

**SCC Standard (2003)**

**SAINT USUGE SPANIEL**  
**(Epagneul de Saint Usuge)**

**ORIGIN:** France.

**UTILISATION:** Pointing dog.

**FCI-CLASSIFICATION:** Group 7          Pointing dogs  
Section 1.2      Continental pointing dogs,  
Spaniel type  
With working trial

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Spaniel type pointing dog with hair of medium length, soft, flat and silky, with a balanced, elegant appearance. Medium build, muscular and resistant, docile with a gentle expression.  
Its gait is lithe and smooth, with strides of average reach.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:** Rectangular in shape, with desired proportions of 9 to 10. (Height at withers 9; body length 10).

**BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT:** A mild, tractable disposition, balanced, affectionate, very sensitive, no game shyness, alert and passionate, easily trained.

**HEAD:** In proportion to the size and the sex of the dog. The lines of the skull and the muzzle are divergent.

**CRANIAL REGION:**

**Skull:** Slightly domed, medium width.

**Stop:** Evident; more pronounced in males than females.

**FACIAL REGION:**

**Nose:** Brown pigmentation, in harmony with the coat. Well opened nostrils.

**Muzzle:** Straight, equal in length to the skull.

**Lips:** Good pigmentation in the coat colour; thin, but sufficiently let down to ensure the muzzle is not pointed. Lips should fully cover the teeth.

**Jaws / teeth:** Jaws with a scissor bite, the inside of the upper incisors being in close contact with the outside of the lower incisors.

Teeth set square to the jaw; 42 teeth according to the dentition formula.

**Eyes:** Round, wide open, not protruding, alert expression, hazel colour (darker colours sought after). The eyelids are close fitting and rims are well pigmented.

**Ears:** Set below the eye line. Flat, triangular, well feathered, with feathers reaching to the tip of the muzzle.

**NECK:** Short and powerful, without dewlap.

**BODY:**

**Topline:** Straight.

**Withers:** Well marked.

**Back:** Well sustained and muscular.

**Loin:** Medium length and muscular.

**Croup:** Short, giving the appearance of a small, stocky dog.

Chest: Broad, well developed in three dimensions, ribs rounded without exaggeration.  
Underline and belly: Arching slightly towards the rear.

**TAIL**: Reaching the hocks, feathered and forming a lovely plume. The tail is undocked and carried sabre fashion.

## **LIMBS**

FOREQUARTERS: Viewed from the front, straight and parallel. Viewed from the side, set well under the body. Upper arm and forearm of almost equal length.

Shoulder: Well angulated, strong and muscular.

Arm: Muscular and lean, feathered.

Elbow: Close to the body, turning neither in nor out.

Forearm: Vertical, strong bone structure.

Carpus: Robust.

Metacarpus: Slightly sloping.

Forefeet: Furnished with hair. Parallel to the body line, long, not splayed, moderately tight. Soles well padded. Nails strong and dark.

HINDQUARTERS: Seen from behind, set straight and parallel. Well boned.

Thigh: Flat, long, well let down, not fleshy.

Stifle: Strong, well angulated.

Lower thigh: Long, moderately muscular.

Hock joint: Well angulated and lean.

Metatarsus: Inclined without exaggeration, medium length.

Hind feet: Furnished with hair. Parallel to the body line, long, not splayed, moderately tight. Soles well padded. Nails strong and dark.

FEET: Small, round and compact. Pads hard and tough. Toes moderately arched, with feet turning neither in nor out.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT**: Supple and regular, with strides of average reach, but proud and harmonious.

## **SKIN**

Marbled with brown patches, close fitting, without folds.

## **COAT**

HAIR: Semi-long, slightly wavy, well furnished on the body. Shorter on the head, as well as on the limbs, which are well feathered. The ears and tail are well feathered.

Hair on chest is well furnished and underline is feathered.

COLOUR: Bicoloured: Brown with white markings, without white patches; with or without white star on forehead in adulthood (puppies are all born with a white star that may disappear in adulthood).

**SIZE**: Height at the withers:

Males: 0.45 to 0.53 m

Females: 0.41 à 0.49 m

**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 and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

### **SERIOUS FAULTS**

- Short, narrow or pointed muzzle.
- Very slack eyelids.
- Sway back or roach back.
- Croup overbuilt.
- Sternum too short.
- Elbows distinctly turning in or out.
- Hocks too close, cow hocks or barrel hocks, in stance as well as in movement
- Pacing movement.
- Short stride, stiff gait.

### **DISQUALIFYING FAULTS**

- Weak temperament, gun or game shyness.
- Overshot or undershot, wry mouth.
- Missing teeth except P1.
- Entropion, ectropion.
- Naturally short tail, deviated or broken tail, or absence of tail.
- Lack of pigmentation.
- Eyes of different colours (heterochromia).
- Any coat other than that indicated in the standard, tricoloured coat, white patches.

### **N.B.:**

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.