

breeds, though certainly the best working Spaniel I have ever owned myself was one of this type about seventeen or eighteen years ago, before it became fashionable, and before Spaniel trials were thought of. The description of the breed is as follows:—

1. **Head.**—Skull long and rather narrow; a stop; the muzzle broad and long to the end.
2. **Eyes.**—Rather small, bright, intelligent.



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3. **Ears.**—Long, low-set, lobular.
4. **Neck.**—Lean, long, and slightly arched.
5. **Body (including Size and Symmetry).**—Fairly heavy body; legs rather longer than the other Field Spaniels, but not so long as in Irish; medium size.
6. **Nose.**—Large and soft.
7. **Shoulder and Chest.**—Shoulders long and sloping; chest deep and fairly broad.
8. **Back and Loin.**—Back flat and strong; loin rather long, flat and strong.
9. **Hindquarters.**—Long; hocks well let down; stifles moderately bent, not twisted inward or outward.
10. **Stern.**—Low carried, *i.e.* not above the level of the back.
11. **Feet and Legs.**—Strong boned, inclining to shortness; feet large and rather flat.
12. **Coat.**—Not woolly, not curly, but may be broken.
13. **Colour.**—Liver and white, black and white.
14. **General Appearance.**—An active, useful, and medium-sized dog.

I think it would have been as well to have fixed some approximate standard of size or weight. "Medium sized" is rather vague, and to have used the word "waved" in place of "broken," in referring to the

coat; and I cannot see the object of flat feet.

Since the above was written, the following revised description of the English Springer has been issued by the Sporting Spaniel Society:—

1. **Skull.**—Long and slightly arched on top, fairly broad, with a stop, and well-developed temples.
2. **Jaws.**—Long and broad, not snipy, with plenty of thin lip.
3. **Eyes.**—Medium size, not too full, but bright and intelligent, of a rich brown.
4. **Ears.**—Of fair length, low set, and lobular in shape.
5. **Neck.**—Long, strong, and slightly arched.
6. **Shoulders.**—Long and sloping.
7. **Forelegs.**—Of a moderate length, straight, with flat strong bone.
8. **Body.**—Strong, with well-sprung ribs, good girth, and chest deep and fairly broad.
9. **Loin.**—Rather long, strong, and slightly arched.
10. **Hindquarters and Hindlegs.**—Very muscular, hocks well let down, stifles moderately bent, and not twisted inwards or outwards.
11. **Feet.**—Strong and compact.
12. **Stern.**—Low carried, not above the level of the back, and with a vibratory motion.
13. **Coat.**—Thick and smooth or very slightly wavy, it must not be too long. The feathering must be only moderate on the ears, and scanty on the legs, but continued down to the heels.
14. **Colour.**—Liver and white and black and white (with or without tan), fawn and white, yellow and white, also roans and self colours of all these tints. The pied colours are preferable, however, as more easily seen in cover.
15. **General Appearance.**—An active compact dog, upstanding, but by no means stilty. His height at shoulder should about equal his length from the top of the withers to the root of the tail.

VIII. The Welsh Springer.—Like the English Springer, the Welsh Springer has only very recently come into existence—officially, that is to say; but his admirers claim for him that he has existed as a separate breed for a long time, though not



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