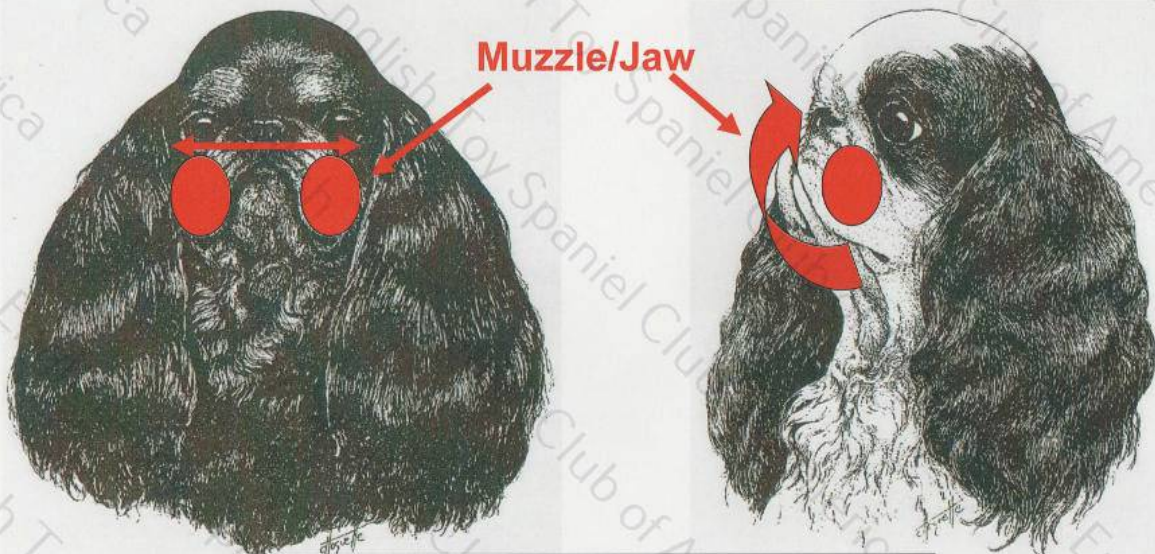


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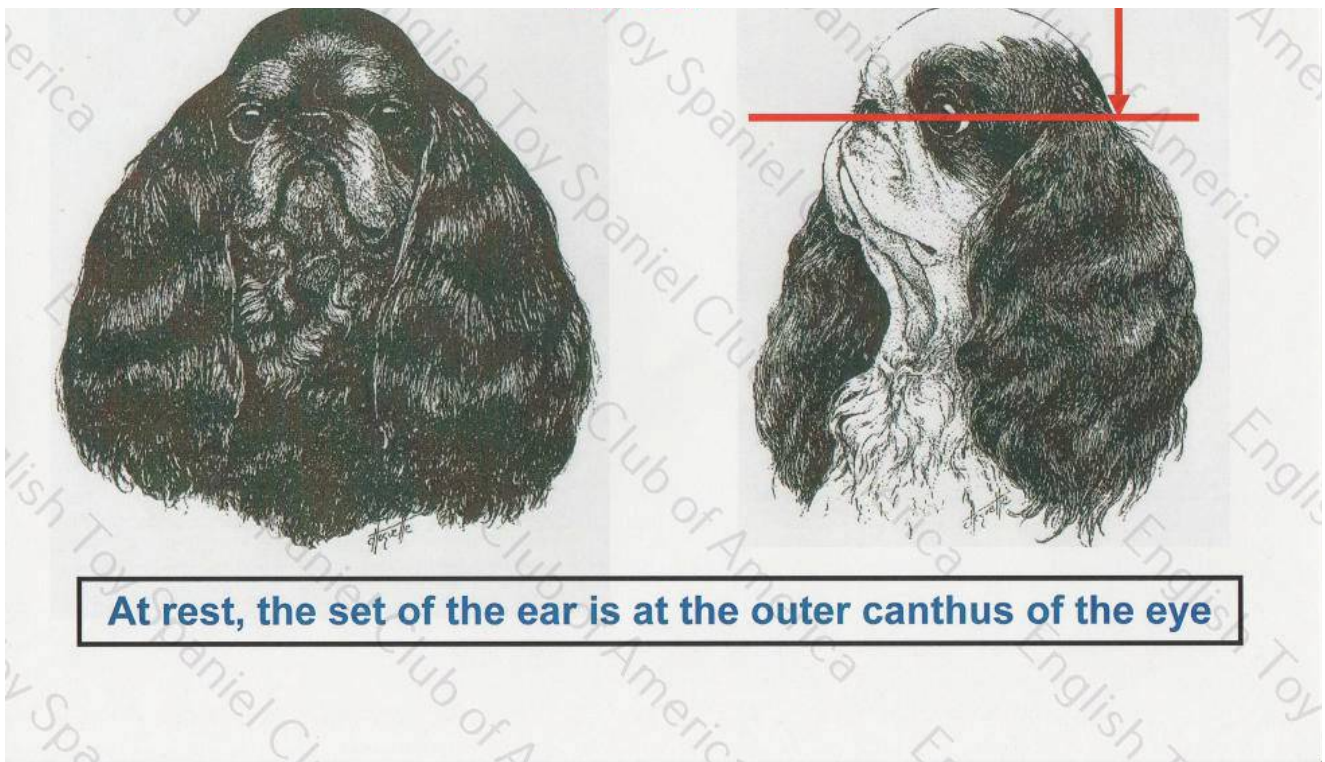
