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AKC Standard:

General Appearance

The whole appearance of this breed should give an impression of grace and symmetry and of great speed and endurance coupled with strength and activity to enable it to kill gazelle or other quarry over deep sand or rocky mountains.



The expression should be dignified and gentle with deep, faithful, far seeing eyes. Dogs should average in height 23 to 28 inches and bitches may be considerably smaller, this being very typical of the breed

Temperament



- *Aloof with strangers however he is a confident hound.*
- *Should be approached from the front with slower movements*



AKC Standard:

Head

Long and narrow, skull moderately wide between the ears, not domed, stop not pronounced, the whole showing great quality.



- *Moderately wide backskull for jaw muscle attachment*
- *Pronounced zygomatic arch serves as the attachment origin for the jaw muscles*





AKC Standard:

Nose

black or liver



- *Nose pigment should be rich, full, and deep*
- *Liver pigment may be seen in chocolate, red, gold, and cream colored salukis*









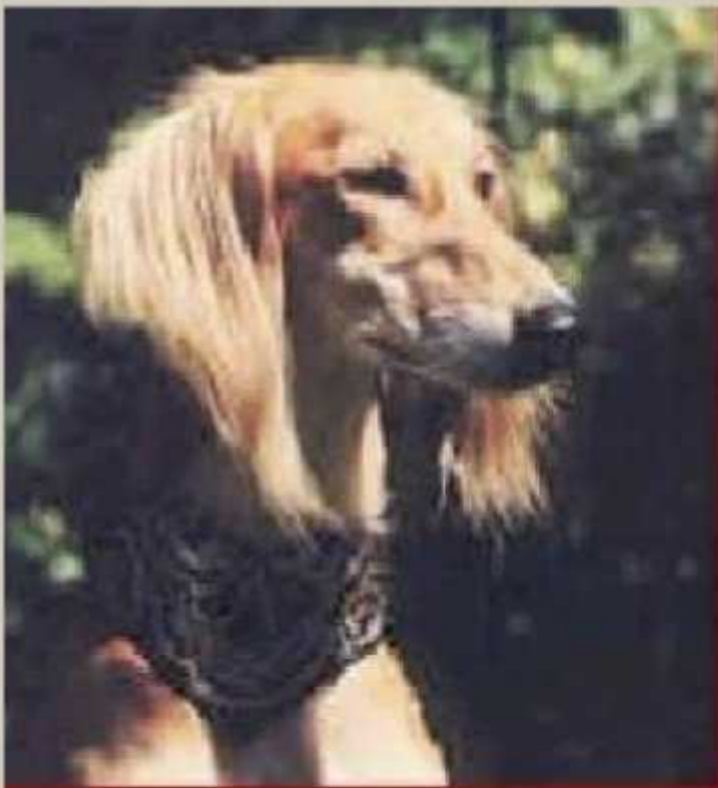
AKC Standard:

Ears

Long and covered with long silky hair hanging close to the skull and mobile.



- *High ear set desirable for breed type*
- *Feathering should be silky - quantity not important*
- *Ear leathers have great mobility*



AKC Standard:

Eyes

Dark to hazel and bright; large and oval, but not prominent.



- *Eye color will range from nearly black to light gold*
- *Eyes set obliquely on head*



AKC Standard:
Teeth
Strong and level



- *Scissors bite is correct*
- *Level bite is correct*
- *Need to be large enough and strong enough to take game*
- *Overshot and Undershot bites should be penalized*

AKC Standard:

Neck:

Long, supple and well muscled.



- *To catch and carry game, the neck must be well set into the shoulders*
- *Skinny or Ewe Necks should be penalized*
- *In retrieving game, the saluki may carry a 6 to 8 pound hare over long distances returning to the hunter*



AKC Standard:

Chest:

Deep and moderately narrow.



- *Diverse group of Salukis showing front fill and depth*

AKC Standard:

Forequarters:

Shoulders sloping and set well back, well muscled without being coarse. Forelegs straight and long from the elbow to the knee.



- *Moderation is the key. Balance from front to rear is important.*
- *Height is gained through length of leg*
- *Openness of front and rear assemblies will vary within the types.*



AKC Standard:

*Shoulders sloping and
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being coarse.*







AKC Standard:

Hindquarters:

Strong, hipbones set well apart and stifle moderately bent, hocks low to the ground, showing galloping and jumping power.

- *Somewhat prominent hipbones set well apart provide greater surface area for muscle attachment*
- *Angulation and musculature should be in balance with the forequarters assembly*
- *Broad pelvic assembly provides attachment areas for large muscle groupings needed for impulsion*





AKC Standard:

Loin and Back:

Back fairly broad, muscles slightly arched over loin.



- *Loin muscling is an indicator of the fitness and condition of the Saluki*
- *A well constructed, well conditioned back and loin is essential for double-suspension gallop*





AKC Standard:

Feet:

Of moderate length, toes long and well arched, not splayed out, but at the same time not cat-footed; the whole being strong and supple and well feathered between the toes.



- The old saying "No Hoof - No Horse" applies to hunting hounds as well. After all, they DO run on their feet!*
- Foot pads need to be tough and toes strong to deal with harsh terrain and wrenching turns.*
- The foot needs to be deep to accommodate the required depth of pad.*



Double Suspension Gallop



Movement in the Ring







A Flexible back is also essential for Break Dancing.....



AKC Standard:

Tail:

Long, set on low and carried naturally in a curve, well feathered on the underside with long silky hair, not bushy.



- *Set on Low and Carried in a Curve - NOT Necessarily Carried in a Low Curve*
- *Often when happy, the Saluki will carry his tail above his topline*

AKC Standard:

Coat:

Smooth and of a soft silky texture, slight feather on the legs, feather at the back of the thighs and sometimes with slight woolly feather on the thigh and shoulder.

The Smooth coat has no feathering.



- *Both the smooth and feathered varieties have short, silky coats.*
- *The smooth variety has no feathering*
- *Quantity of feathering is irrelevant*

Color is Immaterial



- *The standard lists the colors known from the foundation stock of the registered salukis in the early 1900's.*
- *All colors and patterns exist in the Saluki gene pool*
- *No preference should be given for color or pattern*











































