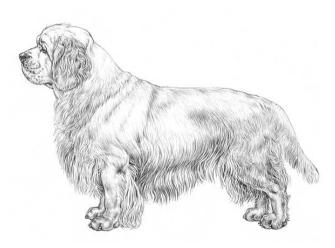12.01.2011/EN

FCI-Standard N° 109

CLUMBER SPANIEL

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This illustration does not necessarily show the ideal example of the breed.

ORIGIN: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: Flushing dog.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing dogs, Water dogs.
Section 2 Flushing dogs.
With working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY: Clumber Spaniels are said to have come in the first place from France over two hundred years ago, the Clumber was brought to Great Britain by the Duke of Newcastle, and bred at his family home of Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire.
It is a very heavy dog, and his pace of working is more leisurely than that of other Spaniels. That has been allowed to become ever heavier since around the 1950s, and though the top weight for dogs now stands at 34 kgs, it would appear that some are in excess of even this figure. However, lovers of the breed should make certain that his great size does not encourage any weakness in his hindquarters.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Balanced, **well** boned, active with a thoughtful expression, overall appearance denoting strength. **The Clumber should be firm, fit and capable of a day's work in the field.**

BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT: Stoical, great-hearted, highly intelligent with a determined attitude enhancing his natural ability. A silent worker with an excellent nose. Steady, reliable, kind and dignified; more aloof than other Spaniels, showing no tendency towards aggression.

HEAD: **Large**, square, medium length. No exaggeration in head and skull.

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Broad on top with decided occiput; heavy brows.
Stop: Deep.

FACIAL REGION:
Muzzle: Square.
Lips: Well developed **flews**.
Jaws / Teeth: Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely over-lapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.
Eyes: Clean, dark amber. Full light eyes highly undesirable. **Acceptable to have some haw showing but without excess**. Free from **obvious eye problems**.
Ears: Large, vine leaf-shaped, well covered with straight hair. Hanging slightly forward, feather not to extend below leather.

NECK: Fairly long, thick, powerful.

BODY: **Long, well muscled and strong.**
Back: Straight, broad, long.
Loin: Muscular.
Chest: Deep; well sprung ribs **which are carried well back.**
Underline and belly: Well let down in flank.

TAIL: Previously customarily docked.
Docked: Set low. Well feathered, carried level with back.
Undocked: Set low. Well feathered, carried level with back.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:
Shoulder: Strong, sloping, muscular.
Forearm: Legs short, straight, well boned, strong.
Forefeet: Large, round, well covered with hair.

HINDQUARTERS:
General appearance: Very powerful and well developed **hindquarters**.
Stifle (Knee): Well bent and set straight.
Hock joint: Low.
Hind feet: Large, round, well covered with hair.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Moving straight fore and aft, with effortless drive.

COAT
Hair: Abundant, close, silky and straight. Legs and chest well feathered.

Colour: Plain white body preferred, with lemon markings; orange permissible. Slight head markings and freckled muzzle.

WEIGHT:
Ideal weight: Males: **29,5 – 34** kgs.
                 Females: **25**   – 29.5 kgs.

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 and on its ability to perform its traditional work.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS
• Aggressive or overly shy.
• Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

N.B.:
- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

The latest amendments are in bold characters.

ANATOMICAL FEATURES

Skull

Ear

Eye

Nape

Stop

Crest

Foreface

Neck

Nose bridge

Shoulder

Nose – point of nose

Withers/top of shoulder

Muzzle

Back

Loin

Croup

Upper jaw

Chin

Lower jaw

Set of tail

Corner of the mouth

Cheek

Point of buttock

Throat

Point of shoulder

Prosternum/point of chest

Upper arm

Thigh

Brisket

Elbow

Underline

Line of belly

Forearm

Chest/Ribcage

Tail

Flank

Wrist

Stifle joint (Knee)

Hock joint

Pastern

Lower thigh

Rear pastern

Forefoot

Hind foot