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Croatian Kennel Club

Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Istarski kratkodlaki i oštrodlaki gonič

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FCI group VI.

Standard No. 151 & 152



Origin: Croatia

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UTILIZATION: A hound with lots of stamina particularly fitted for hare, fox and boar hunting but can also be used as a tracking leash hound.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 6 Scenthounds and related breeds.

Section 1.2 Medium sized scenthounds

With working trial.



BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY



Breed History

Istrian Short-Haired Hound



The breed descends from an old type of the "East Adriatic white hound with markings". The earliest proof of this can be seen in the Franciscan monastery in Dubrovnik, which originates from the time between 1327 and 1348. The Capital column of four dogs shows the old type of this hound (■).

The Istrian Short Haired Hound can be found on a painting from the year 1474, "The bow of the three kings", in the cemetery chapel next to the village of Beram, Istria (■).

The altar painting from the year 1476, "The mother of Mercifulness", in the church of the Saint Francis in Zadar (■-next page), where in the left bottom corner an ancestor of today's Istrian Hound is shown. He was shown then with a three-coloured coat.

The description of this hound can be found in the manuscript of the Đakovo Bishop Petar Bakić from the year 1719, where it says that the breeding of the Istrian Hound was already known before the 14th century. The first Standard for the Short-haired Istrian Hound was published by the FCI on the 2nd of April 1955.



Breed History

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound



he breed descends from the “East Adriatic white hound with markings”. The hair is wire-haired due to the climate, where the breed was bred. These are mountain areas at the east Adriatic coast, where temperatures are low.

The earliest description of the wire-haired

Istrian Hound can be found in the manuscript of the Đakovo Bishop Petar Bakić from the year 1719, where it says that the breeding of this breed was already known before the 14th century. The earliest picture document of this breed can be found in the cathedral of the Evangelist Markus in Makarska. FCI published the first standard for the Istrian Wire-Haired Hound on the 6th of April 1955.





Istrian Hounds as a major part of Croatian National Team World Dog Show 1997, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

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Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

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**Istrian Short-Haired
and Wire-Haired Hound**

**Standard
with commentary**

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Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЋ



Male



Female

General Appearance

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

A dog of noble appearance with a hound-like strong body, of medium size. Slender, elegant body without any coarseness, with harmonic movements and short, fine hair of snow-white colour with orange markings on the head and body. The difference between male and female has to be distinctive.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:

Rectangular body; length to exceed height at the withers.
Height to the elbow: about 50% of the height at the withers.
The length of skull to slightly exceed the length of muzzle.

BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT:

The breed is easy to train for hunting and is very popular with the huntsmen due to its excellent hunting abilities. This hound is particularly suited for hunting in rough, rocky areas (Karst-areas) but also in all other hunting areas. The voice is strong and melodic. Of lively temperament, gentle, docile, obedient, neither nervous nor aggressive. Devoted to his owner. Wary of strangers.



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ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЋ



Male



Female

General Appearance

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

A dog of rustic appearance and strong hound-like body, of medium size with characteristic longer coarse hair of snow-white colour with orange coloured markings on the head and on the body. Due to the wire-haired coat this breed appears robust. The difference between male and female has to be distinctive.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:

Rectangular body; length to clearly exceed height at the withers.
 Height to the elbow: about 50% of the height at the withers.
 The length of skull to slightly exceed the length of muzzle.

BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT:

The breed is easy to train for hunting and its constitution makes it possible to use him for hunting in any weather condition and also in rough, rocky or hill terrain. His voice is of medium tone but it also has deeper sounds. Gentle, even temperament, with a stern expression. Devoted to his owner.



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ISTARSKI KRATKODLAKI I OŠTRODLAKI GONIČ



Head

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

The head is in good proportion to the body of the dog and of an elegant and longish form. The head shows slight divergent lines.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Slightly longer than the muzzle, it is broadest between the ears. The temporal area is rounded. The occipital protuberance is slightly marked and the frontal furrow is moderately developed.

Stop: Slightly developed.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Must not be higher or lower set than the nose bridge, the nostrils are well open. The whole nose leather and the inside of the nostrils have to be black or brown pigmented. Partially nonpigmented nose leather (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but is not desirable.

Muzzle: Strong, slightly shorter than the skull, tapering gradually from the stop towards the nose. Neither too narrow nor too pointed. The nose bridge is straight.



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ISTARSKI KRATKODLAKI I OŠTRODLAKI GONIČ



Head

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

The head is well proportioned in relation to the body of the dog. The head shows slight divergent lines.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Slightly longer than the muzzle, broadest between the ears. The temporal area is rounded. The occipital protuberance and the frontal furrow are well developed. The skull is covered with strands of softer and longer hair.

Stop: Moderately developed.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Must not be higher or lower than the nose bridge, the nostrils are well open. The whole nose leather and the inside of the nostrils have to be black or brown pigmented. Partially non-pigmented nose leather (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but is not desirable.

Muzzle: Strong, slightly shorter than the skull, rectangular, tapering from the stop towards the nose but not pointed, covered with a dense moustache and beard. The nose bridge is straight.



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ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



ISTRIAN SHORT-HAIRED AND WIRE-HAIRED HOUND COMMENTARY OF THE STANDARD

Written by Boris Špoljarić, dipl.ing., FCI judge

COMMENTARY

Before the beginning of the comment to the standard, it should be pointed out that both Istrian Shorthaired and Wirehaired Hound are not typical by its lovely head, scissor bite, rectangular body nor by parallel legs, as these are the characteristics of almost all hound breeds.

Istrian hounds, as their name is stating, originate from the East Adriatic shore hound group, more precisely it is "the Illyria hound group" for which the following applies:

Dog of lighter "brachoid" type, head of prismatic form with hanging ears. The body is rectangular, with characteristic hair and distinctive color.

When the premise says that Istrian hound is brachoid type it refers to its rectangular body whose length exceeds height for 8-12%.

With Istrian Shorthaired Hound this index is around 8-10 %, while with Wirehaired it is 10-12%.

Slightly divergent head lines, moderate stop, eyes of subfrontal position, with medium sized high set folded ears.

The movement should be harmonious and elegant.





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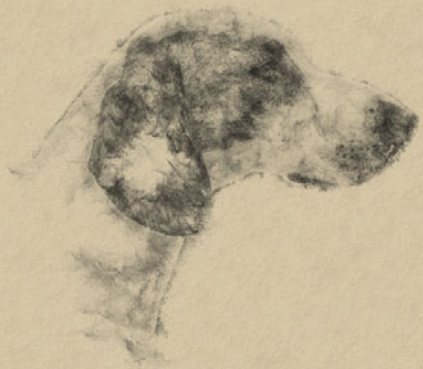
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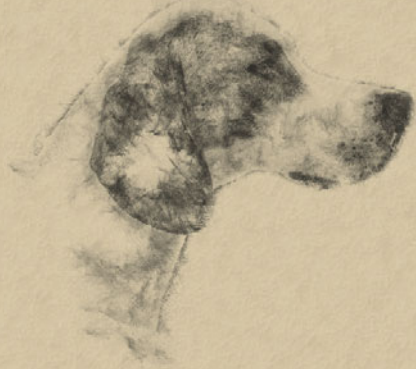
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Thick, too pronounced lips*



*Muzzle too light,
Weak underjaw*



Roman nose



Convergent lines of head

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

Lips: Thin, tight, well fitting to the jaw.
The labial commissure is not visible.
Fully pigmented in correspondence with the colour of the nose leather.
Partially non-pigmented lips (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but are not desirable.

