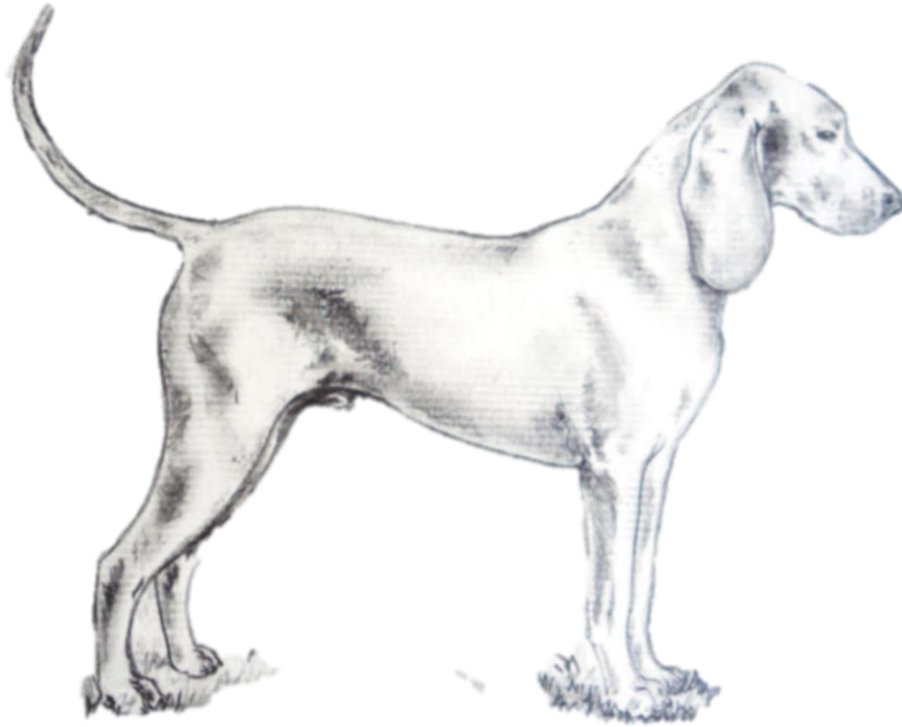


WRITTEN STANDARD FOR THE COLOMBIAN FINO HOUND



This illustration does not necessarily depict the ideal specimen of the breed

ORIGIN: Colombia

PURPOSE: Hunting and Companion Dog.

TYPE: Scenthound

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BRIEF HISTORICAL RESUME

The Colombian Fino hound is a hunting dog developed in Colombia from pack hounds along with some pointing dogs imported from continental Europe, Great Britain and North America in colonial days. Due to their ability as hunters, they became popular with all the social classes from presidents of the republic and the upper class because of their interest in hunting and sporting events, to the farmers and humble classes as they were used to hunt in order to find food.

For over 200 years these hunting dogs have been used in Colombia to find their prey and they are equally adapted to the diverse geographical areas and climates of the country.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Typical "howling" dog with long ears and tail; passionate hunters, rustic of medium to large size and rectangular proportions. Coat is short and comes in a variety of colours.

IMPORTANT MEASUREMENTS: Proportions: 10: 11.5 height at withers to length. Depth of chest is slightly less than the distance from the chest to ground. Head proportions - length of muzzle can be slightly less than that of the skull.

TEMPERAMENT: Stubborn and obstinate while hunting, at home he is affectionate with children and makes a wonderful companion. Due to his hunting nature he is capable of working with and/or living with other dogs and is friendly towards strangers

HEAD: Head shape is harmonious and in proportion to the body.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Cranial planes somewhat divergent. Seen from the front the skull is slightly domed. A prominent occiput is highly desirable

Stop: A moderate stop is present

FACIAL AREA:

Nose: Large, well-developed, ample nostrils. Either black or brown.

Muzzle: Medium length, slightly shorter than the skull, straight. Seen from above it is rectangular.

Lips: The flews should not be thick nor hanging. Upper lip covers the lower one.

Bite: Scissor bite preferred but an even bite is acceptable. Complete dentition.

Cheeks: Flat.

Eyes: Almond-shaped with a sweet expression. All eye colours are acceptable depending on and in accordance with coat colour. Blue eyes and eyes of different colours are not allowed.

Ears: Long, broad, hanging from a medium set (on a level with the eye). When pulled forward they should reach at least to the nose and have a rounded tip.

NECK: Strong or moderate length set well into shoulders forming a slightly arched shape. Some loose skin on the underside of the neck not to be penalised.

BODY: Rectangular and of medium build.

Topline: Topline slopes gently from the withers to the croup which is slightly higher.

Withers: The withers should be well defined.

Loin: Short and strong.

Croup: Lf medium length and should be slightly higher than the withers.

Chest: Moderately wide with a noticeable prow. Should descend to the elbows. Ribs moderately arched and extending well back.

Underline: Defined tuck up.

TAIL: Long, reaching to beyond the point of hock. No brush should be present.

LIMBS:

FOREQUARTERS: Well muscled with good strong bone.

Shoulders: Well angulated with the scapula being slightly longer than the humerus

Forelegs: Of medium length with strong bone.

Elbows: Should neither be turned out nor too close to the body.

Carpus (wrist): Moderately angulated.

Forefeet: Medium sized, tough with resistant nails and pads.

REAR QUARTERS: Strong, well angulated, muscular. Hocks should not be too long.

Thighs: Long with strong but lean musculature.

Hocks: Strong, well let down and seen from behind they should be parallel.

Rear feet: Same as forefeet.

MOVEMENT: Agile, smooth and effortless with good reach and drive and a smooth trot.

SKIN: Of fine texture and elastic.

COAT:

Coat: Straight, shiny. There should be no brush on the tail.

Colour: The Colombian Fino comes in a wide variety of colours.

Red, black, white, brown, brindle. Different shades, tones, patterns and combinations of these colours are acceptable.

SIZE/ WEIGHT

Due to the diversity of preys for this hunting dogs, there is a difference in size which is NOT a determining factor when appreciating the quality of dogs of this breed, in conformation shows they are divided into 2 varieties :

Colombian Fino Hound (Standard): Desired height at withers: 45 cm up to 50 cm with a tolerance of -2 cm. Weight: between 15 - 25 Kg.

Colombian Fino Hound (Large): height at withers over 51 cm up to 58 cm with a tolerance of +2 cm. Weight: between 25 - 35 Kg.

NOTE: The "Large" variety are usually more robust.

FAULTS: Any deviation from the above standard is considered a fault depending on the seriousness of the fault.

MINOR FAULTS

- Short ears (ears that look long but do not reach to the point of the nose when stretched forward)
- High set ears
- Short tail (not reaching to at least the point of hock)
- Tailset (too high or too low)
- Elbows (in or out at elbow)
- Level topline
- Too high a croup

SERIOUS FAULTS

- Under or over size limitations (including the tolerance stipulated)
- Excess skin - hanging flews, too heavy in dewlap, drooping eyelids

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

- Agressiveness or extreme timidity
- Short-haired specimens with too much coat (e.g. brush on tail)
- Dogs with a long coat that forms tufts of hair ears or tail
- Lack of type
- Albinism

- Blue eyes or eyes of two different colours
- Dwarfism (acondroplasia)
- Undershot.
- Overshot
- Broken or kinked tail (deformed vertebrae)
- Any dog showing clear signs of physical or temperamental abnormalities must be disqualified.

Note:

- Male dogs should have two testicles of normal size duly descended into the scrotum.
- Only dogs that are clinically and functionally healthy, with the traits of the breed, should be used in reproduction.