LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO OF CANADA





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IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO SHARE OUR SHORT HISTORY OF LAGOTTO HERE IN CANADA. WE HOPE THESE GUIDELINES ASSIST YOUR ENDEAVOURS OF JUDGING LAGOTTO IN YEARS TO COME.

ITUATED ON A 40 ACRE WORKING TRUFFLE FARM IN PARKSVILLE, B.C.

CANADA

GRANT AND BEATRICE DUCKETT HAVE BEEN IN AGRICULTURE FOR OVER 50 YEARS, RAISING WILDLIFE, OFTEN WOUNDED OR ORPHANDED ELK, MOOSE, DEER ETC. THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS, VETS WERE NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL DISTANCES. DUCKETTS WERE ISSUED MEDICATIONS AND THEY ADMINISTERED THEM WHEN NEEDED, DURING SURGERIES, MAINTENANCE ETC. HUNDREDS OF ANIMALS WERE UNDER THEIR OWNERSHIP AND CARE ON HUGE TRACTS OF FENCED NATURAL AREAS.

BEING PILOTS, THEY FLEW TO WHERE EVER AN ANIMAL WAS THAT NEEDED CARE AND ATTENTION. THEY WERE PROUD TO PROVIDE THE DNA TO AGRICULTURE FOR THE STANDARD MARKERS OF A CANADIAN ELK.

IT IS WITH THIS EXPERIENCE, THE NEED FOR TRUFFLE NOSES AND THE LOVE OF ANIMALS THAT URGED DUCKETTS TO BRING
INTO CANADA, THE 1ST KNOWN WORKING LAGOTTO TRUFFLE DOGS.

WITH THEIR LIFETIME CODE OF ETHICS IN CARE, NURTURING AND BREEDING, THEY LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING PIONEERING TRUFFLE PRODUCTION IN CANADA AND PROVIDING PREMIUM LAGOTTO FOR SELECTED PLACEMENT.

LAGOTTO IN HISTORY

THE OLDEST WATERDOG KNOWN GLOBALLY, LAGOTTO HAS EVIDENCE OF PRESENCE

NEAR 1600 IN LAGOONS OF COMACCHIO AND THE MARSHLALNDS OF THE ROMAGNA PLAIN. LAGOTTO PROTECTED THE HOME AND THE BOOT, TRACKED DOWN THE COOTS AND RETRIEVED SHOT BIRDS, IN THE COLDEST WATERS FOR HOURS.

When the Marshlands were drained for growing land reclamation, the hunting instinct of the Lagotto was trained out for dedication exclusively to truffle hunting (1840-1890).

TODAYS LAGOTTO SERVES AS A WORKING DOG IN DETECTION, COMPANION AND SERVICE WITH THEIR OUTSTANDING ABILITY TO SEARCH, WILLINGNESS TO WORK AND THEIR EXCELLENT SENSE OF SMELL



A COTTAGE GIRL WITH DOG AND PITCHER 1785 OIL BY THOMAS
GAINSBOROUGH DEPICTS A PUPPY IMAGE SOMEWHAT LIKE OUR LAGOTTO PUPPIES
OF TODAY



A PAINTING FROM THE 1600S BY 11 GUERCINO" GIOVANNI FRANCESCO BARBIERI



THE MEETING BY ANDREA
MANTEGNA 1474







LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO OF CANADA

LITERATURE CONTAINS NUMEROUS CLAIMS OF EARLY DOMESTIC WATERDOGS APPEARING TO BE SIMILIAR TO A LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO OF TODAY. A LACK OF SECURE DATING HAS LED TO A REVISION OF THE ANTIQUITY OF SOME EARLY WATERDOG REMAINS. FRAGMENTED REMAINS OFTEN LACK DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTER TO CONFIDENTLY EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY DERIVE FROM LOCAL WILD CANID SPECIES. TO APPLY A CONSISTENT STANDARD OF ACCEPTANCE, ITALY RECOGNIZED SELECTION THAT WAS ROBUSTLY ARGUED IN THE MID 1970'S. LAGOTTO WAS REVIVED AND DEFINED AND BEGAN ITS INCREDIABLE SURVIVAL JOURNEY LATE IN THE 1900'S.

