

Large Munsterlander Breed Standard

A breed standard for the Large Munsterlander was first devised in 1919. The standard is 'owned' by the Verband Große Münsterländer e.V. (VGM) in Germany, which in turn is a member of the German Jagdgebrauchshundverband (JGHV) and the Verband Deutsches Hundewesen (VDH), and thereby is represented internationally at the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI). FCI publishes the Breed Standard on behalf of the VGM, No. 118.

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LARGE MUNSTERLANDER (Grosser Münsterländer Vorstehhund)

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Origin: Germany.

Date of Publication of the Original Valid Standard: 24.06.1987.

Utilization: Versatile, useful multi-purpose gundog. His strength is his work after the shot.

Classification F.C.I.: Group 7 Pointing Dogs.

Section 1.2 Continental Pointing Dogs, « Spaniel type ».
With working trial.

Brief Historical Summary : The historical development of the large Munsterlander goes back to the white/particolor bird and hawking dog of the Middle Ages via the Stöberhund and Wachtelhund to the Pointer of the 19th century. The Large Munsterlander as well as the Small Munsterlander and the Deutsch-Langhaar (German Longhair) belong to the family of the longhaired German Pointing Dogs, whose planned breeding began towards the end of the 19th Century. After the « German Longhair Club » finally excluded the black colour from breeding in 1909, the « Club for the pure breeding of the black and white Münsterlander Pointers » (founded in 1919) took over the breeding of the black and white Longhair.

After incorporating the remainder of these native Longhairs, in particular from West-Münsterland and lower Saxony, onto a foundation list, the Club began the planned breeding of the Large Munsterlander in 1922.

The foundation list comprised 83 dogs. Descendants of the dogs on the original list were entered into the stud book for Large Munsterlander. The Club keeping the stud records is the « Verband Grosse Münsterländer e.V. », to date organized in eight independent regional groups. The « Verband Grosse Münsterländer » is a member of the V.D.H. (Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen) and of the Federation of Working Gundogs (JGHV).

General Appearance: Strong muscular body, yet racy general impression. Expression of intelligence and nobility. Clean outline.

Important Proportions: Length of body and height at withers should, as near as possible, be equal. Length of body can exceed height at withers by 2 cm.

Behavior / Temperament: The most important qualities are: to be tractable and easily taught, dependable for use as a gundog, in particular after the shot. Lively temperament without being nervous.

Head: Noble and elongated, with intelligent outlook. Definite well-muscled chin.

Cranial Region:

Stop: Modest.

Facial Region:

Nose: Pronounced black nose leather.

Muzzle: Strong, long and well developed for its use. Bridge of nose straight.

Lips: Not pendulous.

Jaws/Teeth: Strong and complete dentition (42 teeth) with well-formed canines and perfect scissor bite.

Eyes: The darker the better; eyelids tightly fitting.

Leathers: Broad, set on fairly high, rounded at tips, close fitting.

Neck: Strong and well-muscled with noble curve.

Body:

Withers: Medium height, long, well-muscled.

Back: Short, firm, straight.

Loins: Pronounced, protected by taut muscles.

Croup: Long, broad, sloping only slightly, well-muscled.

Chest: Broad when seen from front, deep seen from side with definite fore chest.

Underline and belly: Lightly tucked up, taut, slim. Flanks short and set high.

Tail: Carried horizontally or slightly higher. Seen from side in continuation of the upper line, without break.

Limbs:

Forequarters: Legs straight, strong and well-muscled. Correct angulations.

Shoulders: Shoulder blade close fitting to the ribs.

Pasterns: Springy.

Front feet: Of moderate length and roundness, tight toes; dewclaws.

Hindquarters: Strong, taut muscles. Vertical stance; correct angulation of stifle and hock joints.

Hind feet: As front feet. Dewclaws are to be removed.

Gait / Movement: Springy walk and trot, covering ground, with long stride. Gallop: elastic, animated with necessary drive and long bound.

Skin: Taut.

Coat:

Hair: Long and dense, yet sleek and not curly or stand off as this hinders hunting ability. Typical long-hair. The coat must be specially long and dense on backs of front and hind legs (well feathered) in both dogs and bitches. Also on the tail the hair must be particularly long. The strongest tail feathering should be in the medium part of its length. Hair on leathers should be long (good fringes) and reach clearly and evenly over the tip of the leathers (leather ends of ears not desirable). Hair on head is short and smooth.

Color: White with black patches and spots or blue roan. Head black, white snip or blaze admissible.

Size and Weight:

Height at shoulder: Dogs 60-65 cm preferred 60-67 permitted, Bitches 58-63 cm.

Weight (average): Approx. 30 kg.