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Breed name: Slovakian Hound (Slovenský Kopov).

Origin : Slovakia.

Date of publication of the original valid standard : 16/04/1963.

Utilization : Hound.

**CLASSIFICATION FCI :**  
Group 6 : Scenthounds and related breeds.  
Section 1.2 : Medium-sized Hounds.  
With working trial.

## **UTILIZATION**

This breed is distinguished through its enduring hours-long following of a warm trail or scent while giving tongue. Also distinguished by its keenness and therefore used in its native country for hunting wild boar and predatory.

## **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Always solid black with tan markings. Lightish body build, yet solid bone structure. Longish rectangle.

## **BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT**

Spirited temperament. Extraordinarily developed sense of direction.

## **HEAD**

### **CRANIAL REGION**

**Skull** : Flat domed top skull ; shape of a longish rectangle. Superciliary ridges and frontal furrow marked; occipital protuberance hardly marked. The direction of the axes of the muzzle and of the skull is parallel.

**Stop** : Forms an angle of about 45°.

## **FACIAL REGION**

**Nose** : Always black in colour, relatively large, moderately tapering; nostrils moderately open.

**Muzzle** : Bridge of nose straight, in keeping with the skull long and not too broad.

**Lips** : Not overlapping, close fitting with noticeable opened corner of Mouth.

**Jaws/Teeth** : Jaws of regular shape, firm, with well developed complete bite.

**Eyes** : Dark, set in somewhat deep. Show liveliness and courage. Eyelids always black; almond shaped.

**Leathers** : Set on somewhat above the line of the eyes, carried flat along the head, with rounded tip and of medium length.

**NECK** : Well set, carried at an angle of 135°, rather short, muscular and without loose skin.

## **BODY**

**Back** : Straight, medium long.

**Loin** : Not too long, suitably broad, firm and muscular.

**Croup** : Not too long, medium breadth, rounded.

**Chest** : Forechest broad and well developed. Medium depth, suitably broad and appropriately long. Ribs arched, set slanting.

**Belly and flanks** : Moderately tucked up.

**TAIL** : Set on somewhat low, below the upper line ; fittingly strong, tapering to the tip and reaching to the hock. Pendant in repose; curved upwards in sabre shape to a height of 150° when alert.

## **LIMBS**

### **Forequarters**

**Shoulder-blade and upperarm** : Rather short, well developed, muscular. Angle at shoulder joint about 110°.

**Forearm** : In vertical position, dry.

[Pastern joint](#) : Short.

[Pastern](#) : Not too long. somewhat sloping.

[Forefeet](#) : Oval; well arched toes; nails always black and strong. Pads dark and well developed.

### [Hindquarters](#)

[Upper thigh](#) : Sufficiently broad; fittingly long, muscular.

[Lower thigh](#) : Broad, appropriate in length, well muscled.

[Hock-joint](#) : Set on in a height of about 15 cm, moderately broad. Angle of hock about 150°.

[Hock](#) : About 8 cm long, moderately slanting forward ; no dewclaws.

[Hind feet](#) : Oval; toes tight and well arched; pads well developed and black.

[GAIT / MOVEMENT](#) : Lively and balanced.

[SKIN](#) : Dark brown to black, close fitting without folds or loose skin.

### **COAT**

[Hair](#) : 2-5 cm long, medium coarse, close fitting and dense; longer on back, neck and tail. Undercoat dense, especially during winter months, but must not be lacking in summer.

[Colour](#) : Black with brown to mahogany coloured tan markings on limbs.

### **HEIGHT AND WEIGHT**

[Height at withers](#) : for dogs 45 to 50 cm; for bitches 40 to 45 cm.

[Weight](#) : 15 to 20 kg.

### **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.

- Heavy, clumsy, stocky build.
- Head too heavy.
- Lips overlapping.
- Incomplete bite.
- Over- or undershot mouth.
- light eye, eyelids loose or too tight.
- Leathers too light, pointed.
- Loose skin on neck (throatiness).

- · Soft back.
- · Flat ribcage (serious fault) .
- · Remarkably too long tail, tail carriage above topline even in repose.
- · Incorrect position of limbs.
- · Soft feet.
- · Coat too short, without undercoat; coat too long, wavy.
- · Colour other than black, white markings, unclear boundary of tan markings.
- · Oversize.

### **IMPORTANT MEASURES (IDEAL TYPE)**

Weight	16 kg
Height at withers for a dog	46 cm
Height at withers for a bitch	43 cm
Overall length of the head	22 cm
Length of the bridge of nose	9 cm
Length of the skull	13 cm
Width of the skull	10,5 cm
Width of the chest	16,5 cm
Height of the chest	22 cm
Depth of the chest	31,5 cm
Length of body	55 cm
Girth of chest behind last rib	54 cm

### **ANGULATIONS**

Angle of the shoulder	110°
Angle of the elbow	140°
Angle of the hip	130°
Angle of the stifle	130°
Angle of hock joint	145°

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