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Listing for Gundog Breed Group

- The decisions made by judges in the show ring strongly influence future breeding plans
- Judges must take conformation related health problems and temperament into account when making their decisions as well as breed type
- All show dogs should be Fit for Function: Fit for Life, see www.fitforfunction.org.uk
- Judges should never award prizes to dogs which are visibly suffering from any condition which would adversely affect their health or welfare. For example:
    - Obvious breathing difficulty
    - Significantly over or under weight dogs
    - Lameness, including hopping
    - A discharge from one or both eyes or any signs of discomfort in either eye
    - Obvious skin or ear irritation
    - Inappropriate temperament- refusal to be handled, timidity or aggression
    - Exaggerations that would make the dog unsuited for fulfilling its original purpose
- A judge is expected to make such decisions based on their extensive experience of dogs as owners and breeders – they are not expected to display the knowledge of a veterinary surgeon and should not undertake any extra examination of a dog other than that which they would normally perform in assessing general fitness and breed type.

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Gundog

Bracco Italiano

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Brittany

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English Setter

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German Longhaired Pointer

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German Shorthaired Pointer

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German Wirehaired Pointer

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Gordon Setter

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Points of concern for special attention by judges

- Excessively thick woolly coat
- Excessive hind angulation; overlong hip to hock; sickle hocks

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Hungarian Vizsla

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Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla

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Irish Red & White Setter

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Irish Setter

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Italian Spinone

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Kooikerhondje

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Korthals Griffon (Imp)

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Lagotto Romagnolo (Imp)

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Large Munsterlander

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Pointer

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Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

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Retriever (Curly Coated)

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Retriever (Flat Coated)

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Retriever (Golden)

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Points of concern for special attention by judges

- Overweight
- Legs too short in proportion to depth of body and to length of back

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Retriever (Labrador)

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Points of concern for special attention by judges

- Overweight
- Legs too short in proportion to depth of body and to length of back

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Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)

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Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer (Imp)

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Small Munsterlander (Imp)

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Spaniel (American Cocker)

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Points of concern for special attention by judges

- Incorrect bite and dentition
- Excessively prominent eyes

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Spaniel (American Water) (Imp)

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Spaniel (Clumber)

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Points of concern for special attention by judges

- Overweight
- Excessive amounts of loose facial skin with conformational defects of the upper and/or lower eyelids so that the eyelid margins are not in normal contact with the eye when the dog is in its natural pose (e.g. they turn in or out, or both abnormalities are present)
- Weak hind movement
- Obvious ear irritation
- Clear evidence of eyelid surgery or tacking to be a conformational defect

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Spaniel (Cocker)

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Spaniel (English Springer)

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Spaniel (Field)

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Spaniel (Irish Water)

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Spaniel (Sussex)

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Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

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Spanish Water Dog

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Weimaraner

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