

THE IRISH RED AND WHITE SETTER - a pictorial Breed Standard

General Appearance

Strong and powerful, without lumber; athletic rather than racy.

Characteristics

Biddable, highly intelligent, good worker.

Temperament

Happy, good-natured and affectionate.

Tail

Strong at root, tapering to fine point, with no appearance of ropiness; not reaching below hock. Well feathered, carried level with back or below in lively manner.

Hindquarters

Wide and powerful. Legs from hip to hock long and muscular from hock to heel short and strong. Stifle well bent, hocks well let down turning neither in nor out.

Coat

Finely textured with good feathering. Slight wave permissible but never curly.

Colour

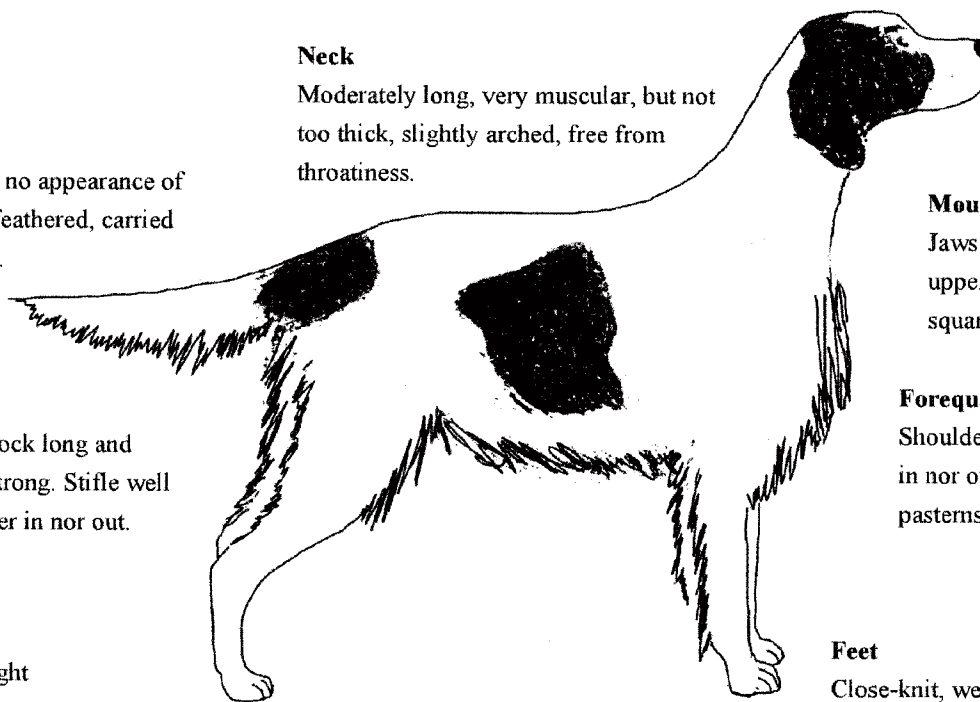
Clearly particoloured, i.e. base colour pearl white, solid red patches. Mottling or flecking but no roaning permitted around face and feet and up foreleg to elbow and up hindleg to hock.

Ears

Set level with eyes and well back, lying close to head.

Neck

Moderately long, very muscular, but not too thick, slightly arched, free from throatiness.



Body

Strong and muscular, deep chest and well sprung ribs. Back and quarters very muscular and powerful. Bone strong, well built up with muscle and sinew.

Head and Skull

Head broad in proportion to body, with good stop. Skull domed without occipital protuberance as in Irish Setters, fairly square, clean muzzle.

Eyes

Hazel or dark brown, round, slight prominence, and without haw.

Mouth

Jaws strong with a perfect regular scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Forequarters

Shoulders well laid back. Elbows free, turning neither in nor out. Strong, oval bone, well muscled, sinewy, pasterns slightly sloping.

Feet

Close-knit, well feathered between toes.

Gait/Movement: Long, free-striding, effortless with drive.