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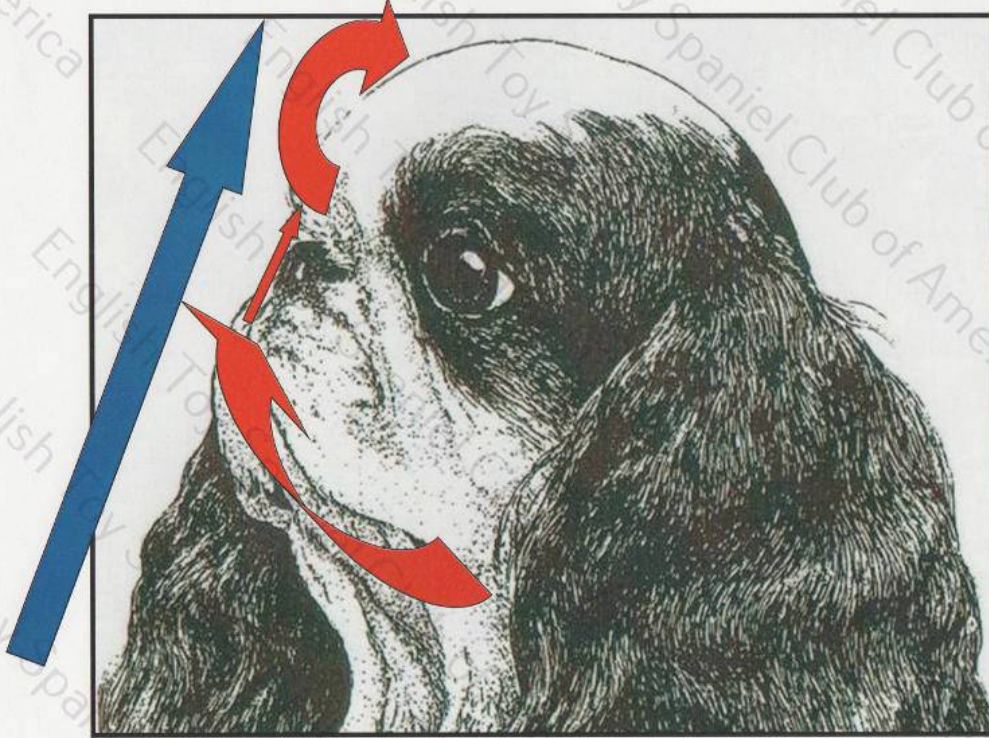
Wide full muzzle under eye
Upturn and finish to lower jaw

