Judging Canine

Parts of the Canine

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Canine Scorecard

Head ....................................................................................................................................................24
- Bite – should be able to tell the difference between level, scissors, overshot and undershot

Body, feet and legs ...........................................................................................................................24
- Neck
- Shoulder angulation
- Prosternum depth of chest
- Width of chest between front legs
- Topline
- Group
- Rear angulation (stifle and hock)
- Check male for testicles

Movement ...........................................................................................................................................22
- Well knuckled feet
- Should recognize paddling
- Weaving and crossing over
- Moving too wide or too close
- Cowhocks, crabbing and side winding.

General Properties ..........................................................................................................................30
- Expression - overall appearance of dog's head with special consideration given to the look in his eye (friendly, wary, etc.)

Total ...................................................................................................................................................100

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