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Dear New Member,

On behalf of my fellow officers and committee I would like to welcome you to the Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain.

The Smooth Collie is a wonderful companion – active, friendly, trustworthy, healthy and intelligent. We hope that having made the decision to add a Smooth Collie to your family, you will enjoy many happy years of pleasure together.

We invite you to explore our website – [www.smoothcollieclub.co.uk](http://www.smoothcollieclub.co.uk) where you will find a wealth of information about the Smooth Collie. If you can't find what you are looking for, please get in touch and we will be happy to answer your query.

We have a members' only section of our website – to access this, please use the username **member** and the password **founded1955** - please note that there is no gap in password. We also have active FaceBook pages that feature many wonderful photographs of Smooth Collies.

We hold three shows each year and even if you do not intend to show your collie, we would look forward to seeing you at any of our events – please get in touch to find out more. We also offer occasional judges seminars and fun days. All dates are on our website.

Our newsletter 'The Smooth Look' is published four times a year and is available on the members section of our website. The editor welcomes articles and photos for inclusion.

Finally, I thank you again for joining our Club – all membership fees and profits help support the club, run our events and perhaps most importantly go to fund our Ada Bishop Foundation which supports health testing initiatives to ensure the Smooth Collie remains one of the healthiest of the British breeds.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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# **Constitution and Rules**

## **1. NAME AND OBJECT**

The Club shall be called "The Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain" and its object shall be to foster the interests of the Smooth Collie by: -

- (a) Guaranteeing classes and/or offering special prizes for the breed at shows approved by the Committee.
- (b) Encouraging Members to breed and exhibit sound, balanced Collies, free from exaggeration and of good temperament, in accordance with the Kennel Club Standard for the breed.
- (c) Endeavouring, by suitable publicity, to secure a wider appreciation of the Smooth Collie, both as a show dog and companion.

## **2. OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS**

The Club shall consist of a Patron, a President and up to six Vice Presidents, an elected Committee of sixteen members (who shall include the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer as elected Officers), and an unlimited number of Members.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP LIST**

The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the Members or by the Kennel Club.

## **4. APPOINTMENT OF PATRON, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT(S)**

The Patron, the President and the Vice President(s) shall be appointed by the Club and elected by the Members in recognition of their services to the Club or the breed. Appointees shall be elected at a General Meeting the Agenda of which must include notice of a proposal to elect individual(s) to office. Removal from office shall only be by a two-thirds majority vote of Members present and voting at a General Meeting, the Agenda of which must include notice of a proposal to remove from office any individual.

## **5. CLUB MANAGEMENT**

- (a) The management of the Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain shall be in the hands of the elected Committee of sixteen together with the Patron, President and Vice President(s) who shall be ex officio non-voting members of the Committee.
- (b) No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

## **6. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

- (a) The sixteen elected members shall be entitled to vote at Committee meetings and in the case of a tied vote the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote. Members shall vote by show of hands or if at least two members so request, by secret ballot. The President shall be entitled to take the chair as required.
- (b) Meetings shall be held as necessary; the date shall be arranged at the close of business of the preceding meeting. It shall be deemed competent for the Honorary Secretary to conduct business by letter to the Chairman and Committee at any time it is impracticable to call a meeting.
- (c) Six shall form a quorum, the number to include at least two elected Officers.

## **7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

- (a) Nominations to Committee shall be in writing and with the consent of the nominee on the proposal of one Club Member, seconded by another. Both proposer and seconder must be entitled to vote at that election.
- (b) Committee Officers and members shall be elected annually by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a term of three years. In order to maintain continuity, one third of the Committee (including Officers) shall retire every year and may seek re-election, if they so desire, without nomination.
- (c) No individual shall be elected to Committee save they poll a minimum 51% of available votes from Members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Should vacancies occur, the Committee shall be empowered to co-opt up to three members to serve on the Committee in any one year. Those co-opted shall have full voting rights but shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.
- (e) No individual shall be elected to the Committee unless a current Member with full voting rights at the previous Annual General Meeting.