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Ear Set



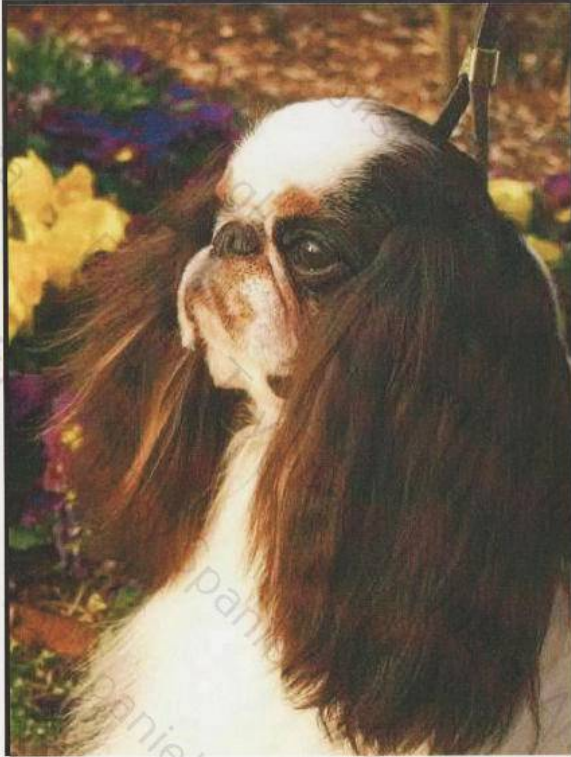
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English Toy Spaniel Ideal Head- Practical