Jaws/Teeth: The The jaws are strong and well developed. The teeth are white and well placed in the jaw. Scissors bite. The incisors are vertically placed into the jaw. A complete dentition is desirable (42 teeth in accordance with the dental formula). Missing premolars PM1 and molars M3 are not taken into account.
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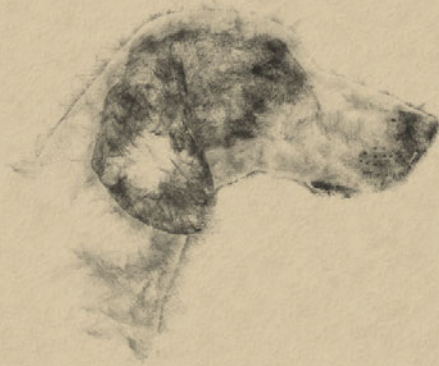
Cheeks: The chewing muscle and the cheekbone must not be too accentuated.

Eyes: Medium size, set moderately wide apart and placed semi frontal in an angle of 10–15 degrees to the horizontal line. Oval shaped, colour is dark brown and the expression intelligent. The eyelids must not be limp or show signs of Entropion or Ectropion. The eyelids to be pigmented in accordance with the colour of the nose leather. Partially non-pigmented eyelids (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but are not desirable.

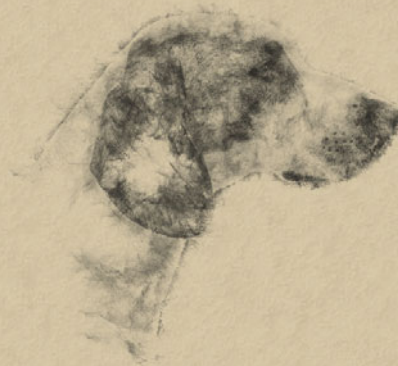


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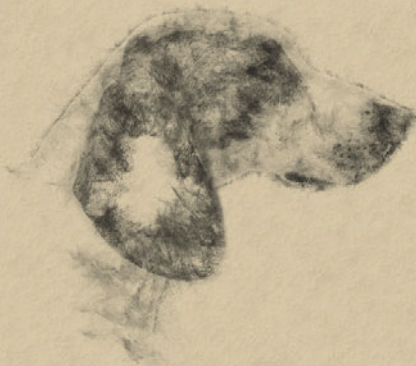
ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



Muzzle too long



Muzzle too short



*Ears too large
and set too low*



*Ears too small
and set too high*

Ears: Dropped, lying close to the head, their tip touches the skull; set at eye level. The ear has the shape of an isosceles with a rounded tip, medium length and when drawn towards the nose has to reach the labial commissure. The ears are thin and must not show any wrinkles, be bent in or carried sticking out. They are covered with short hair.

NECK: Strong and well muscled placed at an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal line. It tapers slightly towards the head. The skin on the neck is taut without dewlap or very pronounced folds.

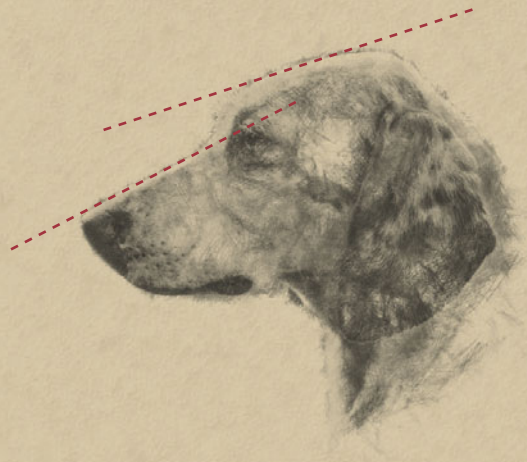




Ear and eye varieties

Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЋ



Correct line of ear set in relation to eye and nose



Ear set too high



Ear not folded enough (terrier-like ear)



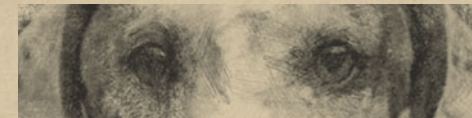
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Ear folded backwards



Correct oval shape of eye



Not correct, protruding round shaped eyes



Not correct, St. Hubert-like slack lower lids



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ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



*Muzzle too heavy,
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*Muzzle too light,
Weak underjaw*



Roman nose



Convergent lines of head

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

Lips: Medium thickness, close fitting to the jaw, the labial commissure is not visible. Fully pigmented in correspondence with the colour of the nose leather. Partially non-pigmented lips (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but are not desirable.

Jaws/Teeth: The jaws are strong, well developed and the teeth are white and placed evenly. Scissors bite. The incisors are placed vertically into the jaw. A complete dentition is desirable (42 teeth in accordance with the dental formula). Missing premolars PM1 and molars M3 are not taken into account. The missing of other teeth is undesirable.

Cheeks: The chewing muscle and the cheekbone must not be too accentuated.

Eyes: Medium size, set moderately wide apart and placed semi frontal in an angle of 10–15 degrees to the horizontal line. Oval shaped, colour is dark brown and the expression intelligent. The eyelids must not be limp or show signs of Entropion or Ectropion.

The eyelids to be pigmented in accordance with the colour of the nose leather. Partially non-pigmented eyelids (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but are not desirable.



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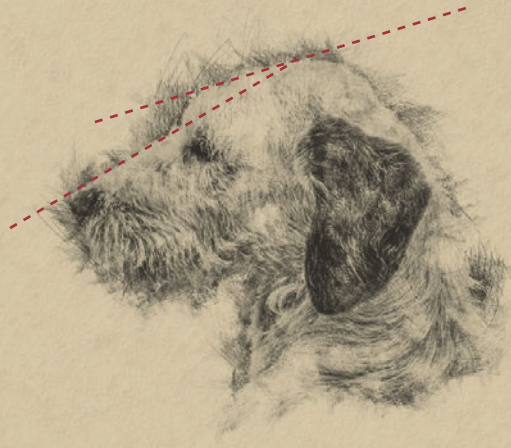




Ear and eye varieties

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Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић



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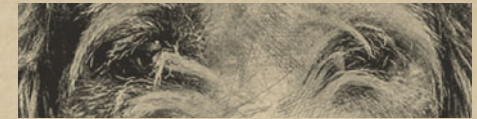
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Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ISTARSKI KRATKODLAKI I OŠTRODLAKI GONIČ

COMMENTARY OF THE STANDARD

GENERAL APPEARANCE

When judging Istrian hounds, as well as some other breeds, "breed type" should be emphasized. It implies typical proportions of head and body, movement, characteristic coat and colour. The difference between male and female needs to be distinctive.

Breeds history tells us that the Istrian short-haired hound represents a transitional form from the more heavy Central-east hounds towards lighter type of Mediterranean Hounds. This can be seen on its lightweight structure, elongated, fine head, elegant body and short coat.

Istrian wirehaired hound, unlike Istrian short-haired hound, is more powerful, but still not as heavy as the breeds of a group of Central-east hounds. Certain robustness comes as a result of breeding in higher coastal mountain regions of East Adriatic coast with colder climate. External factors caused stronger dog with harsh wire hair (short hair mutated to wire). This gives distinctive visual breed robust look.

