



• BREED FEATURE • THE POINTER



They answered

A.1. I have been involved with Pointers for 20 years this year; breeding has been for 15 of those years after gaining some knowledge and understanding of the breed from



friends with more than 30 – 40 years of experience with Pointers.

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A.2. There appears to less difference between kennel types which may be related to people not being able to have such a large number of dogs in their kennels nowadays; or too many breeding from the ‘flavour of the month’ which may not necessarily complement their lines or dogs in their kennel. However, there are always the Pointers that shout “Pointer” from ringside presently as there were 15 years ago.

A.3. 1. General outline a series of graceful curves, a strong but lissome appearance.

2. Head – stop well defined, muzzle somewhat concave, giving a slightly dish-faced appearance, slight depression under the eyes, well developed soft lip

3. Short coupled
4. Shoulders long, sloping and well laid back

5. Gait, smooth, covering plenty of ground with driving hind action, definitely NOT hackney

A.4. Fit for purpose

A.5. There are currently no points of concern for Pointers although the UK does have Health representatives for the breed clubs, who liaise with the Kennel Club. Many breeders now check for hip dysplasia which has indicated the breed average; very helpful for ongoing breeding.

A.6. The adult dog will require more than 2 hours exercise a day; that said they make great sofa companions; but you need to be aware of the expenses for feeding, training, general care and be prepared to have a lifelong commitment.

I always suggest they come to meet the other Pointers, or someone local to themselves with Pointers, to watch the dogs galloping; some people are worried by the distance a Pointer will range.

**Sue Barrs
Panopoly Pointers**

A.1. I have been in pointers for 36 years now, they are my chosen breed because as a teenager I was employed by a local pointer breeder where I did my breeder ‘apprenticeship’ which led me to fall in love with this breed.

A.2. The breed had become more ‘modernised’ compared to 15 years ago. But as a breeders I strive to keep correct breed type and characteristics first and foremost. Which is why even now I am using 15+ years old semen



to keep the breed type.

A.3. 1st, at first look should fill your eye and be a series of graceful curves. Aristocratic and elegant!

2nd correct dish face head with chiselling/working in the head with thin small triangle ears

3rd correct oval bone with slightly sloping Pasterns.

4th Correct tail - thick at the base tapering to a point (bee sting not to be confused with the tuft of hair at the

We asked Breeders

Q.1. How long have you been breeding Pointers? Why are they your chosen breed?

Q.2. How do you think today’s Pointers rate with those of say 15 years ago?

Q.3. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important points you think a judge should look for in the Pointer?

Q.4. If you were able to add a sentence to the Pointer breed standard what would it be?

Q.5. Does the Pointer have any health problems?

Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Pointer?

end of the tail!), carried level with top line lashing from side to side.

5th effortless ground covering light movement showing the reach and drive action.

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A.4. Nothing!

A.5. There are no congenital health issues which pointers need mandatory testing for.

A.6. Do your research, talk to different breeders, look at their dogs, learn as much as you can!

**Diane O’Neill
Chesterhope Pointers**

A.1. We bought our first Pointer in 1979 and I bred my first Robwyn litter in 1984. When I was a boy my father owned a Pointer that we would enjoy hunting over. I guess my love of the breed began in my childhood.

A.2. Within New Zealand we have had a host of fabulous Pointers over an extended period of time who have won at the highest level. In my view the breed has managed to maintain our quality over an extended period and this remains today. Throughout the years we have benefited from some quality imports that have supplemented our limited gene pool. The introduction of differing bloodlines has been central to our ability to maintain the breed’s quality over an extended period of time.

A.3. Graceful curves, effortless movement, lashing tail, slightly dish faced muzzle and well laid back shoulders.

A.4. The standard requires a judge

to penalise hackney gait. I would add to the tail “definitely no upward curl”.

A.5. No we remain remarkably free from health issues in this country. Over the years we have been aware of



some mouth issues and the occasional monorchid dog but Pointers normally live healthy lives.

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A.6. To enjoy a good life Pointers require daily exercise and a measured amount of food. If you do not have a large area for them to run free you need to be able to access such an area. Weight management is very important so monitor and manage the volume of food they receive.

They have a loving temperament but like to go off and do their own thing rather than follow an owner around. They are smart and training them to come to call is simple but necessary to ensure you can keep them safe.