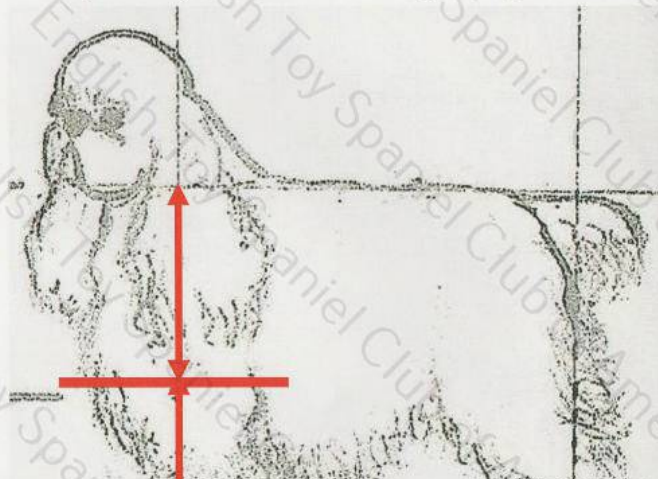


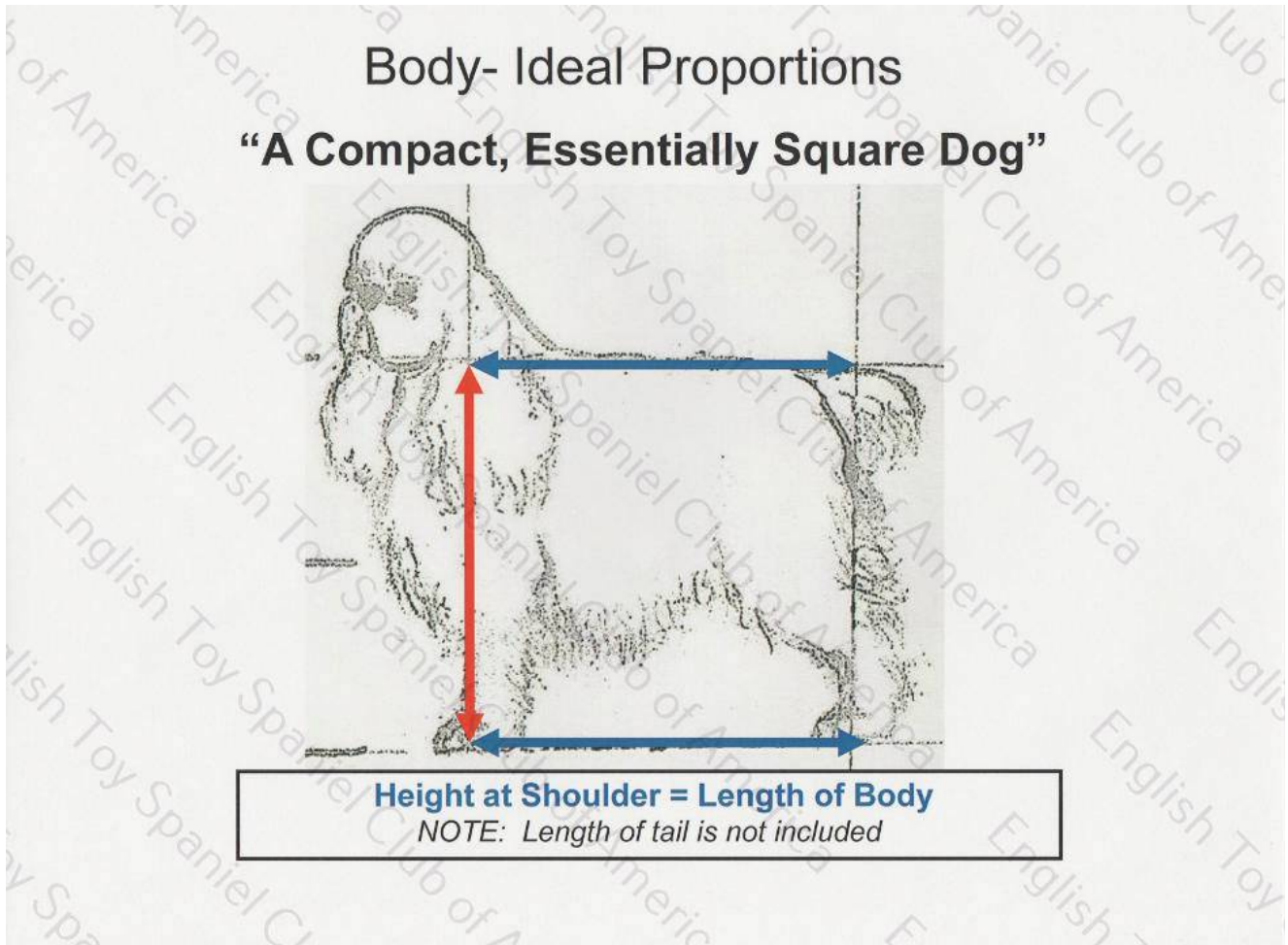
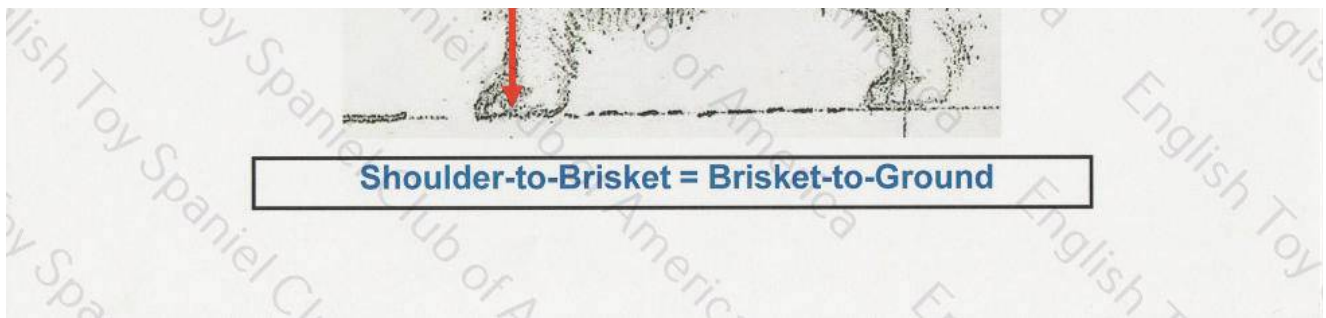
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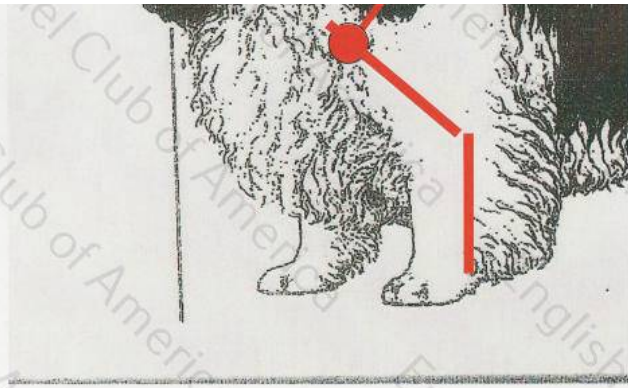
Body- Ideal Proportions