Breed specimens too light or too heavy in type should be penalized according to the degree of deviation from the desired type. Dogs which are by their shape of the head, tail set, movement, coat and colour reminding on some other dog breeds shall be disqualified.

Behaviour/Temperament

Istrian hounds are lively, devoted, independent and easy to train. They need a lot of movement, while in the diet are not overly picky. They must not be aggressive or overly shy.

Istrian Shorthaired hound is very lively, gentle, wary of strangers, very keen on water, while Istrian Wirehaired Hound is more calm but yet enough lively dog, by nature sharper than Shorthaired hound.

Head

The head must be in proportion and harmony with the rest of the body and not too wide in the skull area. The length of head is 45% of height at the withers, elegant. Length of skull from the occipital protuberance to the stop is approximately 10% of length of muzzle from the stop to the tip of the nose.

The upper line of the skull and the upper line of the muzzle are slightly divergent (all hounds from southeast Europe have slightly divergent head lines).

Parallel lines of head are fault while the convergent lines of head are atypical for all hound breeds. Dogs with convergent lines of head shall be disqualified.

The head of the Istrian wirehaired hound is stronger than the head of the Istrian short-haired hound. It gives visual impression of robustness due to its longer, wire hair, which gives it a distinctive look.

Skull must be flat, with a slight lateral rounding.

Istrian shorthaired hound occipital protuberance is slightly marked while with Wirehaired hound it is well-developed. Chewing muscles and zygomatic arches should not be too pronounced, because it disrupts the harmony of the head.

The skin on the entire head should be wrinkle free. Wrinkles should be severely punished.

Istrian shorthaired hound stop has to be defined but not too developed nor overlong. Wirehaired hound has a bit more defined stop but still not too defined nor long.

Muzzle with well developed jaws. They should not be too narrow nor/or too short.

Istrian wirehaired hound has longer hair on muzzle forming moustache and beard.

The nose bridge is straight. Slightly concave nasal bridge with Wirehaired hound is fault while with Istrian Shorthaired hound is severe fault.

Well developed concave or convex nasal bridge with both breeds is disqualifying fault.



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић

Large nose with wide open nostrils, must be completely pigmented, even inside of the nostrils. The colour must be black or brown. Both pigmentation colors are equivalent. Partial non-pigmentation shall be penalized in accordance with its degree, while complete depigmentation must be disqualified.

Lips are tight, well fitting to the jaw. The labial commissure is not visible. Fully pigmented in correspondence with the colour of the nose leather. Partially non-pigmented lips (partially pink coloured) must be penalized in accordance with its degree.

Teeth

Only scissor bite. A complete set of teeth (42 teeth) is desired, as described in standard. Pincer (level) bite is not disqualification while all other variations are not allowed, such as undershot, overshot, reverse scissors, cross bite etc. Based on the decision of the FCI missing premolars PM1 and molars M3 are not taken into account. Missing of other premolars (P2, P3, P4), if occurs, it should be penalized in accordance with its degree. Lack of any teeth: incisor, canine or molar (with the exception of M3) must be disqualified.

Eyes

Oval, in a sub-frontal position placed at an angle of 10-15°. The eye colour (iris) is dark brown in accordance with the muzzle colour and markings. Light eye is a fault which should be penalized in accordance with its degree. Round eyes horizontally set, protruding or deep set eyes are faults which need to be severely penalized. Eyelids tightly fitting to the eyeball, not loose or limp. They must not show signs of entropion or ectropion. If it occurs, it should be severely penalized. It is desirable that eye rims are completely pigmented in accordance with the colour of nose leather. Partially depigmented eyelids (partially pink coloured) can be tolerated but complete depigmentation of both eyelids must be disqualified. Istrian wirehaired hound has longer wiry hair around eyes which is forming eyebrows. Extremely soft hair on eyebrows that tend to create curls should be severely penalized!

Ears

Hanging, set at eye level. Pulled forward, they usually reach the labial commissure. There are specimens whose ears reach to the canines (long ears) or even further than canines (too long ears). Both forms of long ears are not desirable, whereby the appearance of too long ears is more severe fault which should be severely penalized. That is more familiar for "Huberoid" type of hounds. The tip should be slightly rounded. Ears have the shape of an isosceles triangle (triangular drop V ears). They are fine in texture and soft to the touch, velvet like. Very rounded tip of ears is not desirable, it should be penalized. The ears must not show any wrinkles, be bent in or carried sticking out. This should be severely penalized.

Neck

Neck should be strong. Shorthaired hound has a bit longer neck (38-40% of height at withers) while with Wirehaired hound this is around 28-30% of height at the withers. The difference occurs because of „Mediterranean hounds group“ influence which is more expressed on shorthaired hound. Neck placed at an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal line. Without excess skin on throat or lower part of neck (no dewlap), whose presence should be penalized.





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Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић



Body



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

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Body



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЋ



Istrian Short-Haired Hound

BODY: Body has to be strong but harmoniously developed.

Withers: Well developed.

Back: Strong, well muscled, level.

Loin: Of medium length, broad, well muscled, firm and well attached to the croup.

Croup: Well muscled, strong, broad, sloping at a 25–30 degrees angle to the horizontal line. Placed a little lower than the withers.

Chest: Deep, broad, capacious but not too broad or barrelled. The rib cage has to reach to the elbows. The ribs are well sprung.

Underline and belly: The underline rises gently from the sternum to the flanks to show a slight tuck up.



Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

BODY: Body has to be strong but harmoniously developed.

Withers: Well pronounced.

Back: Strong, well muscled, level and broad.

Loin: Of moderate length, broad well muscled, tight and well attached to the croup.

Croup: Well muscled, strong, broad, sloping at a 25–30 degrees angle to the horizontal line. Placed a little lower than the withers.

Chest: Deep, broad, capacious but not too broad or barrelled. The rib cage has to reach to the elbows.

Underline and belly: The underline rises slightly from the sternum to the flanks to show a slight tuck up.



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић

COMMENTARY

Body: As already stated, the body has a rectangular shape whose length in relation to the height at the withers is 108-112% (the body is longer of the height at the withers for about 8-12%).

Shorthaired hound is shorter in body than wirehaired hound. Istrian shorthaired hound body is longer for 8-10% while wirehaired hound body is longer for 10-12% of height at the withers This also can be connected to shorthaired hound connection to Mediterranean hounds. A bit longer body (111-114% with Shorthaired hound and 113-116% with Wirehaired hound) is a fault and it should be penalized in accordance with its degree.

Square body is not typical for any hound breed so it has to be penalized. If body is shorter than the height at the withers (100:99-95) it must be disqualified. Back must be well muscled, level and broad. Saddle or roach topline is not desirable, it is a fault and it should be penalized in accordance with its degree. The topline should be slightly sloping from withers to croup but also straight horizontal line is allowed. The topline which is extremely sloping from withers to croup (as in some breeds of shepherd dogs) is not typical for hounds group and should be severely penalized.

Istrian hounds can have topline of stretched letter "S", it is recommended to tolerate it without penalization. It represents old-fashioned form of back with hounds, sighthounds and sheepdogs. It is more common with Istrain wire-haired hound. A slight "dip" can sometimes occur on the back of Istrian shorthaired hound, which can't be as expressed as in Saluki, but can be extremely mild. It represents the typicality that occurs in all hounds of the Mediterranean region and should be considered typical for a breed.

With Istrian wirehaired hound dip is rare, it is also visually hidden as it is covered by wiry hair.