**Paul H. Robinson
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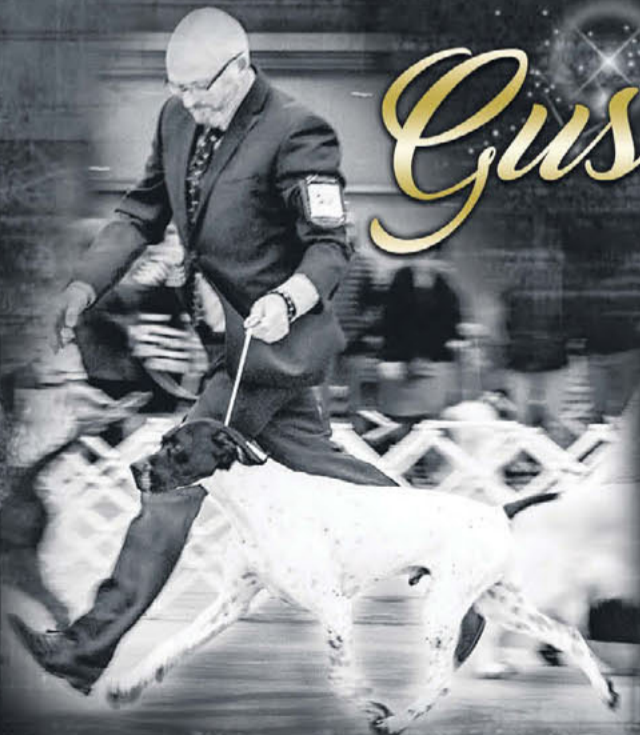
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THE POINTER STANDARD – a breeder’s perspective of the differences between the standard of the breed in the USA and the UK

By **PAUL ROBINSON**

Whilst the breed in both the USA and the UK can be traced back to very similar and essentially the same origins over time we have evolved to have two standards for the breed that offer considerable variation between the countries. Interestingly it is not uncommon in conversation with long established breeders from the USA to find that many seek to breed Pointers to reflect the UK standard in spite of the standards variations.

I do not intend to undertake an exercise of comparing the standards on a line by line basis but would simply like to focus my attention to four specific areas that seem to have taken a different course within the standards and qualities of the Pointer that I personally consider as defining within the breed. Like most who have been involved with this beautiful breed over an extended period I have spent a huge amount of time reading the breed’s history and have been fortunate to have had access to most of the books on the breed that are considered to be the definitive reference materials. Again like most, I would imagine, I often refer back to these books and articles to re-acquaint myself with the breed qualities that are so eloquently detailed in these reference books.

If you take the time to study both of the standards you will find that the UK standard was last updated in March 1994, the AKC standard was adopted in 1975, some 19 years earlier although a 1999 revision was developed but not accepted by vote of the membership.

To move on to the key variances as I see them. Firstly let’s deal with the Head and Skull. Both standards carry similar general descriptions in terms of length and breath and general descriptions of the muzzle and stop there are however a couple of notable exceptions. The UK standard calls for a “muzzle somewhat concave” and a “slightly dish faced appearance”. These are defining qualities of the Head within this standard and indeed are breed defining characteristics in the UK. In the USA however the standard calls for a “slight furrow between the eyes” and “parallel planes of the skull and muzzle are equally acceptable”. The two variations clearly provide for very different interpretations and ultimately head type.

Secondly let’s talk about the Gait/Movement. Both standards have descriptive phrases that attempt to define the breed’s movement. The AKC standard calls for “smooth, frictionless with a powerful hindquarter drive” whilst the UK standard calls for “smooth, covering plenty of ground. Driving hind action” both standards have considerably more descriptions but in my opinion use varying words to essentially convey the same purpose. Where we get to see a considerable variance is when the respective standards begin to describe tail action and carriage. I have included this under gait/movement as the AKC standard combines tail movement within Gait. Under the AKC standard the observer is required to seek out a tail that is “moving from side to side rhythmically with pace” within the UK standard the observer is counselled to seek a tail that

“should lash from side to side”.

In any interpretation these two descriptions clearly call for a very different type of tail action. It is interesting to note that most of the writings on the breed by authors who have had breed associations within the last 40 years, from UK based backgrounds or countries that have adopted the UK standard, collectively write about the lack of this essential breed quality or the thrill that is gained when seeing a Pointer move with this quality present. Interestingly I have also found articles by USA authors who also regard the lashing tail as essential.

