

Bearded Collie Description... as given by D.J.Thomson Gray in his book entitled 'Dogs of Scotland', published 1891

The Skull flat, broad, and rather heavy over the eyes, covered with long hair of hard texture.

The Muzzle heavy, of moderate length, tapering, slightly to the nose, which is black.

The Eyes, moderately full, vary in color according to the colour of the dog's coat. A wall or 'china' eye is peculiar to the mired colour, but a dark brown eye is what is generally seen. Light yellow eyes are objectionable.

The Ears, which droop, are of moderate size, well covered with hair, and carried close to the head.

Neck, of medium length, thick, and well covered with hair, chest very deep, shoulders oblique.

Legs, the fore legs straight, with plenty of bone and muscle, heavily covered with rough hair, and hind legs also heavily covered with hair.

Feet, oval, toes arched and close, sole well padded.

Body, more short and compact than the common collie; chest deep and wide, the ribs well sprung. There should be no inclination to droop in the hindquarters.

Tail, of moderate length, bushy, and carried low.

Coat, very profuse, hard and wiry in the outer coat, with a tendency to waviness or curl; inner coat short, soft, and close.

General Appearance – A big, rough-coated, clumsy-looking dog, with rather large head, sleepy look, and a peculiar action when running.