## **8 HONORARIA**

Honoraria shall be such an amount as agreed by members at a General Meeting payable in arrears following the AGM.

## **9 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee will consider applications for membership on a regular basis throughout the year and reserves the right to refuse membership should it consider such action desirable. The Committee's decision will be final.

## **10 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

A person may be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club by the Members at a General Meeting. Notice of a proposal to elect an Honorary Life Member must appear on the Agenda of a General Meeting. Honorary Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, but shall not be liable to pay subscriptions.

## **11 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- (a) Annual subscriptions shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year and shall be such amounts as agreed by Members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club.

### **Classes of subscription shall be**

#### **UK**

- Single - one person
- Joint - maximum two persons
- Junior - under 16 years

#### **Overseas - maximum two persons**

(Subscription shall include copies of schedules and marked catalogues for the Club's shows and Smooth Collie of the Year Contest)

All subscriptions shall include copies of the Club's Newsletters.

- (b) No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership. It shall be the responsibility of Members to renew subscriptions at the correct time in order to retain all privileges.
- (c) If any Member shall fail to pay the annual subscription by the Annual General Meeting his/her name shall be removed from the list of members but may, at the discretion of the Committee, be re-admitted to membership on payment of the current year's subscription.
- (d) Club Trophies shall only be awarded to fully paid-up members. Such trophies shall not be taken outside the United Kingdom and must be returned in good condition upon request by the Trophy Secretary.

## **12 VOTING RIGHTS**

The following voting rights shall be assumed by all fully paid up Members provided that subscriptions for the current year are paid before the date of the Annual General Meeting:-

- (a) Single Member - one vote
- (b) Joint Members - one vote for each member of the partnership
- (c) Junior Members - no voting rights
- (d) Overseas Members - as for UK Members
- (e) Honorary Life Members - one vote

## **13 EXPULSION**

- (a) Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42.j (4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42.j (8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of Members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Club, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.
- (b) If the Club expels any Member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows or trials, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply particulars required.

## **14 PROPERTY**

- (a) The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee.
- (b) Donors of Challenge Cups and Trophies shall be asked to give written acknowledgement that their gift is made outright to the Club.
- (c) In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome notified to the Kennel Club.
- (d) If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a Registered Society under Kennel Club Regulations, a final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible for the proper winding up of the Club.

## **15 CLUB ACCOUNTS**

- (a) The Accounts shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer and shall be certified annually (by person or persons approved by the Committee) and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience or as advised by the Kennel Club.
- (c) A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Club into which all revenue shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary or the Honorary Treasurer, two out of these three Officers to sign, one signature preferably to be the Honorary Treasurer. An investment Account may be held at the discretion of the Committee with signatories as for the Banking Account.



## **16 ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB**

The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31<sup>st</sup> July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

## **17 GENERAL MEETINGS**

The financial year of the Club shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

17.1 **Annual General Meetings** shall be held at such time and place as the Committee shall decide, to receive the Balance Sheet and the reports of the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary and to discuss any matters duly placed on the Agenda.

### First Notification

**The time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the latest date for submission of items for the Agenda shall be notified to the Members in writing and/or published in the Club's Christmas Newsletter.**

Items for the Agenda must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-eight days before the Meeting.

### Second Notification

**Not less than fourteen clear days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to Members either in writing or by publication in "Dog World"/and/or/"Our Dogs".**

(Such notice must contain all relevant information concerning the Meeting and business to be conducted. No Member, save with the consent of the Chairman, shall bring any business before the Meeting unless duly notified to the Honorary Secretary.)

17.2 **Special General Meetings** shall be called by the Committee at any time deemed necessary in the interests of the Club, or by the Secretary on receipt of a requisition, stating the subject to be discussed and signed by twelve Members of the Club.

### Notification

**Not less than fourteen clear days notice shall be given in writing to the Members of a Special General Meeting.**

Such notice must contain all relevant information concerning the Meeting and business to be conducted. No business other than the matter on the Agenda shall be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

## **18 QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

A General Meeting may proceed to business provided that one-eighth of Members entitled to vote are present within half an hour after the time fixed for the Meeting. Otherwise the Meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall stand dissolved, but if convened by the Committee shall stand adjourned to be reconvened at a time and place not later than twenty-eight days hence. Such time and place to be notified to Members either in writing or by publication in "Dog World"/and/or "Our Dogs" at least seven days prior to the Meeting.