Loins should be short and muscular, with a muscular croup inclined at an angle of 25- 30 °. Croup placed a little lower than the withers but often is of the same length as height at the withers, which is not a fault.

Chest wide but must not be too broad or barrel-shaped. The circumference (volume) of thorax is about 120% of the height at the withers. The depth of the chest should reach elbows. Chest of Istrian shorthaired hound in its cross section is flat, depth substantially exceeds the width of the chest, while with Istrian Wirehaired hound it is more rounded ie. depth is more equal to the width of the chest. It must not be barrel-shaped – this is fault.

In Istrian shorthaired hounds there are specimens with a shallow chest, it usually misses about 2 cm in depth. This phenomenon is often seen in the group of Mediterranean hounds, and therefore recommended to tolerate. Shallow chest in Istrian Wirehaired Hound is not common, and it should be considered as a severe fault.





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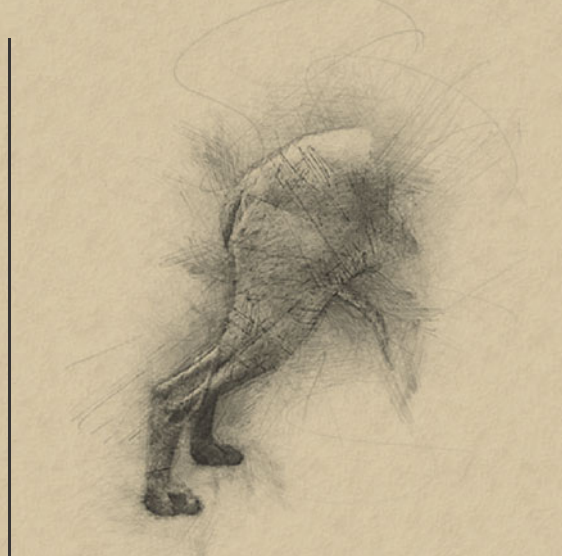
Tail set and carried correctly - relaxed



Tail set and carried correctly - excited



Tail carried too high



Tail tucked under the body

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

TAIL: Set as a continuation of the line of the croup. Strong at the root, gradually tapering towards the tip of the tail. Stretched downwards it reaches the hock or even below. Sabre shaped tail carried below the topline.

Carried higher when the dog is excited (in affect) is tolerated, however tail must not be carried above back or bent in under the body.

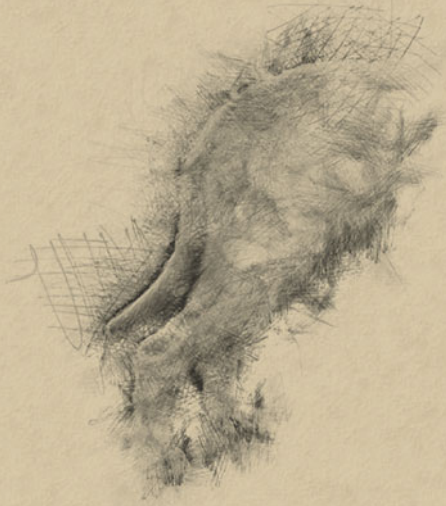
Tail to be well covered with short hair. Sometimes the underside of the tail has slightly longer hair (brush), which is not recommended.





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЋ



Tail set and carried correctly - relaxed



Tail set and carried correctly - excited



Tail carried too high



Tail tucked under the body

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

TAIL: Set as a continuation of the line of the croup. Strong at the root, gradually tapering towards the tip of the tail. Stretched downwards it reaches the hock or even below.

Sabre shaped tail, carried below the topline. Tail carried higher when the dog is excited (in affect) is tolerated but it must not be carried above the back nor bent in under the body. Tail to be well covered with hair, longer on the underside of the tail.

Tail

Set as a continuation of the line of the croup. Reaching approximately to the hock or slightly longer. It must not be too thick but in proportion to the body, carried sabre-shaped (as in all hounds). Tail curved on back should be penalized while rolled tail is completely atypical for the breed and must be disqualified. Tail to be well covered with short hair. Sometimes the underside of the tail of Istrian Shorthaired hound has slightly longer hair (brush), which can be tolerated. Pronounced brush must be penalized. Istrian wirehaired hound tail is well covered with hair, longer on the underside of the tail, but must not be too pronounced, crest-like. It must be severely penalized.



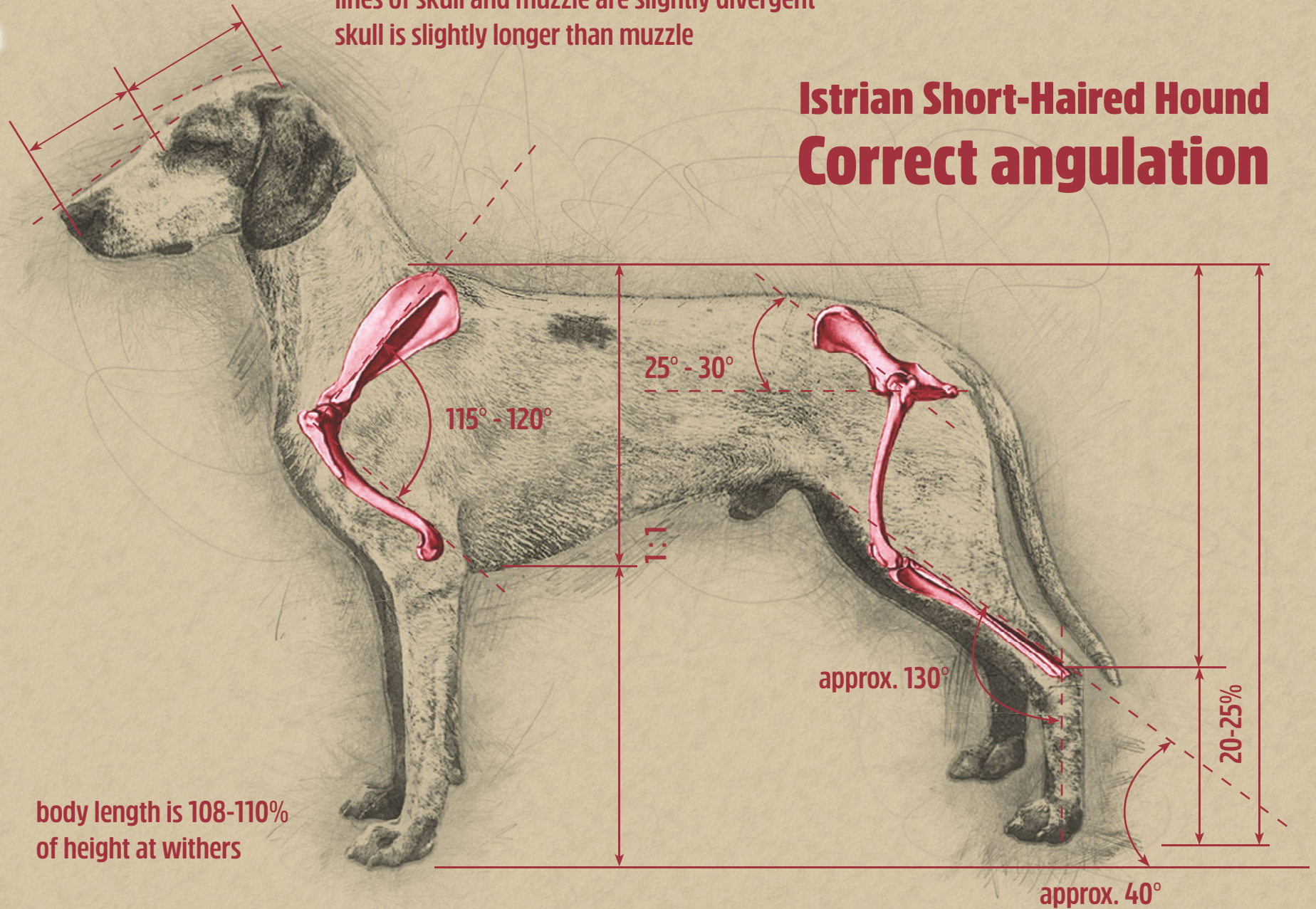


Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истари краткодлаки и остроглаки гонић

lines of skull and muzzle are slightly divergent
skull is slightly longer than muzzle

