

# Leonberger

Height Adult male- 28 – 31 ½” Adult female – 25 ½ - 29 ½”

**General Appearance-**A large, sociable working dog, muscular yet elegant. Distinguished by its black mask, substantial bone, balanced build and double coat. Dogs and bitches are easily discernable as such. Graceful in motion. Shown with no trimming, sculpting or alterations.

**Head-** Deeper than broad rectangle, with no wrinkles. Length of muzzle and backskull equal. Face covered with full black mask.

**Eyes-** Dark brown preferred. Medium sized, oval to almond shaped, showing no haw or sclera. **Ears-** When alert, ears are level with top of skull and set slightly forward; of medium size, triangular, fleshy, hanging flat and close to the head. **Skull-** Backskull is slightly arched and the skull is slightly longer than wide. **Stop-** Clearly recognizable. **Muzzle-** Level or slightly arched, never running to a point. Parallel to skull. **Nose-** Large, always black. Lips- Black, tight and dry. **Teeth-** Complete dentition. Scissors bite, level accepted.

**Topline-** Firm and level. **Body-** Height to length is 9:10 Chest is broad and deep, reaching at least to elbows. **Croup-** Broad, relatively long, gently sloped, flowing smoothly into root of tail. **Tail-** Carried no higher than the level of the back.

**Coat-** Medium to long, double, water resistant. Outer coat is medium-soft to coarse and lies flat. Some wave permitted, but not parted or curly coat.

**Color-** Lion yellow, golden to red and red-brown, sand colored (cream, pale yellow) and all combinations, always with black mask.

**Gait-** Ground covering, even and balanced, Stride is free, fluid and powerful with good reach and strong drive.

## **Disqualifications:**

Complete lack of mask.

More than one missing tooth other than M3s.

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

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