ORIGINAL STANDARD, WRITTTEN BY THOSE WHO FOUNDED C.I.L. (THE CLUB ITALIANO LAGOTTO), IN IMOLA IN 1988, WHO WERE WRITING A STANDARD TO GET THE BREED RECOGNIZED BY E.N.C.I., WAS NOT NECESSARILY AN ABSOLUTELY TRUE REFLECTION OF THE BREED.

THE 1ST PAIR OF LAGOTTO (RENO & ROSETTA) BOUGHT TO PIONEER THE

LAGOTTO IN THE U.K. IN 1996, CAME FROM MANDRIOLE KENNELS ON THE EDGE OF THE COMACCIO WHERE THE DOGS WERE STILL WORKED FROM THE TRADITIONAL FLAT-BOTTOMED PUNTS AS DUCK RETRIEVERS.

THOSE LAGOTTO THROUGH SUBSEQUENT EXPORTS FROM THE U.K.,
PROVIDED THE FOUNDATION STOCK FOR CANADA, U.S.A. AND AUSTRALIA
WHERE THEIR DNA CAN BE FOUND IN MANY LAGOTTO TODAY.

THESE ANCESTERS OF TODAYS LAGOTTO WERE DUCK, HARE, GROUSE, QUAIL, AND VARIOUS WATERFOWL HUNTERS.

WHILST THE INSTINCT TO HUNT, SWIM AND RETRIEVE IS INBORN, AND DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ENCOURAGED, LAGOTTO CAN BE TRAINED AT AN EARLY AGE FOR VARIOUS SEARCH FIELDS. LAGOTTO ARE THE WORLDS RENOUN "TRUFFLE HUNTERS".

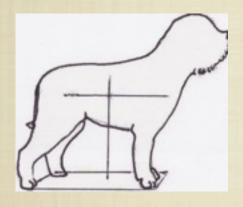
LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO OF CANADA IS PROUD TO PRESENT A GUIDE FOR "WORKING LAGOTTO"



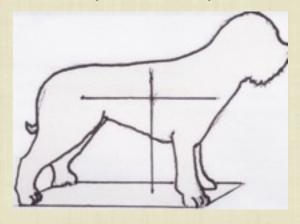
GENERAL APPEARANCE

SMALL TO MEDIUM, WELL PROPORTIONED
POWER FULLY BUILT
A RUSTIC APPEARANCE, WITH DENSE CURLY COAT
OF WOOLLY TEXTURE

SQUARE (CORRECT)



RECTANGULAR (INCORRECT)



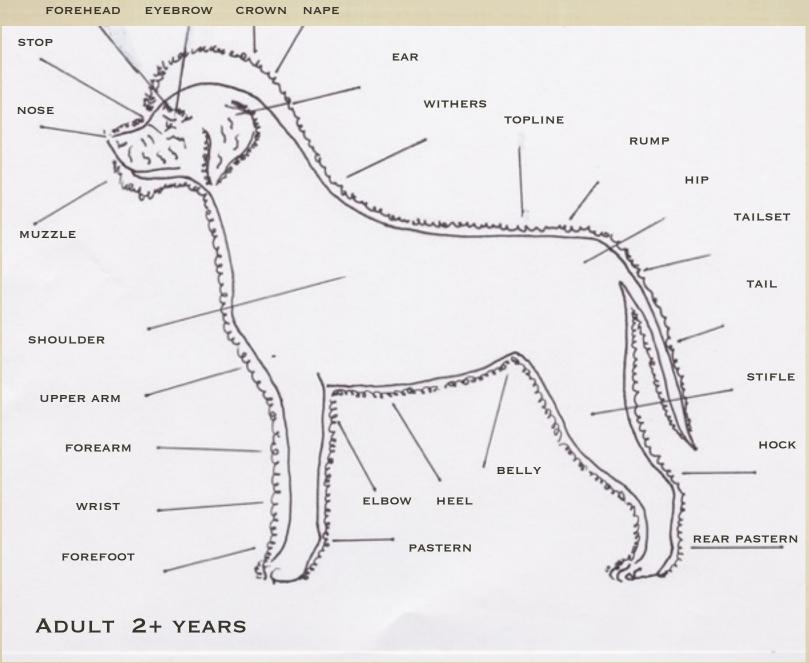
PROPORTIONS

BODY HARMONIOUSLY SQUARE - AS HIGH AS LONG
LENGTH OF HEAD 4/10 OF THE HEIGHT OF WITHERS
(SQUARE APPEARANCE)
LENGTH OF SKULL SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 50% OF THE
TOTAL LENGTH OF HEAD
LENGTH OF MUZZLE 2/10 LESS THAN THAT OF SKULL (44%-56%)