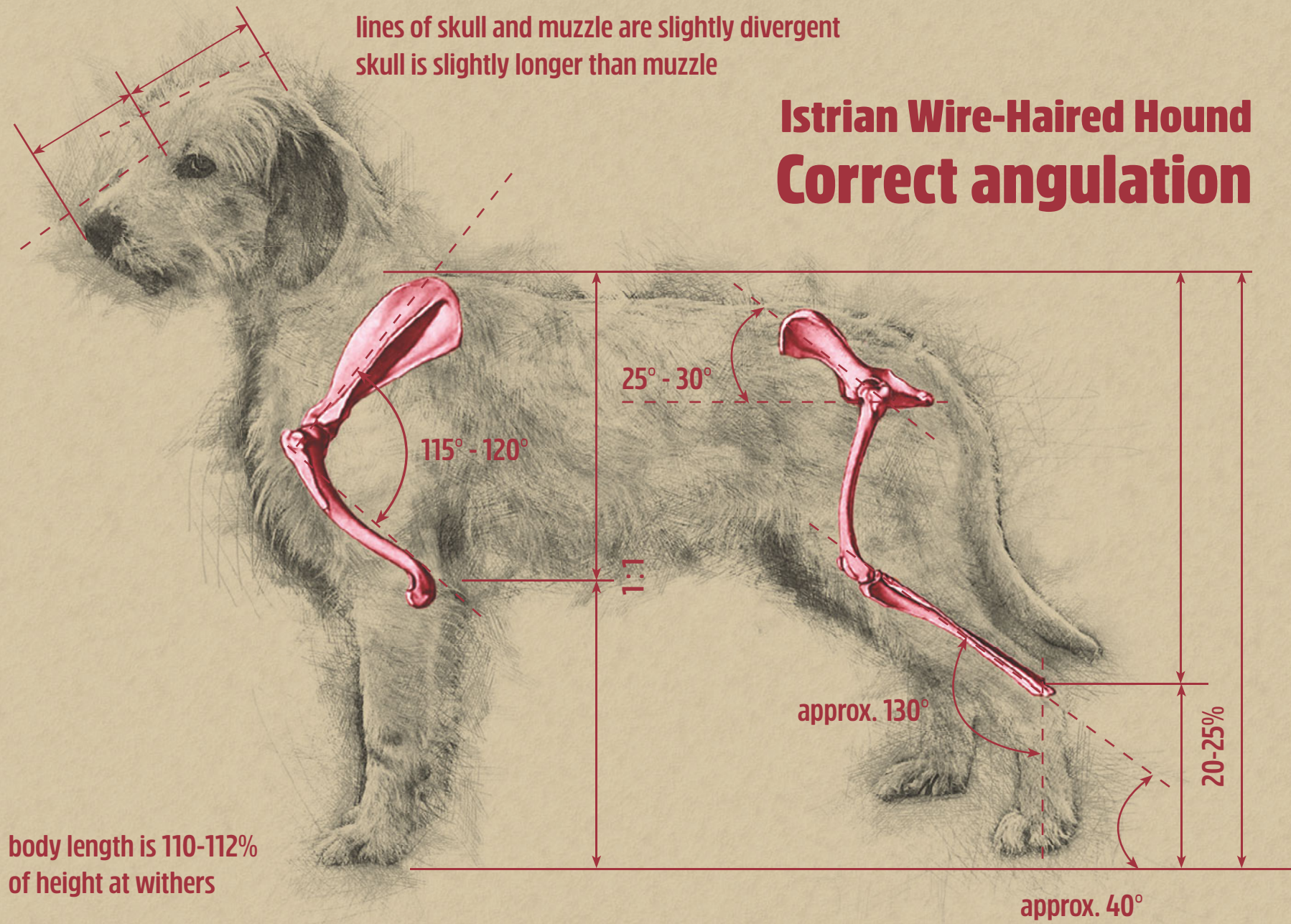
Istrian Short-Haired Hound Correct angulation





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић





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Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: The forequarters must be in good proportion to the body and show even angles.

Shoulder: Of medium length, muscular. The shoulder angle is 115–120 degrees.

Elbow: Close to the body.

Forearm: Bone strong and rounded but never massive, muscle tone strong. Parallel seen from front.

Carpus (Wrist): Short and elastic.

Metacarpus (Pastern): Elastic, slightly sloping.

Forefeet: Oval shaped with tight toes and strong nails and pads.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Strong and elastic in action.

Thigh: Strong and well muscled.

Lower thigh: Forming an angle of about 40 degrees to the horizontal line.

Hock joint: Strong and firm. The hock angle is about 130 degrees.

Metatarsus (Rear pastern): Nearly vertical to the ground, solid and elastic.

Hind feet: Oval shaped with tight toes and strong nails and pads.

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: The forequarters must be in good proportion to the body.

Shoulder: Of medium length, muscular. The shoulder angle is 115–120 degrees.

Elbow: Close fitting to the body.

Forearm: Strong, rounded bone with strong muscle tone. Parallel seen from the front.

Carpus (Wrist): Short and elastic.

Metacarpus (Pastern): Elastic, slightly sloping.

Forefeet: Oval shaped with tight toes and strong nails and pads.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Strong and elastic in action.

Thigh: Strong, broad and well muscled.

Lower thigh: Forming an angle of ca 40 degrees to the horizontal line.

Hock joint: Strong and solid. The hock angle is cca. 130 degrees.

Metatarsus (Rear pastern): Nearly vertical to the ground, solid and elastic.

Hind feet: Oval shaped with tight toes and strong nails and pads.





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ISTARSKI KRATKODLAKI I OŠTRODLAKI GONIĆ



*Correct stance
of front legs*



*Front stance
too wide*



*Front stance
too narrow*



*French stance
of front legs*

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS: The forelegs must be in proportion to the body with correct angulations. The shoulder angle is around 115-120°. Forearm is vertical, the bones are developed in proportion to the body and strong (round), parallel and elbows close fitting to the body. In movement the forelegs are carried straightforward, with neither elbows nor feet turned in or out. It should be penalized.

The distance from the ground to the elbow is equal to the distance from the elbow to the withers, ratio is 1:1. This must be especially controlled in wirehaired hound as there can occur shorter legs (shorter lower leg) as a consequence of the historical influences of Western European hounds. This is not wanted and must be severely penalized. Dogs with extremely short legs (Dachshund type) should be disqualified.

The toes are compact, oval shape are typical for breed. The nails should preferably be pigmented but depigmented nails should not be penalized.





