

Cane Corso

Height – Dogs 25” to 27.5”; Bitches – 23.5” to 26”

Rectangular – 10% longer than tall

Medium-large size Molossus Dog. Sturdy, with strong skeleton. Muscular and athletic. Moves with ease and elegance. It has always been property watchdog and hunter of difficult game.

Head – Molossus, large, one third height at withers. Planes slightly convergent, not parallel. **Skull** – Wide and slightly curved; width equal to length. **Stop** – Well defined. **Eyes** – Medium-size, almond shaped. Dark brown preferred with black muzzles. Lighter shades with gray muzzles okay. **Ears** – Set well above cheek bone. May be cropped or uncropped. **Nose** – Large with well opened nostrils, color matches pigment color of dog. **Muzzle** – Very broad and deep, width almost equal to length, which is approximately 1/3 the length of the head; depth is more than 50% of the length of muzzle. **Lips** – Rather firm. Upper lips moderately hanging, forming an inverted “U.” Pigmentation matches pigment of dog. **Bite** – Slightly undershot, scissors acceptable. Full dentition.

Neck – Slightly arched, length approximately 1/3 the height at the withers. **Body** – Depth of ribcage equals half the height of the dog. Moderate tuck up. **Back** – Wide, strong, muscular and level. **Tail** – docked or undocked. Carried low when not in action. Never vertical or over back.

Coat – Short, stiff, shiny, adherent and dense with light undercoat.

Color – Black, shades of gray, shades of fawn and red, brindling is allowed. Solid fawn and red have a black or gray mask.

Gait – Free flowing and powerful. Feet converge as speed increases.

Temperament – Protector of property and owners is unequalled.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Yellow bird of prey; blue eyes.

More than two missing teeth; wry mouth.

Undershot more than ¼ inch.

Any color with tan pattern markings as seen in black and tan breeds.

An atrophied tail or a tail that is knotted and laterally deviated or twisted.