The third clear point of difference is also focussed upon the tail. This breed feature has long been seen as the essential hallmark of breed quality and is invariably seen and described as where the “true blue blood” can be found. In addition to the tail movement both standards describe the carriage, shape and length. Here again we see notable difference between these two standards. Both standards are quite specific about the tail shape and length and both standards are clear that carriage of the tail should show no “upward curl” or be “without curl”. Where they differ is that the UK standards behaves us to seek out a tail that is “carried on a level with the back” whilst the AKC standard requires carriage that is “no more than 20 degrees above the line of the back”. Again the respective standards permit considerably differing outcomes of a feature we all consider to be breed defining.

And finally let us move on to size.

This fourth significant variation is intriguing. There is an inch height difference between the standards from the respective countries. The interesting point is that in males the AKC standard permits an additional inch in height, 28 inches as opposed to 27 inches with a minimum height in both standards of 25 inches however in females the height variation is completely the opposite to the males. The AKC female Pointer can be as small as 23 inches whilst the UK standard allows bitches to be only a minimum of 24 inches with both having a maximum height of 25 inches. This variation therefore allows a 3 inch spread between males and females equally within the AKC standard whilst the UK standard provides only a 2 inch spread.

The essence of this article is to simply make readers aware that if you are breeding to YOUR standard then quite simply the breed within the USA and countries that observe or follow the UK standard are going to be at variance to each other in areas that are of significance within our respective standards. Regardless of these differences our Pointers are clearly and unmistakably Pointers. The debate about the relevance of the standard variations and breed specific requirements will continue. We should not therefore be surprised when we see our breed in each others countries and realise that there are subtle but defining differences. We must therefore appreciate that what we see is simply the dedicated breeders in these countries staying within their respective standards.

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The Breed Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Symmetrical and well built all over, general outline a series of graceful curves. A strong but lissom appearance.

CHARACTERISTICS: Aristocratic. Alert with appearance of strength, endurance and speed.

TEMPERAMENT: Kind, even disposition.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Skull of medium breadth, in proportion to length of foreface, stop well defined, pronounced occipital bone. Nose and eye rims dark, but may be lighter in the case of a lemon and white coloured dog. Nostrils wide, soft and moist. Muzzle somewhat concave, ending on level with nostrils, giving a slightly dish-faced appearance. Slight depression under eyes, cheek bones not prominent, well developed soft lip.

EYES: Same distance from occiput as from nostrils, bright and kindly in expression. Either hazel or brown according to colour of coat. Neither bold nor staring, not looking down the nose.

EARS: Leathers thin, set on fairly high, lying close to head, of medium length, slightly pointed at tips.

MOUTH: Jaws strong, with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. Upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK: Long, muscular, slightly arched, springing cleanly from shoulders and free from throatiness.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders long, sloping and well-laid back. Chest just wide enough for plenty of heart room. Brisket well let down, to level with elbows. Forelegs straight and firm, with good oval bone, with back sinews strong and visible. Knee joint flat with front leg and protruding very little on inside. Pasterns, lengthy, strong and resilient. Slightly sloping.

BODY:

Well sprung ribs carried well back gradually falling away at strong muscular and slightly arched loins. Short coupled. Haunch bones well spaced and prominent, not above level of back.

HINDQUARTERS:

Very muscular. Well turned stifles. Good expanse of first and second thigh. Hocks well let down.

FEET: Oval, well knit, arched toes, well cushioned.

TAIL: Medium length, thick at root, tapering gradually to a point. Well covered with close hair, carried on a level with back, with no upward curl. In movement, tail should lash from side to side.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Smooth covering plenty of ground. Driving hind action, elbows neither in nor out. Definitely not a hackney action.

COAT: Fine, short, hard and evenly distributed, perfectly smooth and straight with decided sheen.

COLOUR: Usual colours are lemon and white, orange and white, liver and white, and black and white. Self colours and tri-colours are also correct.

SIZES: HEIGHT:

Dogs 63-69 cms (25-27 ins) at withers

Bitches 61-66 cms (24-26 ins) at withers

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 the dog's ability to perform its traditional work. Notes: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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