

FCI – Standard № 226

Country of Origin: Germany / Switzerland

#### General Appearance

The Landseer should convey the impression of a tall, powerful and well balanced dog. The legs are comparatively longer than those of the black Newfoundland - especially in the male. Movement of the well-muscled legs should present a free, long stride, covering ground well.

#### Coat and Colour

The top coat - with exception of the head - should be long and as straight and dense as possible, soft to the touch, with good undercoat, which is not as dense as in the black Newfoundland. Slightly wavy coat on back and hindquarters is not objectionable. When brushed wrong way it falls back into place naturally. Main colour of coat is a clear white with distinct black patches on rump and croup. Collar, fore chest, belly, legs and tail must be white. Head black, with white muzzle and white symmetrical blaze - neither too narrow, nor too wide - extending from muzzle over head to the white collar, being considered a definite breeding goal. Ticking still occurring in the white not to be penalised, but should be bred away.

#### Head

Head to be broad and massive with a well developed occiput. Decided Stop, however not as pronounced and steep as in the St. Bernard. Length of muzzle is equal to depth of muzzle, measured in front of the Stop. Lips clean, the upper slightly overlapping the lower, they should be as tight as possible, no drooping. Head to be strikingly modelled noble expression. Cheeks moderately developed, gradually tapering into the muzzle. Nose and lips black. Scalp should be free from wrinkles, covered with short, fine hair.

**Mouth**

Scissors bite.

**Ears**

Medium size. Reaching inner corner of eyes, when drawn out. Triangular shape, with slightly rounded tips. Set high on head, however not too far back. Carried close and flat to sides of head. Ears covered with short, fine hair. Fringes of longer hair to be found only at back part of root of ear.

**Eyes**

Medium size. Moderately deep set, brown to darkbrown, lightbrown to be tolerated, friendly expression, almond shaped, showing no haw. Pronouncedly light eyes (sulphur or greyish yellow) are faulty, as well as eyes set too close together.

**Neck**

The Neck - muscular and broad - should not be quite round but rather eggshaped in cross-section, symmetrical set and obliquely placed in shoulders. Length of Neck from occiput to withers to be approximately 3/4 to 4/5 the length from occiput to tip of nose. Pronounced dewlap undesirable.

**Body**

The back should be straight and level, wide and strong from withers to croup. Very muscular shoulders, the chest to be deep and broad corresponding to well sprung ribs. Belly slightly tucked up. Clearly visible flat depression between belly and muscular loin. Croup broad, we rounded at sides and rear by powerful bolster of muscles. Faults: weak or hollow backs, weak loins, too short last false ribs, resulting into too much tuck-up.

**Forequarters**

Strong muscles descending from shoulders, to surround a well-boned humerus, connected in correct angulation to the massive bones of the front legs; these are absolutely straight and muscular. Elbows close to body at lowest point of brisket. Distance from ground to elbows rather high, elbows pointed straight to the rear. Legs slightly fringed down to pasterns.

**Hindquarters**

All of hindquarters to be very sturdy. Hindlegs to move freely, they should have strong bone

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embedded by powerful muscles to be broad across thighs. Hindlegs to be moderately fringed. Cowhocks or insufficient angulation are faulty. Dewclaws are objectionable, they should be removed as soon as possible after birth.

### Feet

Large, well shaped cat-feet . Splayed or turned out feet are objectionable. Toes connected by webbing, which should be strong, almost reaching tip of toes.

### Tail

Strong, reaching slightly below hocks at the most, well covered with dense, bushy hair, however not flaglike. Tail should hang downwards, when standing or at ease, with a slight curve at end permissible. May carry tail straight out, with only a slight curve at end, when moving. Tails with a kink or curled over back are most objectionable.

### Size

Dogs: 72 to 80 cm (28,5 to 31,5 inches)

Bitches: 67 to 72 cm (26,5 to 28,5 inches)

Small deviations below or above to be tolerated.

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