Tail: of medium length, set on high, it is strong at the base and tapers regularly. It is well furnished with hair, has but a slight curve and is carried proudly like the blade of a saber; normally pointing at about two o'clock. In a curved downward position the tip of the tail bone should reach no further than the hock joint.

Forequarters

Shoulders clean and well laid back. Upper arm approximately equal in length to the shoulder blade. Elbows close to the body.

Legs: The length of leg from elbow to ground should be slightly more than half the height from withers to ground. Viewed from the front, it is desirable that the forelegs be straight, but a slight crook is acceptable. In either case, the leg appears straight, is strong and well boned, but never coarse nor weedy. Improperly constructed front assemblies, including poor shoulder placement, short upper arms, out at elbows, lack of angulation and fiddle fronts, are all serious faults. Pasterns strong and slightly sloping. Any tendency to knuckle over is a serious fault. Dewclaws may, or may not, be removed.

Feet: not too long, between hare and cat foot, with hard, tight pads. The nails are strong and short.

Hindquarters

Strong and muscular with good bend of stifle. A well-defined second thigh. Hips wide, thighs well muscled. Hocks are short and well angulated, perpendicular from hock to ground. Feet are as in front. Except that they must point straight ahead.

Coat: The coat is rough, long without exaggeration and harsh to the touch, with a thick shorter undercoat. It is never silky or woolly. The eyes are surmounted by long eyebrows, standing forward but not obscuring the eyes. The ears are covered by long hair. The lips are covered by long hair forming a beard and moustache. The tail is well furnished with hair. The overall appearance is casual and tousled.

The rough, unrefined outline and tousled appearance of this rustic hunting hound is essential. Any sculpting, clipping, scissoring or shaping of the coat is contrary to PBGV breed type. The PBGV coat should be clean, neatened as necessary, but always remain casually disarrayed. Any deviation from the ideal described here and in the General Appearance Section of the official standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

Color: White with any combination of lemon, orange, black, sable, tricolor or grizzle markings, providing easy visibility in the field.

Gait: The movement should be free at all speeds. Front action is straight and reaching well forward. Going away, the hind legs are parallel and have great drive. Convergence of the front and rear legs towards his center of gravity is proportional to the speed of his movement. Gives the appearance of an active hound, capable of a full day's hunting.

Temperament: Confident, happy, extroverted, independent yet willing to please, never timid nor aggressive.

Disqualification: Height over 15 inches is a disqualification. Height under 13 inches is a disqualification at one year of age or older.

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JoAnne has been involved with Pure Bred Dogs most of her life, breeding and competitively showing Afghan Hounds since the 1970's. In addition to handling her own dogs, she has handled dogs of several other breeds for friends. She has also participated in all aspects of Pure Breed dogs including handling classes, coursing, field work, and obedience. She is involved with Specialty and All-Breed Clubs and has Chaired many National and Regional Events.

Judging since 2002, JoAnne is currently approved by the AKC to judge over 100 breeds across all seven groups. Learning the History and Function of a Breed is essential to understanding Breed Type. JoAnne's judging is always based on Breed Type.

She holds a BS in Biology (State University of New York at Albany), an MA in Secondary Curriculum and Science Ed, along with doctorial course work (Michigan State University), and an additional partial MS in Public Communication (Boston University).

She loves judging and her pleasure is shared with exhibitors. She looks forward to participating in this special event.