CHEST DEPTH IS LESS THAN 50% (LIKE 44%) OF THE HEIGHT AT THE WITHERS



LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO



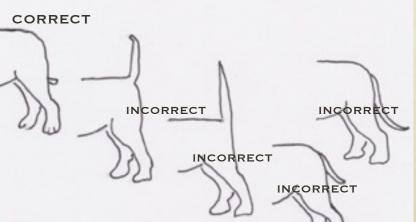
FEMALES: 41-46CM IDEAL HEIGHT 43CM 1CM TOLERANCE- WEIGHT 11-14KG MALES: 43-48CM IDEAL HEIGHT 46CM 1CM TOLERANCE- WEIGHT 13-16KG

THE WORKING LAGOTTO APPEARANCE

MIDDLE-SIZED, ATHLETICALLY BUILT, WELL PROPORTIONED, ROBUST, HARMONIOUSLY SQUARE BODIED (EQUALLY HIGH AS LONG)

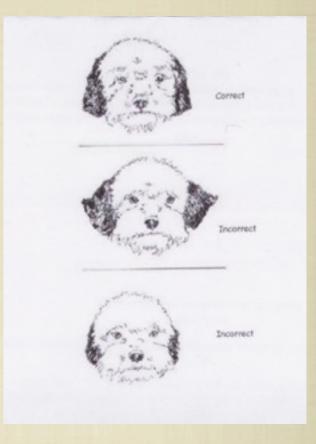
LAGOTTO HEADS LOOK FRIENDLY WITH SOFT IMPRESSION AND BROAD SLIGHTLY ROUNDED SKULL AND POWERFUL MUZZLE. EYES ARE ROUND AND EARS ARE EMPLOYED RATHER HIGH ON THE HEAD, EARS ARE "ALIVE" WHEN LISTENING OR AT ATTENTION.











EARS SHOULD BE TRIMMED TO THE LEATHER
WITH HAIR REMOVED FROM CANAL - RE TOP DRAWING

TAIL - WOOLY AND BRISTLY, INSERTED MID-HEIGHT, TAPERED AT TOP, IF EXTENDED IT BRUSHES PAST THE HOCK. AT REST IT IS IN A SCIMITAR POSITION AND IN ATTENTIVE MODE, MARKEDLY RAISED. DURING EXCITEMENT IT MAY BE RAISED ALONG THE LINE OF THE BACK, BUT NEVER RING SHAPED.

LAGOTTO IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS

NECK

Strong, muscular, lean, of oval cross section; well set off from the nape and absolutely free from Dewlap, slightly arched. The perimeter of the neck can reach the double of its length - its length is a little less than the total length of the head.

FOREQUARTERS

Perpendicular, seen from the front or in profile. Shoulder blades long (30% of height at withers), well laid back (52-55 degrees), muscular, strong and closely attached to the chest, but giving free movement. The scapula-humeral angle ranges between 110-115 degrees.

UPPER ARM MUSCULAR, OF THIN BONE STRUCTURE, AS LONG AS THE SHOULDER-BLADES; ITS INCLINATION ON THE HORIZONTAL LINE RANGES FROM 58-60 DEGREES.

ELBOWS ARE CLOSE, BUT NOT TOO TIGHTLY TO THE CHEST; COVERED WITH THIN SKIN; AS THE UPPERS PARALLEL TO THE SAGITTAL PLANE OF THE BODY. THE TIP OF THE ELBOW IS LOCATED ON A VERTICAL LINE LOWERED FROM THE CAUDAL ANGLE OF THE SCAPULA TO THE GROUND. FOREARM IS PERFECTLY STRAIGHT, LONG (36% OF THE HEIGHT OF THE WITHERS), WITH COMPACT, STRONG BONES OF OVAL CROSS-SECTION.

PASTERN JOINT AS VIEWED FROM THE FACE IN VERTICAL LINE WITH THE FOREARM, FINE, ROBUST AND MOBILE; PISIFORM MARKEDLY PROTRUDING. PASTERN: RATHER SMALLER AND THINLY BONED COMPARED TO FOREARM, ELASTIC, WITH LITTLE SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE, IN PROFILE FORMS AN ANGLE OF 75-80 DEGREES WITH THE GROUND.

