

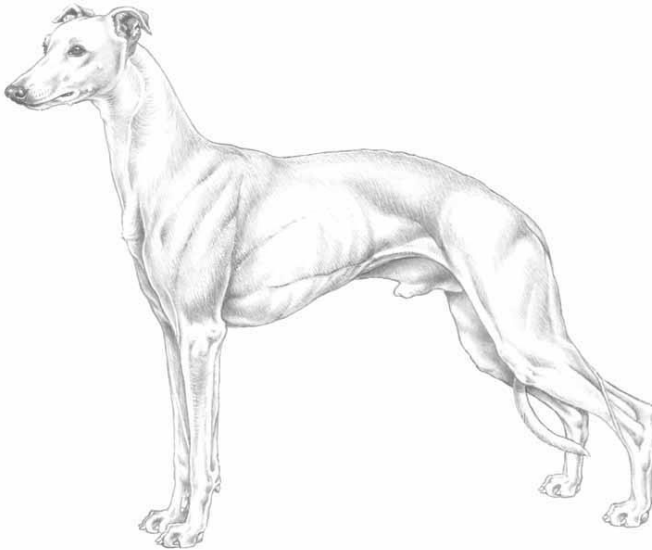


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FCI-Standard N° 162

WHIPPET



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ORIGIN: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: Breeds originally used for hunting either by scent or by sight.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 10 Sighthounds.
Section 3 Short-haired
Sighthounds.
Without working trial.

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

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

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION:

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

Stop: Slight.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: **Nose** black, in blues a bluish colour **permitted**, liver nose **in creams and other dilute colours, in white or parti-colour a butterfly nose is permissible.**

Jaws/Teeth: Jaws strong, powerful and clean cut with a perfect scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

EYES: Oval, bright, expression very alert.

EARS: Rose shaped, small, fine in texture.

NECK: Long, muscular, elegantly arched.

BODY:

Topline: Showing a graceful arch over loin but the dog is not humped.

Back: Broad, well-muscled, firm, somewhat long.

Loin: Giving impression of strength and power.

Chest: Very deep with plenty of heart room, brisket deep, well defined. Ribs well sprung, muscled on back.

Underline and belly: With definite tucked up.

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

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forearms straight and upright **with moderate bladed bone**, front not too wide.

Shoulder: **Well laid back with flat muscles. Moderate between the shoulder blades at the withers.**

Upper arm: **Approximately of equal length to the shoulder blade.**

Elbow: **Falls directly under the withers when viewed in profile.**

Metacarpus (Pastern): Strong with slight spring.

Forefeet: **Oval**, well split up between toes, knuckles well arched, pads thick, **nails** strong.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Strong. Dog able to stand **naturally** over a lot of ground.

Thigh: Broad across.

Stifle (Knee): Well bent **without exaggeration.**

Lower thigh: Well developed.

Hock joint: Well let down.

Hind feet: **Oval**, well split up between toes, knuckles well arched, pads thick, **nails** strong.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: **Should possess great freedom of action.** In profile should move with a long easy stride **whilst holding topline**. The forelegs should be thrown forward and low over the ground. Hind legs should come well under the body giving great **propelling power**. General movement not to **look stilted**, high stepping, short or mincing. True coming and going.

COAT

Hair: Fine, short, close in texture.

Colour: Any colour or mixture of colours, **except merle**.

SIZE:

Desirable Height at the withers:

Dogs 47-51 cm (18 1/2 - 20 ins).

Bitches 44-47 cm (17 1/2 - 18 1/2 ins).

FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities.

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.

The latest amendments are in bold characters.

SURFACE ANATOMY

