JUDGING THE FIELD SPANIEL
IN THE
FIELD SPANIEL STANDARD
THERE ARE
NO DISQUALIFICATIONS
THERE ARE FEW LISTED FAULTS IN THE FIELD SPANIEL STANDARD AS IT IS A TRULY DESCRIPTIVE STANDARD AND RELIES ON -YOU- THE JUDGE TO FIND THE DOG IT DESCRIBES SO WELL
IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHEN JUDGING THE FIELD SPANIEL THAT "SYMmetry, GAit, Attitude and Purpose are more IMPORTANT than any one Part"
WHO IS WHO
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American Water Spaniel
Clumber Spaniel
English Cocker

Field Spaniel
English Springer Spaniel
Boykin Spaniel

Cocker Spaniel
Sussex Spaniel
Welsh Springer Spaniel
WHEN JUDGING THE FIELD SPANIEL

LOOK AT THE WHOLE DOG NOT JUST BITS AND PIECES
To emphasize one attribute at the expense of another does the breed a disservice
GENERAL APPEARANCE

• A well balanced substantial - hunter companion
• Medium size
• Built for activity and endurance in heavy cover and water
The Field Spaniel has a noble carriage and a proud, but docile attitude.
Is sound and free moving
He is a dog in which no single feature should stand out. It is the combination of his symmetry, gait, attitude and purpose that makes him a Field Spaniel.
SIZE, PROPORTION AND SUBSTANCE

Balance between these three components is essential.

• The Field is a medium sized spaniel.
• The Field is moderate in length - slightly longer than tall.
• The front and rear assembly must match.
• The front should never appear heavier than the rear.
• The impression of bone should be neither too little or too much for the overall body.
SIZE

MALES

IDEAL 18”

FEMALES

IDEAL 17”

• An one inch deviation either way is acceptable.

Mature weight is 40 - 55 lbs...
PROPORTION

• A well balanced dog somewhat longer than tall

• Ratio length to height **approximately** 7 to 6. Length measuring from foremost point of shoulder to rearmost point of buttocks
He should not be too short on leg or too long as this discloses his Sussex and/or Basset ancestry.

The field should be well up on leg but not so much as to be mistaken for an odd-looking English Springer.
The Field generally matures slowly and will be 3 to 5 years old before he is filled out.
Most Fields finish at a young age and are not seen again in competition after they are mature.
Truly mature Fields are not common in the ring though more are beginning to be seen in Competition
• Solidly built
• Moderate bone
• Firm smooth, hard muscles as befits a hunting dog

NOT
Coarse
Weedy or Insubstantial

SUBSTANCE