FOREFEET ARE SLIGHTLY ROUNDED, COMPACT, WITH ARCHED, TIGHT TOES. NAILS ARE STRONG AND CURVED. PADS WELL PIGMENTED, INTERDIGITAL MEMBRANES VERY WELL DEVELOPED.

BODY

Solid, strong and compact, as long as the height at the withers. Topline being straight from the withers to the croup. The withers rise above the level of the croup, the highest points of the shoulder blades are not too close, but quite high set and well laid back. The back is straight and very muscular. Loin is shortcoupled, strong, in profile slightly arched. Width is equal or exceeds the length. Croup: long, large, muscular, slightly sloping)cozal inclination ranges from 25-30 degrees). Chest: Well developed, reaching down to the elbows. Although fairly narrow in front, from the sixth rib the chest widens backwards. The underbelly line is long sternal section followed by a short section forming a straight line and by a long line sloping

GENTLY TOWARDS THE ABDOMEN WHICH RISE IN FORM OF A SEMICIRCLE; THE ABDOMEN IS NOT TOO TUCKED UP.

HINDQUARTERS

POWERFUL, PERPENDICULAR, WELL-PROPORTIONED TO THE SIZE OF THE DOG.

THIGH: LONG (35% OF THE HEIGHT AT WITHERS), WITH CLEARLY SEPARATED AND VISIBLE MUSCLES

THE AXIS OF THE FEMUR HAS A MARKEDLY TOP/DOWN AND BACK AHEAD INCLINATION OF 80 DEGREES ON THE HORIZONTAL LINE. THE COXO-FEMORAL ANGLE RANGES FROM 105-110 DEGREES.

THE THIGH IS PARALLEL TO THE MEDIAN PLANE OF THE BODY.

STIFLE ANGLE JOINTS RANGE FROM 130-150 DEGREES.

LOWER THIGH IS SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN THE THIGH (33% OF THE HEIGHT AT WITHERS), WELL BONED AND MUSCLED, WITH MARKED MUSCULAR GROOVE. ITS INCLINATION TO THE HORIZONTAL LINE RANGES FROM 50-55 DEGREES.

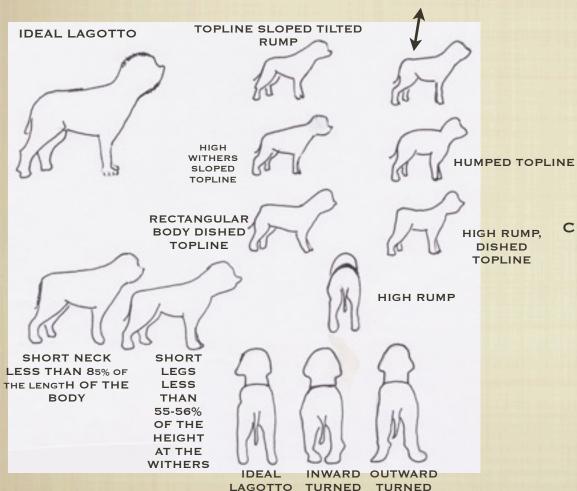
HOCK JOINT IS LARGE, THICK, LEAN WITH CLEAR-CUT BONE OUTGROWTHS; PARALLEL TO THE MEDIUM PLANE OF THE BODY; THE TIBIO-MATATARSAL ANGLE IS CA. 140 DEGREES.

Hock is thin, cylindrical, perpendicular to the ground. Hindfeet: slightly more oval-shaped and toes not as arched as the forefeet.

WORKING LAGOTTO DESIRABLE CONFORMATION

QUALITY TO ENDURE
THE TEST OF TIME
COMES THE SURVIVAL
OF A RARE PURE
BREED

RECTANGULAR TOPLINE WITHERS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN RUMP - IDEAL LAGOTTO





COAT WOOLLY-TEXTURE HAIR, VERY THICK RING-SHAPED WATER REPELLANT CURLS AND UNDERCOAT. ABUNDANT WHISKERS, BEARD AND EYEBROWS, INCLUDING CHEEKS. CLIPPING SEASONALLY IS REQUIRED TO REDUCE FELTING. SHORT COAT GENETICS INCORRECT

COLOUR

UNICOLOURED OFF-WHITE, WHITE WITH ORANGE OR BROWN SPOTS, BROWN ROAN, UNICOLOURED BROWN, UNICOLOURED ORANGE, BROWN OR DARK BROWN MASKS, BUT NEVER BLACK IN COLOUR OR WHITE, OR GREY (BROWN TENDS TO TURN DAPPLED GREY WITH AGE)

SKIN

THIN, ADHERING TO THE CORPUS VERY WELL IN EVERY REGION, WITH SCARCE SUBCUTANEOUS CELL TISSUE. NO WRINKLES, WITH PIGMENT OF MUCOUS AND SCLERA RANGE FROM LIGHT TO DARK OR VERY DARK BROWN. THIS INCLUDES CARPAL, DIGITAL AND PLANTAR CUSHIONS.

