

Bernese Mountain Dog

General Appearance-A well-balanced dog, active and alert; a combination of sagacity, fidelity and utility.

Height-Dogs, 23 inches to 27 1/2 inches; bitches, 21 inches to 26 inches at shoulder.

Head-Skull flat, defined stop and strong muzzle. Dewlaps very slightly developed, flews not too pendulous, jaw strong with good strong teeth. Eyes dark, hazel brown, full of fire. Ears V-shaped, set on high, not too pointed at tips and rather short. When in repose, hanging close to the head; when alert, brought slightly forward and raised at the base.

Body-Rather short than too long in back, compact and well ribbed up. Chest broad with good depth of brisket. Loins strong and muscular.

Legs and Feet-Forelegs perfectly straight and muscular, thighs well developed and stifles well bent. Feet round and compact. Dewclaws should be removed.

Tail-Of fair thickness and well covered with long hair, but not to form a flag; moderate length. When in repose should be carried low, upward swirl permissible; when alert, may be carried gaily, but may never curl or be carried over the back.

Coat-Soft and silky with bright natural sheen; long and slightly wavy but may never curl.

Color and Markings-Jet-black with russet brown or deep tan markings on all four legs, a spot just above forelegs, each side of white chest markings and spots over the eyes, which may never be missing.

The brown on the forelegs must always be between the black and the white.

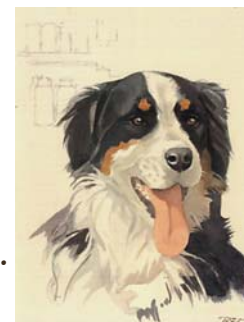
Preferable, but not a condition, are- White feet, tip of tail, pure white blaze up foreface, a few white hairs on back of neck, and white star shaped markings on chest.

When the latter markings are missing, it is not a disqualification.

Faults-Too massive in head, light or staring eyes, too heavy or long ears, too narrow or snipey muzzle, undershot or overshot mouth, pendulous dewlaps, too long or setterlike body, splay or hare feet, tail curled or carried over back, cowhocks and white legs.

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Friday v. Haslenbach was one of the early dogs imported to the US by Glen Shadow in 1926.

Paintings and drawings of the time depicted the breed's look, environment and purpose.



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