## **19 RULES OF THE CLUB**

The Rules of the Club shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposals to alter the rules. Any alteration to the rules passed at such meetings shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent.

## **20 COURT OF APPEAL**

The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

## **21 FEDERATION**

The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

## **22 CODE OF ETHICS**

The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to provide guidance and information to all Smooth Collie breeders and owners. See Annex A to the Constitution "The Clubs Code of Ethics"

## **23 BREED SOCIETY JUDGES LIST**

The Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain compiles a list of judges each year, which indicates to interested parties those persons, the Club would support at differing levels of judging.

The list is divided into five parts, namely, A1, A2, A3, B and C. The list will expire upon receipt of Kennel Club approval of new lists submitted to them with Annual Returns on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July each year. New lists will be prepared annually by secret ballot of the Committee at its meeting during the first quarter. Candidates in the annual ballot comprise new nominees together with those persons previously approved by the Club. Candidates must receive at least 50% of the available vote in order to be elected onto the Club's judging lists. Applications for inclusion or movement within the list must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary by the closing date for the annual ballot, which shall be published in the "Smooth Look".

**A1 List** For persons who have previously been approved by The Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed and have the support of this Club.

**A2 List** For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list and have the support of this Club.

**A3 List** Indicates all persons the Club supports to award Challenge Certificates, but whom as yet the Kennel Club has not approved.

**B list** Indicates all persons the Club supports to judge the breed at Championship Shows without Challenge Certificates or at Open Shows.

**C list** For aspirant judges who have shown an interest in the breed and have the support of this Club.

**Attainment of the relevant qualifications or previous approval does not entitle any candidate to automatic entry onto any of the Club's lists of judges.**

Membership of the Club is not a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists.

The following qualifications are required for inclusion in the ballot: -

**A1 List Specialists and Non-Specialists.**

For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed and have the support of this Club.

**A2 List Specialists and Non-Specialists.**

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list and have the support of this Club.

**A3 list - Specialists.**

1. To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in Smooth Collies at Open Show level (including Championship Shows where Challenge Certificates were not on offer in the breed) with an adequate geographical spread.
2. To have judged a minimum number of 25 classes of Smooth Collies.
3. To have judged a minimum of 80 Smooth Collies.
4. To have judged the breed at least once at a breed club show with a minimum number of eight classes.
5. To have bred and/or owned at least three Smooth Collies when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances).
6. To have stewarded at a minimum of twelve shows.
7. To have attended a seminar given by a KC accredited trainer and passed the relevant examination on KC regulations and judging procedures.
8. To have attended a seminar given by a KC accredited trainer on conformation and movement.
9. To have attended a conformation and movement 'hands-on' assessment conducted by a KC accredited trainer and passed the assessment.
10. To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant KC code of best practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

**A3 List - Non - Specialist**

- 1 To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed.
- 2 To have judged Smooth Collies over a 5 year period at Open Show level (including Championship Shows where Challenge Certificates were not on offer in the breed) with an adequate geographical spread.
- 3 To have judged a minimum number of 25 classes of Smooth Collies.
- 4 To have judged a minimum of 80 Smooth Collies.
- 5 To have judged a Breed Club or supported Entry Open Show or a Championship Show where CC's were not on offer for the breed.
- 6 To have awarded Challenge Certificates in at least one other breed, preferably in the Pastoral or Working Group.
- 7 To have stewarded at a minimum of twelve shows.
- 8 To have attended at least one breed specific judging seminar run in accordance with the relevant KC code of best practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

**B list - Specialists**

- 1 To have 7 years experience owning and exhibiting Smooth Collies.
- 2 To have judged a minimum of 3 classes and 12 Smooth Collies.
- 3 Must have attended an approved Smooth Collie seminar and been awarded a certificate.
- 4 To have stewarded at a minimum of twelve shows.
- 5 To have attended a seminar given by a KC accredited trainer and passed the relevant examination on KC regulations and judging procedures.
- 6 To have attended a seminar given by a KC accredited trainer on conformation and movement.
- 7 To have attended a points of the dog assessment conducted by a KC accredited trainer and passed the assessment.

