Your membership must be current to process your registration papers.

BREED STANDARDS FOR ORIGINAL MOUNTAIN CURS

1. COLOR: Black, Brindle, Yellow, Blue, White markings are permissible. Cannot use colors tan, brown or red. Use: light yellow for tan, yellow for brown & dark yellow for red. **White markings are not to exceed one third of the total color. No open spots will be acceptable from the shoulders back. Ticking on a dog is permitted, but minimal ticking is preferred.**

2. HEAD: Wide with short muzzle, sculptured in clean hines, without jowls or excess flesh on the sides or under the eyes or temples.

3. LIPS: Medium thickness, firm of line and fitted neatly without folds at the corners.

4. NOSE: Square rather than round with nostrils well opened.

5. TEETH: Strong, white and adapting perfectly in a scissors bite.

6. EYES: Set well apart with the inner and outer corners on the same level. Large well opened and clam, never narrowed or slanted. Color: Brown or dark.

7. EARS: Should be attached high and be firm at the base, medium length and full control when alert.

8. CHEST: Broad and deep with moderately curved ribs not too rounded.

9. NECK: Strong and well constructed.

10. BACK: Broad and strong, never swayed or roached.

11. LEGS: Well muscled and strong bone. Should be straight and parallel to the medium line of the body.

12. FEET: Strong and rounded being slightly oval in shape. Pads well developed, compact and elastic. Toes strong, well arched and compact.

13. DEWCLAWS: Not required but preferred, with one or two on each rear leg, placed low on the leg giving a wider base of the foot. Ideally dewclaws form additional functioning toes.

14. TAIL: Medium length, well feathered or natural bobtailed.

15. VOICE: Open or semi-open on track preferred with good change over at the tree. Silent trailing acceptable.

16. COAT: Outer coat smooth or rough, but not wooley. The undercoat is fine and light on all the body.

17. HEIGHT: Males 18 to 24 inches. Females 17 to 22 inches.

18. WEIGHT: Males 35 to 60 pounds. Females 35 to 50 pounds.

19. GENERAL APPEARANCE: Vigorous and alert, powerful and strong in bone and muscle, exhibiting the strength and agility required on a hunting dog.

20. CHARACTERISTICS: Strong treeing instinct on all game, courageous fighters, intelligent, easily trained. Retaining a high degree of ancestral instincts such as running a track with the head in the air. A hunting and tracking style much different than a hound's, but faster.