

Forequarters: Forelegs medium length, straight in bone, well muscled, set moderately wide apart and straight from the point of the shoulders as viewed from the front.

AMPLIFICATION:

The density of bone of the forelegs should be sufficient to balance the picture of the large round head and broad deep brisket with well sprung ribs. To avoid the straight terrier front, with its lack of reach, the shoulders should be laid back sufficiently. The front assembly should be in balance with the width of the rear and not give the impression of loaded shoulders or a pear-shaped body. Keep in mind the words square and balance. (Please see bottom picture on page 11)

UNDESIRABLE:

Out at the elbows or tied in at the elbows. Front assembly too narrow or too wide. Fiddle front.

Pasterns: Short and strong.

Feet: Round, small, and compact, turned neither in nor out. Toes well arched. Black pads and toenails preferred.

AMPLIFICATION:

Strong pasterns are needed to keep the Griffon up on its toes. The cat-like foot is round with thick pads and well-arched knuckles. Mention should be made of the so-called "web foot" found in some Griffon lines. This term is used to denote a foot in which the two center toes are fused together. This feature, like the kinked and short tails, can be traced to the cross with the English Toy Spaniel. Many of the most desired head characteristics are also features from this cross. Puppies born with web feet and kinked tails, which often seem to go together, tend to have excellent heads. Front and rear dew claws are generally removed.

UNDESIRABLE:

Large, hare, or splayed feet.

Hindquarters: Hind legs set true, thighs strong and well muscled, stifles bent, hocks well let down, turning neither in nor out.

AMPLIFICATION:

For good movement and balance it is important that both front and rear angulation are moderate. The thighs should have developed muscle and not give the appearance of softness or lack of exercise. When viewed from the side, the front of the rear toes should be in line with the rearmost point of rump.

UNDESIRABLE:

Straight or over-angulated stifles. Rear too narrow for shoulders (pear shaped). Lack of muscular development. Long hocks, sickle hocks, or cow hocks.