

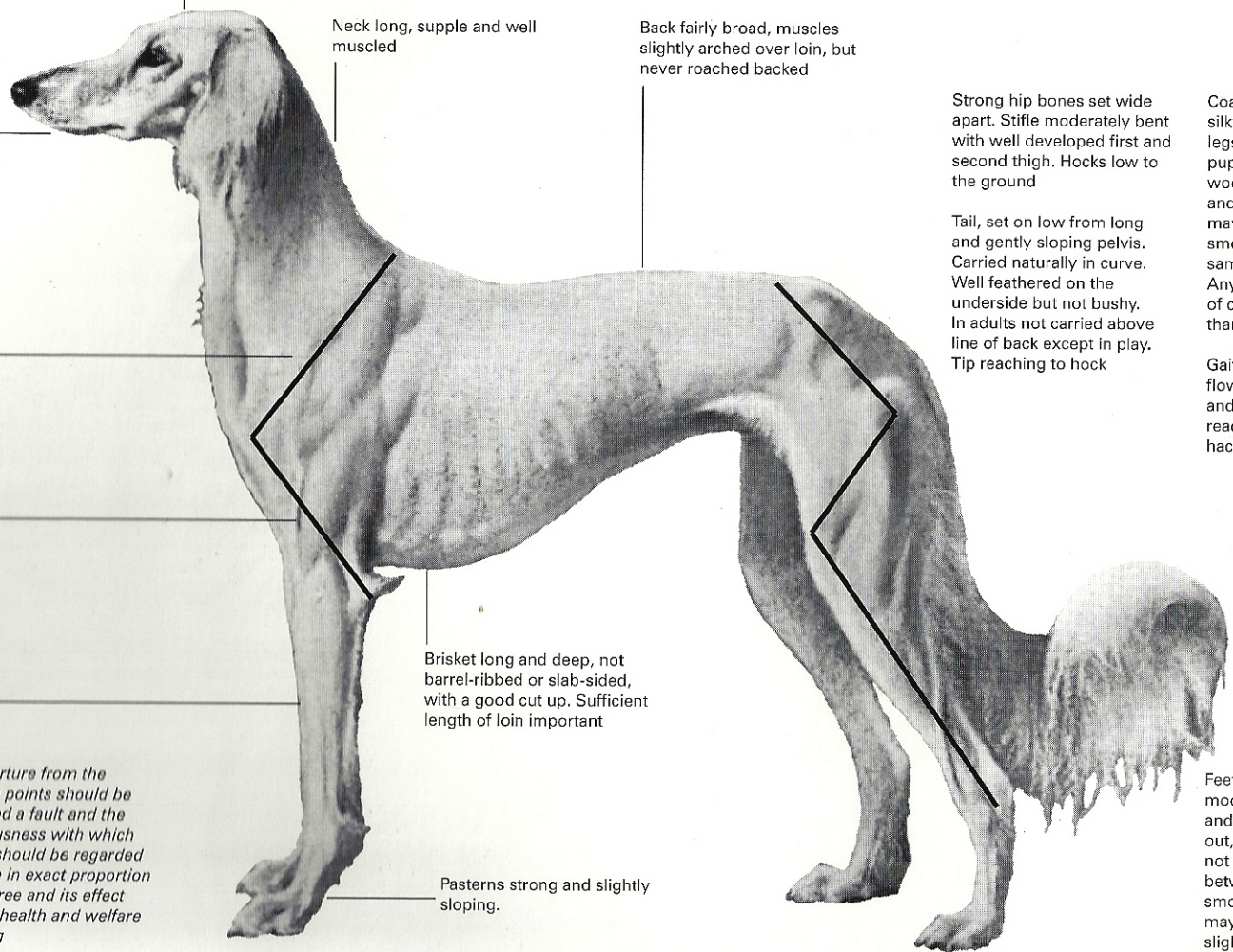
the Saluki or Gazelle Hound

General appearance:
gives impression of grace, symmetry and of great speed and endurance, coupled with strength and activity

Size: dogs 58-71cms (23-28 ins) at shoulder; bitches proportionately smaller

Characteristics: great variation in type due to wide geographical area of origin. There are both feathered and smooth varieties. The expression should be dignified and gentle with far-seeing eyes. Light flowing movement

The Saluki illustrated is Ch Burydown Freyha from a pastel by Phyllis Binet 1958. Freyha was Best bitch all Breeds and Reserve Best in Show at Crufts' 1964 when aged eight-and-three-quarter years, with the then record entry of 8,279 dogs. She was also an outstanding performer on the coursing field for several seasons, her success including winning the Saluki equivalent of the Waterloo Cup and, in the season in which she put up a record performance in the show ring, she won the Veteran Coursing Stakes.



Head long and narrow, skull moderately wide between the ears, not domed, stop not pronounced, whole showing great quality. Nose black or liver. Eyes dark to hazel, bright, large and oval, not prominent

Teeth and jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, ie upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws

Shoulders sloping and set well back, well muscled without being coarse. Chest deep and moderately narrow, when viewed from the front not an inverted "V"

Humerous sloping slightly backwards

Forelegs straight and long from elbow to wrist. Not round boned. Humerous sloping slightly backwards

Neck long, supple and well muscled

Back fairly broad, muscles slightly arched over loin, but never roached backed

Brisket long and deep, not barrel-ribbed or slab-sided, with a good cut up. Sufficient length of loin important

Pasterns strong and slightly sloping.

Strong hip bones set wide apart. Stifle moderately bent with well developed first and second thigh. Hocks low to the ground

Tail, set on low from long and gently sloping pelvis. Carried naturally in curve. Well feathered on the underside but not bushy. In adults not carried above line of back except in play. Tip reaching to hock

Coat, smooth and of a soft silky texture, feathering on legs and back of thighs, puppies may have slight woolly feathering on thighs and shoulders. Feathering may occur on throat. In the smooth variety the coat is the same but without feathering. Any colour or combination of colours permissible, other than brindle

Gait/movement: smooth, flowing and effortless. Light and lifting, showing both reach and drive without hackney action or pounding

Feet, strong, supple, of moderate length, toes long and well arched, not splayed out, but at the same time not cat footed. Feathered between the toes (except the smooth variety). Front feet may point outwards at a very slight angle when standing.

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