WORKING LAGOTTO GUIDELINES



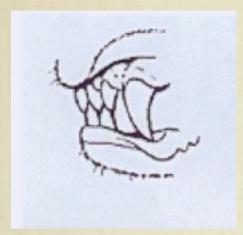
PASTERN CORRECT SLIGHTLY SLANTED



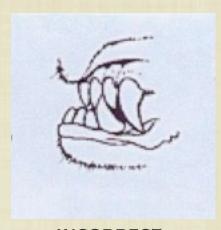
INCORRECT TOO STRAIGHT



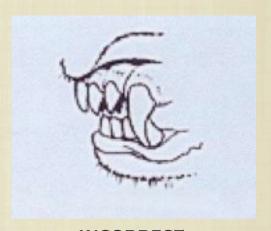
INCORRECT "DOWN ON" PASTERNS



CORRECT BITE

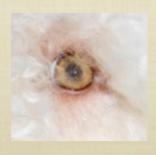


INCORRECT UNDERSHOT



INCORRECT OVERSHOT





BILATERAL STRABISMUS RELATES TO NERVE CONTROL
AND/OR MUSCLE INCORRECTNESS CAUSING THE EYE TO
SLANT INWARD (ESOTROPIA) OR OUTWARD
(EXOTROPIA) - INCORRECT MAY ALSO DEVIATE

DOWNWARD OR UPWARD

INCORRECT EYE

EYES - CORRECT

LAGOTTO



PURE ANCIENT BREED OF WATERDOG

DNA HAS LINKED LAGOTTO TO ALL WATERDOGS, POODLES, GOLDEN RETRIEVERS TO NAME A FEW.

HARDY, RESILENT, QUIET, ATTENTIVE, COMPASSIONATE, MAY APPEAR TO BE SHY. RATHER THAN CAUTIOUS.

IT IS THIS CAUTION THAT HAS HELPED BUILT THE HUNDRED OF YEARS OF SURVIVAL.

IT IS NOT OFTEN WE ARE INTRODUCED TO THE ORIGINAL LINEAGE OF SUCH AN EXCLUSIVE LINE, BROUGHT BACK FROM NEAR EXTINCTION IN THE 1980's.

LET US JUDGE WISELY, IN THIS RENAISSANCE.

THIS IS NOT AN ORDINARY CANINE, THIS IS A WORKING LAGOTTO.

WE PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LAGOTTO RECOGNITION, CONFORMATION STANDARDS AND CONTINUING DILIGENCE REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN STANDARD OF THIS BREED.

Lagotto Departure Issues

DEPARTURE FROM CORRECT POINTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO ITS DEGREE

Thin coat, not curled or close shaven, short coatedness

DISQUALIFICATION

- CONSIDERED UNTYPICAL SPECIMEN
 - . OVERSHOT OR UNDERSHOT MOUTH
 - . DISH-FACED
 - . ROMAN NOSE
- . AXES OF SKULL AND MUZZLE CONVERGING
 - . DEPIGMENTATED NOSE
 - . WALL-EYE
 - . ROPELIKE COAT
- . ABNORMAL MALE TESTICLES OR TWO NOT FULLY DESCENDED INTO THE SCROTUM)
 - . AGGRESSIVE OR OVERLY SHY
 - . SHOWING PHYSICAL OR BEHAVIOURAL ABNORMALITIES
 .GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO INCLUDE CLONING

docked

Tail too high or too low set or

- Pronounced and disturbing undershot or overbite mouth
- Dish Faced or Roman nosed
- Butterfly nose
- Bilateral strabismus
- Black coat or black patches or black pigmentations

GUIDELINE MEASURES

LENGTH OF HEAD REACHES 4/10TH OF THE HEIGHT AT THE WITHERS, LENGTH OF SKULL SHOULD SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 50% OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE HEAD; LENGTH OF MUZZLE IS 2/10TH LESS THAN THAT OF THE SKULL (44% TO 56%).