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

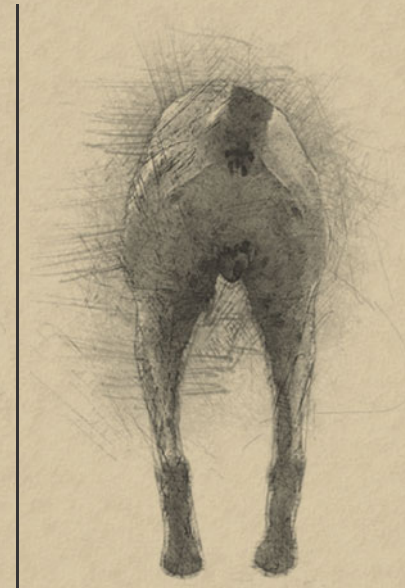
ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



*Correct stance
of hind legs*



*Hind stance
too wide*



*Hind stance
too narrow*



*Hind stance
displaying cow hocks*

LIMBS

HINDQUARTERS: As described they must be in proportion to the body. Strong and well developed muscles. Lower thigh must be developed in proportion to the body, the stifle has an angle of 40 degree to the horizontal line, the angle of the hock is around 130°.

The length of the hocks is around 20-25% of the height at the withers. Hindlegs are parallel, hocks should never be switched in (x type) or out (cow hocks), which should be severely penalized.

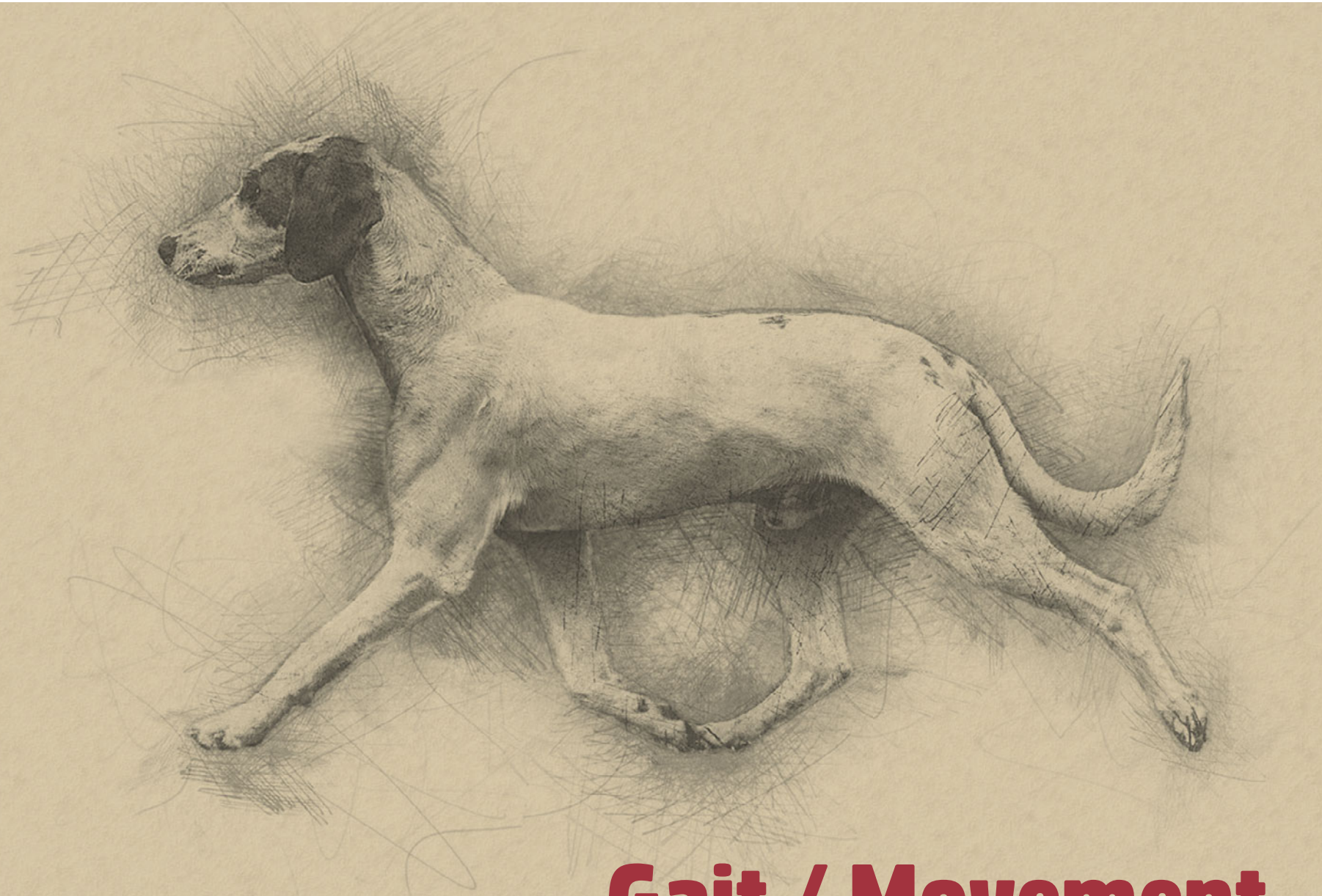
Hind feet are the same as in forelegs. Dewclaws (single or double) should be tolerated, without any penalization. It is forbidden to remove them.





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић



Gait / Movement



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



Gait / Movement



Istrian Short-Haired Hound

GAIT/MOUMENT: The reach is substantial with a strong drive. The movement has to be harmonious; there must be no twitching. Preferably the back has to be steady during action and the limbs must not cross over.

Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић



Correct movement



Incorrect movement



Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

GAIT/MOVEMENT: The reach is substantial with a strong drive. The movement has to be harmonious; there must be no twitching. Preferably the back has to be firm during action and the limbs must not cross over.

Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и остродлаки гонић



Correct movement



Incorrect movement

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Reach is substantial with a strong drive. Movement must be harmonious and connected, should be effortless and without twitching. Step, trot and gallop must be long and harmonious. Any anomaly in movement should be punished.





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЋ

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

SKIN: Elastic, thin, without wrinkles and of pink colour. The head does not show any wrinkles either. Often the pigment shows on the skin in a form of greyish-black (sometimes brownish) mottles, which is visible through the white coat. This is permitted.

COAT

Hair: The hair has to be hard, dense, shiny and lying close to the body. Its length is around 1–2 cm. Sometimes the hair is a little longer on the back of the thighs and on the underside of the tail, which is tolerated but it is not desirable.

Colour: The basic colour is snow-white with orange coloured markings on the body and on the head. The orange coloured markings can be found in all shades, but shades must be even. The total amount of orange coloured markings must not exceed one third of the whole body. On the head the markings can be found on the ears, on the skull and on the foreface but the head must not be completely orange coloured. A symmetrical spread of the markings on the head is desirable. The markings on the body can be anywhere, mostly on the back, on the ribcage and around the tail set. Markings have the shape of spots, which have to be clearly separated. They must not get uneven or paler towards the edges of the markings. Small spots, if visible through white basic colour, can usually be found on ears.

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

SKIN: Elastic, of medium thickness, well fitting to the body, without wrinkles and of pink colour. Often the pigment shows on the skin in a form of greyish-black (sometimes brownish) mottles, which is visible through the white coat. This is permitted.