***B List - Non Specialists.***

- 1 To have 10 years experience owning and exhibiting any one breed.
- 2 To have a minimum of 5 years judging experience in anyone breed.
- 3 To have judged a minimum of 3 classes and 12 Smooth Collies.
- 4 Must have attended an approved Smooth Collie seminar and been awarded a certificate (save in exceptional circumstances)
- 5 To have stewarded at a minimum of twelve shows.
- 6 To have attended a seminar given by a KC accredited trainer and passed the relevant examination on KC regulations and judging procedures.
- 7 To have attended a seminar given by a KC accredited trainer on conformation and movement.
- 8 To have attended a points of the dog assessment conducted by a KC accredited trainer and passed the assessment.

***C List - Specialists and Non Specialists.***

For aspirant judges who have shown an active interest In Smooth Collies over a minimum 5-year period and have the support of the Club.

## Health Statement

The Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain continues to place a high priority on the health and well being of the Smooth Collie. The Club actively encourages members, owners and breeders to focus on the following aspects of good health:

### **Inherited Conditions**

The Club continues to offer its members a 25% subsidy on the costs of undertaking DNA tests for MDR1, CEA and DM. Take up of the subsidy has been steady. Swab kits are available at Club shows and the Health Sub Committee assists members with taking swabs where requested.

It is believed that in excess of 90% of breeders use the litter screening facility for CEA/PRA for their puppies and results are excellent. Furthermore, many adult dogs are retested and results for CEA are again excellent with very few affected dogs and no reported cases of PRA for many years.

Although testing for HD is not widespread amongst Smooth Collie owners, results of those dogs tested are excellent with a median score of 6.

A small number of dogs from different blood lines were tested for Renal Dysplasia in 2012. The Club has been working with the Animal Health Trust to understand the results, potential implications and actions to be taken.

### **Breed Vulnerability**

The Club encourages members to carefully consider pedigrees and potential inherited traits prior to breeding, and publishes an annual analysis into registrations and prevailing sire and family lines which predominate in the UK. The work is published on the Club website <http://www.smoothcollieclub.co.uk>

Each year a number of dogs and bitches are imported by breeders and this supports the diversity of the gene pool.

### **General**

The Club has a health sub committee led by a Health Co-coordinator. A file of health related relevant articles and a number of useful publications are made available to Club members at events. A stand displaying health information is used at all events. Information on health issues is made freely available to members to give to their vets.

Members are required to operate within the clubs Code of Ethics which includes a statement on the potential deleterious results which can occur from the breeding of blue-merles to blue-merles as agreed with the Kennel Club. The code of ethics is reviewed annually.

A health survey form was sent out to all members at the end of 2012. Results are being received and collated. The focus of the survey was early deaths and the reason for these. The results are being collated and will be published. The survey form is available on the Club's website.

The Club's members' newsletter (now published four times a year) contains health related articles in every edition. The club's website has health pages. Breed specific promotional material including that used at Discover Dogs and leaflets aimed at new enquiries contains health related information.

## GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Smooth Collie Club of Great Britain undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

### Club members:

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.
- 15) The mating of Blue Merle to Blue Merle is not encouraged due to the risk of producing defective, double-dilute white merles.

16) Members will when breeding dogs, adopt as a minimum standard the principles, requirements and recommendations as embodied in the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme. Members who breed or who offer a dog at stud might consider applying to join the Scheme.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

## **The Breed Standard© The Kennel Club**

A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the Breed Watch section of the Kennel Club website here <http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/services/public/breeds/watch> for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure. However if a dog possesses a feature, characteristic or colour described as undesirable or highly undesirable it is strongly recommended that it should not be rewarded in the show ring.

