

CHARTREUX

The Chartreux is a sturdy French breed coveted since antiquity for its hunting prowess and its dense, water repellent fur. Its husky, robust type is sometimes termed as primitive, neither cobby nor classic. Though amply built, they are extremely supple and agile. The qualities of strength, intelligence and amenability have enabled this breed to survive for centuries. Mature males weigh from 4.5 to 6.4 kg (10 – 14 pound) whereas mature females weigh from 2.7 to 4.1 kg (6 – 9 pounds).

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(20) BODY – Robust physique, medium long with broad shoulders and deep chest. Strong boning: muscle mass is solid and dense.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium length, straight and sturdy, comparatively fine-boned. Feet are round and medium in size (may appear almost dainty compared to body mass).

(5) TAIL – Medium in length, thick at base tapering to an oval tip. Flexible.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Rounded and broad—but not a sphere— set on a short, heavy neck. Powerful jaw; full cheeked. Muzzle comparatively small, narrow and tapered. Sweet, smiling expression.

(10) PROFILE – High contoured forehead, straight and of medium length and width; with a slight stop at eye level.

(5) EARS – Medium size, set high on head, slightly rounded tips.

(5) EYES – Large, round and expressive. Set far apart.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Medium short and slightly woolly in texture. Resilient undercoat with longer protective top coat.

IV – COLOUR (25)

(15) BODY COLOUR – Any shade of blue-grey brushed with silver. Emphasis on colour, clarity and uniformity rather than shade. Preferred tone is a bright, unblemished blue with an overall iridescent sheen. Nose leather slate grey; lips blue; paw pads are rose-taupe. Allowances made for ghost markings and for tail rings in adults under two years.

(10) EYE COLOUR – Colour range is copper to gold. Clear, deep orange is preferred.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Muscular, heavy and a leonine (lion-like) appearance.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Nose longer than head is wide.	3-5
* Severe nose break or humped nose.	3-5
* Snubbed or upturned nose.	3-5
* Broad heavy muzzle.	3-5
* Almond-shaped eyes.	3-5
* Eyes too close together giving an angry look.	1-3
* Ghost markings after 8 months of age.	3-5
* Tail rings after 2 years of age.	3-5

WITHHOLDS

* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Blue

BREED ORIGIN:	Established
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Chartreux
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Chartreux

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