COAT

Hair: The topcoat is wiry, harsh and slightly wavy, without shine but dull, about 5–8 cms long. It should not lay flat on the body. The hair must not be curly or form locks. On the muzzle it forms moustaches and a beard and above the eyes well pronounced eyebrows, where it is a little softer than on the body. On the ears the hair is shorter and straighter. Under the topcoat is a shorter more dense undercoat, which lies close to the body and is more evident during the wintertime.

Colour: The basic colour is snow-white with orange coloured markings on the body and the head. The orange coloured markings can be found in all shades, but shades must be even. The total amount of orange coloured markings must not exceed one third of the whole body. On the head the markings can be found on the ears, on the skull and on the foreface but the head must not be completely orange coloured. A symmetrical spread of the markings on the head is desirable. The markings on the body can be anywhere, mostly on the back, on the ribcage and around the tail set. Markings have the shape of spots, which have to be clearly separated. They must not get uneven or paler towards the edge of the markings. Small spots, if visible through white basic colour, can usually be found on ears.



Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ

SKIN: Elastic, thin, close fitting to body, without wrinkles. If loose and showing wrinkles, it has to be severely penalized.

Skin of pink colour. Often the pigment shows on the skin in a form of greyish-black (sometimes brownish) mottles, which is visible through the white coat. It is typical and more common with Istrian shorthaired hound. Because of dense hair it is rarely visible in Wirehaired hound but can be during shading.

COAT: Istrian shorthaired hound hair has to be short, hard, dense, shiny and lying close to the body. Its length is around 1–2 cm. Sometimes the hair is a little longer on the back of the thighs and on the underside of the tail, which is tolerated. If it is longer than 3cm it must be treated as severe fault.

If the hair is longer than 2,5 cm at the withers as well as wire hair must be disqualified.

Istrian wirehaired hound body is covered with wiry, harsh and slightly wavy coat. It gives a robust expression of the dog. Coat is without shine but dull, about 5–8 cms long. The hair must not be soft, wooly, curly or form locks, this must be severely penalized.

If the hair is long 9–11 cm at the withers it must be penalized while if it is longer than 12cm must be disqualified.

On the muzzle it forms moustaches and a beard and above the eyes well pronounced eyebrows, but the attention should be paid equally to the quality of hair. It is better to have a bit shorter hair on moustache, beard and eyebrows but with proper quality of hair, than longer hair with inadequate hair quality.

Under the topcoat is soft undercoat, which lies close to the body and is more evident during the wintertime

The dog should have the appropriate undercoat, which is soft. Lack of undercoat is a fault. Therefore if a dog doesn't have it it has to be penalized during judging.

With Istrian wirehaired hound it is desirable to do the appropriate grooming before cynological events.

Colour: The basic colour is snow-white with orange coloured markings on the body and the head. The orange coloured markings can be found in all shades, but shades must be even. They must not be uneven to each other nor there must be difference in colour on same marking. On the head the markings can be found on the ears, on the skull and on the foreface which gives typical expression. The head must not be completely orange coloured, this must be penalized. Small spots, if visible through white basic colour, can usually be found on ears and are more typical for Istrian shorthaired hound.

Small yellow-orange markings can be found on front legs, this can be tolerated. It is the characteristic of old Eastern Adriatic White hound, the ancestor of nowadays Istrian hounds.

These markings need to be clearly distinguished from the sprayed colour which is result from the unwanted influence of some pointing breeds. If the dog is visually reminding on pointing breeds it needs to be disqualified.

Markings on the body can be anywhere, mostly on the back, on the ribcage, loins, croup and around the tail set.

The total amount of orange coloured markings must not dominate over the basic white colour and must not exceed one third of the whole body.

Markings have the shape of spots, which have to be clearly separated. They must not get uneven or paler towards the edge of the markings, must have clear contour of edges. This must be severely penalized.

The presence of a third color (black, brown, red, chestnut, lemon or any other) is not allowed and must be disqualified.

Completely white dogs (albino) and white dogs without orange markings (but pigmented) are not allowed anymore, and they must be disqualified.





Istrian Short-Haired Hound

Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Height at the withers

Males: 49-53 cm;

Females: 47-51 cm.

Height difference of +/- 3 cm
in males and females of excellent type
and conformation will be tolerated.



Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

ИСТАРСКИ КРАТКОДЛАКИ И ОШТРОДЛАКИ ГОНИЧ



SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Height at the withers

Males: 50 – 54 cm;

Females: 48 – 52 cm.

Height difference of +/- 3 cm in males and females of excellent type and conformation will be tolerated.

Height

The Standard defines the required height with allowed tolerance. Type and breed characteristics are of the utmost importance. Type of dog, elegance and movement is what we should strive for. Any departure from the points in Standard 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 health and welfare of the dog and its ability to perform the traditional work.





Istrian Short-Haired and Wire-Haired Hound

Истарски краткодлаки и оштродлаки гонић

Istrian Short-Haired Hound

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 and its ability to perform its traditional work.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Dogs, which clearly show physical or behavioural abnormalities, shall be disqualified.
- Converging headlines.
- Muzzle longer than skull.
- Untypically short muzzle.
- Concave or convex nasal bridge.
- Undershot or overshot, wry mouth.
- Blue eyes.
- Totally unpigmented nose, eyelids or liprims.
- Body length shorter than the height at the withers.
- Short-legged dogs of achondroplastic type.
- Tail carried in a ring or a laterally curved tail.
- Coat on the body longer than 2.5 cm.
- Red, chestnut brown, lemon yellow markings or any other coat colour not in the standard.
- Presence of a third coat colour.
- Height above or below the tolerated measures in the standard.

N.B.:

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

Istrian Wire-Haired Hound

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- Body length shorter than the height at the withers.
- Short legged dogs of achondroplastic type.
- Tail carried in a ring or a laterally curved tail.
- Coat on the body longer than 12 cm.
- Coat on the body shorter than 3 cm.
- Soft, pronounced wavy, curly or tangled coat.
- Red, chestnut brown, lemon yellow markings or any other coat colour not in the standard.
- Presence of a third coat colour.
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ISTRIAN SHORT-HAIRED AND WIRE-HAIRED HOUND • Faults



Top row:

1. not correct front movement, elbows protruding outwards.
2. not correct structure, too short body, over-reaching in movement.
3. not correct structure, open rear angulation, not correct movement
4. not correct stance, front paws turned outwards, cow hocks at the rear.



Bottom row - disqualifying faults:

1. blue eyes
2. tail carried in a ring or a laterally curved tail
3. wry mouth
4. presence of a third coat colour

ISTRIAN SHORT-HAIRED AND WIRE-HAIRED HOUND Faults and Qualities

Top Left:

light bone structure, croup too steep, open rear angulation.



Top Right:

correct head, good bone structure, correct angulation front and back, elegant movement, excellent type.



Bottom Left:

not correct body proportions, not correct (too soft) topline, chest not deep enough.



Bottom Right:

correct body proportions and size of the dog, very elegant movement, excellent type.