### ***General Appearance***

Appears as gifted with intelligence, alertness and activity. Stands with dignity governed by perfect anatomical formation, with no part out of proportion, giving appearance of working capability.

### ***Characteristics***

Physical structure on lines of strength and activity, free from cloddiness and with no trace of coarseness. Expression, most important. In considering relative values, it is obtained by perfect balance and combination of skull and foreface, size and shape, colour and placement of eye, correct position and carriage of ears.

### ***Temperament***

Gay and friendly, never nervous nor aggressive.

### ***Head and Skull***

Head properties of great importance, must be considered in proportion to size of dog. Viewed from front or side, head resembles a well-blunted, clean wedge, being smooth in outline. Skull flat. Sides taper gradually and smoothly from ears to end of black nose, without prominent cheek bones or pinched muzzle. Viewed in profile, top of skull and top of muzzle lie in two parallel straight lines of equal length divided by a slight, but perceptible stop or break. A mid-point between inside corner of eyes (which is centre of a correctly-placed stop) is centre of balance in length of head. End of smooth, well rounded muzzle blunt, never square. Under-jaw strong, clean-cut. Depth of skull from brow to underpart of jaw never excessive (deep through). Nose always black.

### ***Eyes***

Very important feature, giving sweet expression. Medium size (never very small), set somewhat obliquely, of almond-shape and dark brown colour, except in case of blue merles when eyes are frequently (one or both, or part of one or both) blue or blue-flecked. Expression full of intelligence, with quick, alert look when listening.



**Ears**

Moderately large, wider at base, and placed not too close together nor too much on side of head. When in repose carried thrown back, but on alert brought forward and carried semi-erect, that is, with approximately two-thirds of ear standing erect, top third tipping forward naturally, below horizontal.

**Mouth**

Teeth of good size, jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

**Neck**

Muscular, powerful, of fair length; well arched.

**Forequarters**

Shoulders sloping and well angulated. Forelegs straight and muscular, neither in nor out at elbows, with a moderate amount of bone. Forearm somewhat fleshy, pasterns showing flexibility without weakness.

**Body**

Slightly long compared with height, back level and firm with slight rise over loins; ribs well sprung; chest deep and fairly broad behind shoulders.

**Hindquarters**

Hindlegs muscular at thighs, clean and sinewy below, with well bent stifles. Hocks well let down and powerful.

**Feet**

Oval soles well padded. Toes arched and close together. Hindfeet slightly less arched.

**Tail**

Long with bone reaching at least to hock joint. To be carried low when quiet but with a slight upward swirl at tip. May be carried gaily when excited, but never over back.

**Gait/Movement**

Distinctly characteristic of this breed. A sound dog is never out at elbow, yet moves with front feet comparatively close together. Plaiting crossing or rolling are highly undesirable. Hindlegs, from hock joint to ground, when viewed from rear, parallel. Hindlegs powerful and full of drive. Viewed from side, action is smooth. A reasonably long stride is desirable and should be light and appear quite effortless. Absolute soundness is essential.

**Coat**

Short, flat, topcoat of harsh texture, with very dense undercoat. Not trimmed or clipped.

**Colour**

Three recognised colours: Sable and white, Tricolour and Blue Merle.

Sable: any shade from light gold to rich mahogany or shaded sable. Light straw or cream colour is highly undesirable.

Tricolour: predominantly black with rich tan markings about the legs and head. A rusty tinge in top coat is highly undesirable.

Blue Merle: predominantly clear, silvery blue, splashed and marbled with black. Rich tan markings preferred but absence should not be penalised. Large black markings, slate colour or rusty tinge top or undercoat are highly undesirable.

All may carry typical white collie markings to a greater or lesser degree. Following markings are favourable: white collar full or part; white front, legs and feet; white tail tip. A blaze may be carried on muzzle or skull, or both. All white or predominantly white is most undesirable.

**Size**

Height: dogs: 56-61 cms (22-24 ins) at shoulder; bitches: 51-56 cms (20-22 ins) at shoulder. Weight: dogs: 20.5-29.5 kgs (45-65 lbs); bitches: 18-25 kgs (40-55 lbs).

**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.

**Note**

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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