

Leonberger

Height – Dogs 28” to 31.5”; Bitches – 25.5” to 29.5”

Height to length = 9 to 10

A calm, non-aggressive, large, muscular working dog distinguished by balanced build, black mask and double coat. Adult males, in particular, are powerful and strong and carry a lion-like mane. No trimming, sculpting or other alterations to the coat allowed.

Head – Deeper than broad, rectangular shaped. Length of muzzle and backskull approximately equal, with no wrinkles. Face covered with full black mask. **Eyes** – Dark brown preferred. Medium sized, oval to almond shaped, not showing any haw. **Ears** – When alert, ears are level with top of skull and set slightly forward; of medium size, triangular, fleshly hanging flat and close to head. **Skull** – Slightly arched and slightly longer than wide. **Stop** – Clearly recognizable. **Muzzle** – Rather long, can be slightly arched or level. Parallel to backskull. **Nose** – Large, always black. **Lips** – Black, tight and dry. **Teeth** – Complete dentition, scissors bite preferred, level accepted. Missing M3s are permissible.

Topline - Level. **Body** – Chest broad and deep, reaching at least to point of elbows. **Tail** – Carried no higher than level of back.

Coat – Medium to long, water resistant, double coat. Outer coat medium soft to coarse, lies flat. Natural appearance essential. No alteration allowed, including whiskers. **Color** – Lion yellow, golden to red and red-brown, also sand colored (Cream, pale yellow) and all combinations thereof, always with a black mask.

Gait – Ground covering, even and balanced. Stride is powerful, easy and elastic.

Temperament – Gentle character and even temperament of utmost importance; self assured and calm with a steady, playful demeanor.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Mask – Complete lack of mask

Teeth – Any missing teeth other than M3s

Color – Any coat color other than those listed. White hair on chest exceeding 5 inches in width, white hair extending beyond toes.