ISTRIAN SHORT HAired HOUND

Breed Ambassadors



Excellent Type and Quality Male



Excellent Type and Quality Female

ISTRIAN WIRE HAired HOUND

Breed Ambassadors



Excellent Type and Quality Male



Excellent Type and Quality Female























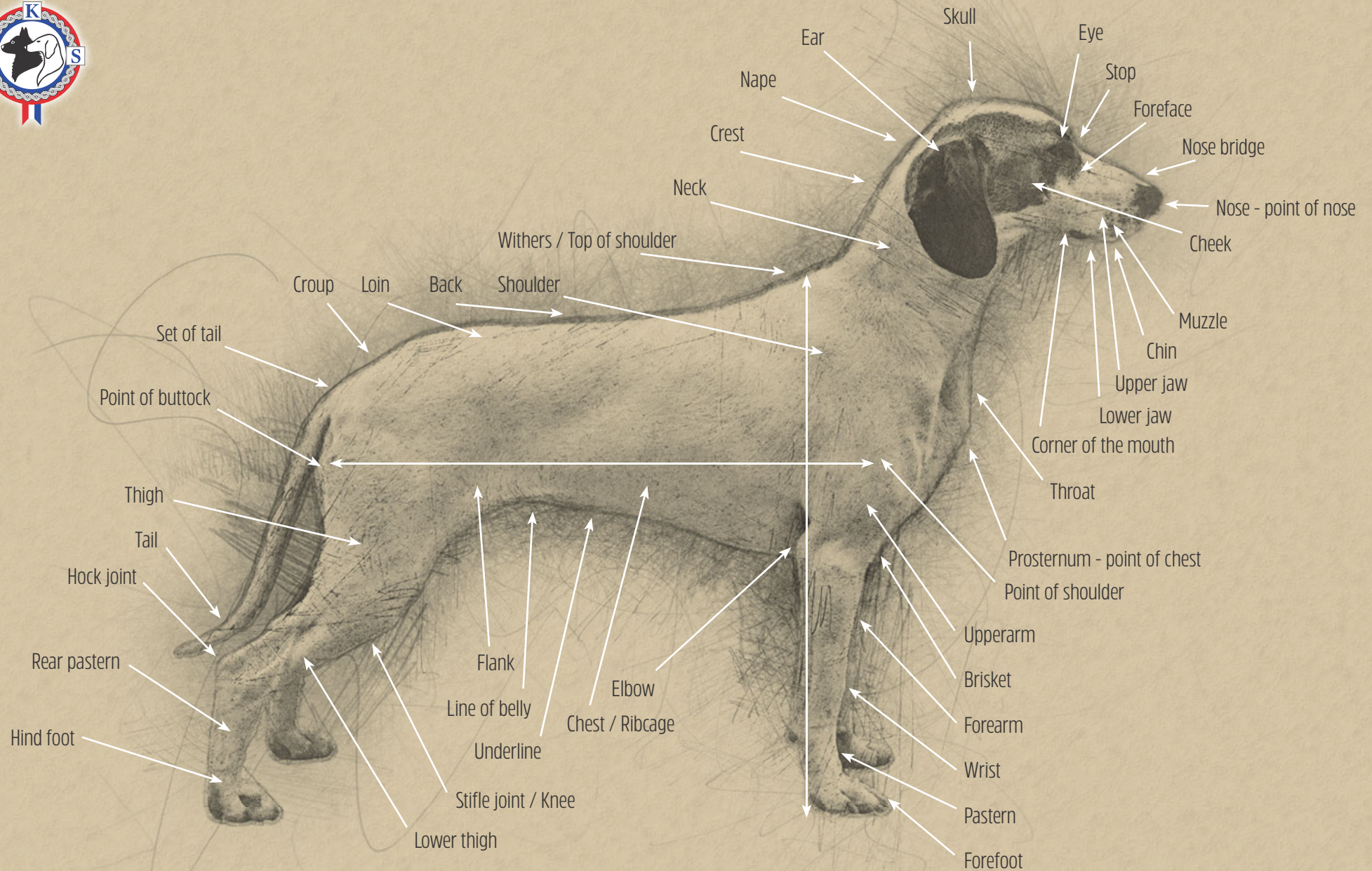


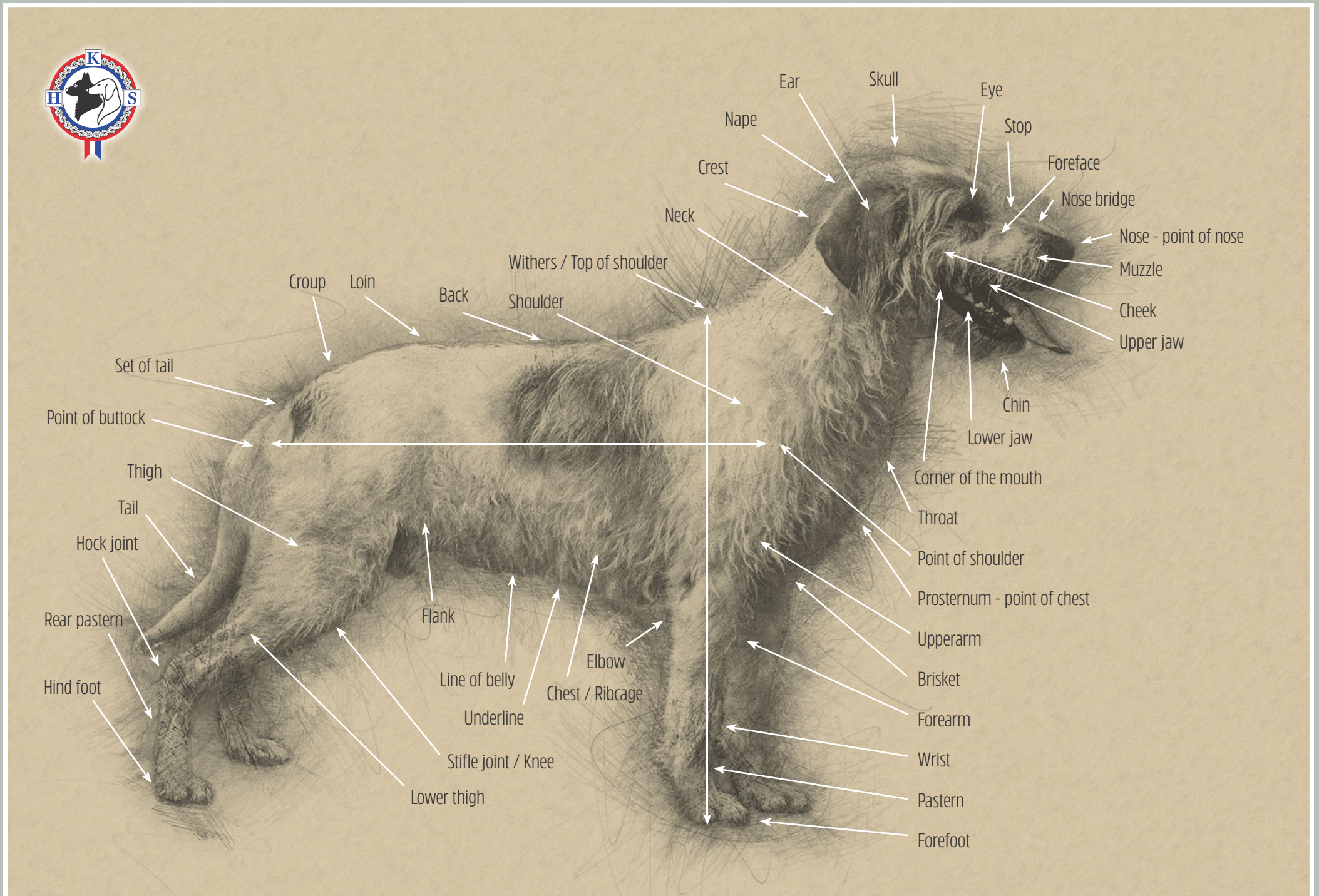














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