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Breed name : Fawn Brittany Basset (Basset Fauve de Bretagne).

Origin : France.

Date of publication of the original valid standard : 24/06/1987.

Utilization : Hound.

#### CLASSIFICATION FCI :

Group 6 : Scenthounds and related breeds.

Section 1.3 : Small-sized Hounds.  
With working trial.

## GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Basset resembles the breed from which it is derived by the characteristics of the head, coat texture, colour, and stern carriage. Working in thickly wooded country with high banks, they should be small, alert hounds, a little dumpy and squat but still retaining the typical Basset appearance. Forelegs slightly crooked or almost straight. The hound is quite fast for his size.

## HEAD

### CRANIAL REGION

Skull : Rather long, occipital crest well defined. Viewed from the front, the skull is shaped like a flattened semicircular arch diminishing in width (without exaggeration) towards the superciliary ridges which are not strongly marked.

Stop : More stop than the Griffon Fauve de Bretagne.

### FACIAL REGION

Nose : Black or dark brown. Nostrils well open.

Muzzle : Fairly long, straight or with a slight Roman nose. Rather more pointed than square.

[Lips](#) : Not too heavy.

[Eye](#) : Dark, brown, not showing any haw; alert expression.

[Leathers](#) : Fine at the base which is at eye level, of medium length, barely reaching the nose. Ending in a point and covered with smoother and softer hair than the rest of the body.

**NECK** : Rather short, muscular.

## **BODY**

[Back](#) : Short and broad.

[Loins](#) : Wide, supporting, well-muscled.

[Group](#) : Wide and well let down. Ribs slightly rounded.

[Belly](#) : Wide and well let down. Ribs slightly rounded.

**TAIL** : Medium length, slightly sickle-shaped, thick at the root, often with some longer and coarser, round the tail slightly offstanding hairs (like ears of grain) towards the well tapering tip.

## **LIMBS**

### [Forequarters](#)

Strong, straight or slightly crooked.

[Shoulders](#) : Sloping.

### [Hindquarters](#)

Vertical and parallel.

[Thighs](#) : Long and muscled.

[Hockst](#) : Large, slightly bent; quite let down.

[FEET](#) : Tight and firm.

[GAIT / MOVEMENT](#) : Lively.

## **COAT**

Hair : Very harsh, dry to the touch, quite short, never woolly nor frizzy; face not tousled.

Colour : Fawn, the best shades are the golden-wheaten and the rich red-brown; sometimes a small white spot on chest (not to be encouraged).

## **SIZE AND WEIGHT**

Height at the withers : Tolerance : 32 - 38 cm for top quality dogs.

Tolerance : + 2 cm for top quality dogs.

## **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.

- General appearance thin or slender.
- Skull wide or narrow.
- Superciliary ridges too strongly marked.
- Muzzle snipey or short.
- Pendulous lips.
- Leathers set on low, too short, too long, flat, covered with frizzy hair.
- Back too long.
- Belly strongly tucked up.
- Thighs too round.
- Feet slack and wide.
- Fawn coat overlaid with black or white markings no to be encouraged.

**N.B.** : Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.