“A Compact, Essentially Square Dog”



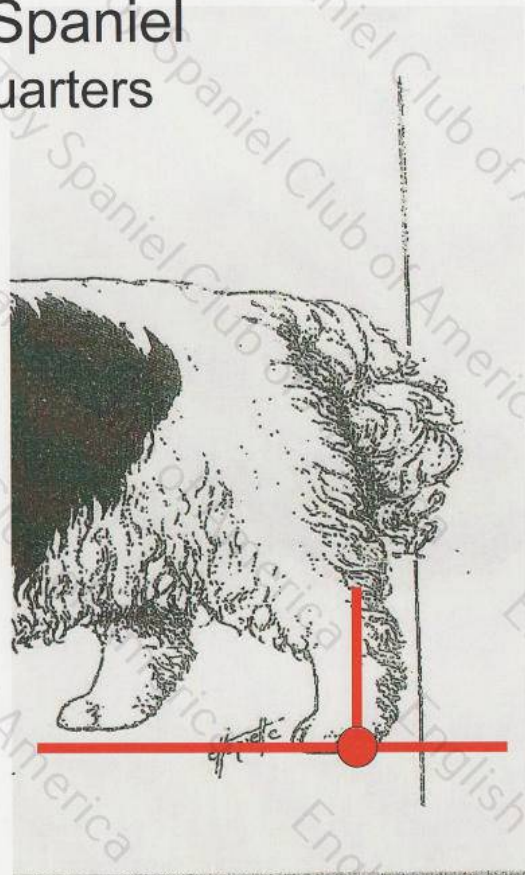


- Straight legs
- Strong pasterns



English Toy Spaniel Body- Hindquarters

- Nicely angulated rear
- Well-muscled rear
- Hocks are parallel to one another
 - perpendicular to the ground
- Should stand square on four legs



English Toy Spaniel Body- Additional Considerations

- **Back**- Broad with good rib spring
- **Topline**- Level with the tail coming off the back



- **Coat-** Straight, Silky, Long
- **Tail-** Docked 2-4 inches
 - Many are born with a short or “screw tail” which is acceptable
 - Feathering on tail should be 3-4 inches in length
 - Referred to as a flag
- **Bone-** Moderate-to-Heavy
- **Size-** Ideal is 12 –14 lbs
 - All things being equal, smaller is preferred



English Toy Spaniel Movement

- **Good reach and length of stride**
 - Exhibited on side gait
 - Elegant and controlled
- **Sound driving rear**
 - Evident of stable and correct construction
- **Straight and true movement**
 - Coming and going



A dog with correct angulation covering the ground with balanced strides.

NOTE: Breed origins is as lap dog; no gaming, herding or flushing heritage

English Toy Spaniel



Temperament

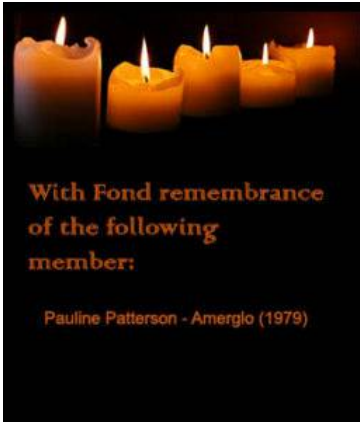
- Interested and affectionate
- Aloof and haughty
 - denoting their royal heritage

NOTE: A Toy Spaniel should never be aggressive



English Toy Spaniel Judging Examination

- Never examine ETS on the ground or stand over ETS in a ring
- When assessing bite, never pry open or into an ETS mouth
 - Slide thumb or finger over lower jaw
 - If questionable, ask exhibitor to open mouth to view bite
- In large entries and after individual examinations, ask exhibitors to pick the dogs up for comparative examination of head
 - **Remember this is a head breed.**
- Ask steward for ages. ETS are very slow to mature.
 - Most ETS do not get body and coat until they are 3-4 years of age
 - ETS are commonly shown as Specials until they are 6 or 7 years of age or longer



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