DEPTH OF MUZZLE SHOULD BE 8.5/10TH OF THE LENGTH OF MUZZLE (ABOUT 40% OF THE TOTAL HEAD LENGTH), WIDTH OF MUZZLE SHOULD BE 3.5/10TH LESS THAN THE LENGTH OF THE MUZZLE (ABOUT 29% OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE HEAD), NECK SHOULD BE 8.5/10TH OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE HEAD, LENGTH OF BACK SHOULD BE ABOUT 33% OF THE HEIGHT AT WITHERS, LENGTH OF LOIN SHOULD BE ABOUT 1/6 OF HEIGHT AT WITHERS, LENGTH OF CROUP SHOULD BE ABOUT 3.2% OF THE HEIGHT AT WITHERS, DEPTH OF CHEST IS LESS THAN 50% (ABOUT 44%) OF HEIGHT AT WITHERS, FOREARMS SHOULD BE 56% OF TOTAL HEIGHT AT WITHERS.

LAGOTTO BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERNMENT

LAGOTTO ARE RESPECTFUL OF THEIR MASTER HANDLER, NATURALLY WELL-MANNERED AND GENTLE; THEIR RESERVE NATURE CAN BE MISTAKEN FOR SHYNESS, THEIR PATIENCE AND DILIGENCE IS INCREDIABLE WHEN TRAINED PROPERLY IN WORKING ROUTINE. THEY TAKE THEIR WORK SERIOUSLY, EMPLOYING ALL SENSES TIRELESSLY TO THE FINAL ACCOMPLISHMENT. THEIR ALERTNESS, WILL TO PLEASE, STRENGTH, COURAGE, AGILITY, STAMINA, AND KEEN SENSE OF SMELL GIVES THEM THE HALLMARK OF A CHAMPION IN DETECTION, COMPANION, AND SERVICE. THESE TRAITS HAVE SUSTAINED AN ANCIENT, PURE BREED THROUGH CENTURIES OF SURVIVAL.



LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO OF CANADA TRUE WORKING DOGS

WORKING LAGOTTO HEALTH PROTOCOL

. LAGOTTO REQUIRE REAR DEWCLAW (DISQUALIFICATION IN PARTS OF THE WORLD IF REMOVED)

LAGOTTO ARE GENETICALLY A HUNTING DOG, THIS IS THEIR ANCIENT SURVIVAL. TODAYS
LAGOTTO ARE NOT GENETICALLY ALTERED, THEY ARE TRAINED TO HUNT IN VARYING
FIELDS. TRUFFLE HUNTING SPECIALIZED

SPECIAL NEEDS COMPANION, SEARCH AND RESCUE, VARIOUS DETECTION, THEY ARE VIGILANT, KEEN, SERVING WITH A WILL TO PLEASE

. JUVENILE EPILPSEY SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM BREEDING.

. NAVAL HERNIA GENETICS ELIMINATED FROM BREEDING

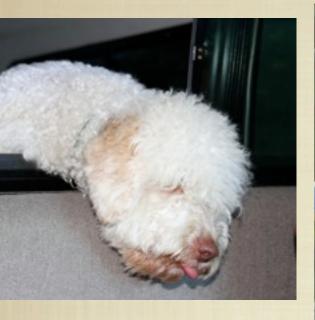
. HIPS TESTING POORER THAN "A OR B" SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM BREEDING
.COAT REMAINS LONG DURING "TRUFFLE HUNT" - JAN/FEB (CLIPPED EVERY 8 WKS
OTHERWISE)

SHORT COATEDNESS IS A GENETIC DISORDER AND SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BREEDING

ALL OTHER POINTS LISTED UNDER QUALIFICATIONS ARE EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT TO WORKING LAGOTTO



LAGOTTO HUMOROUS PHOTOS



I PLAY SICK MAYBE I CAN COME UPFRONT



I'M A TRUFFLE DOG, SEE ME NOW IN A PEN OF BABY CHICKS NOW THAT IS WORTH LAUGHING ABOUT



GOLD IN SWIMMING/RETRIEVING



CONFERENCE TIME



AFTER HUNT HAIRCUT



LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO PHOTO DISPLAY



GARRET HAS AUTISM, HE
HAS A WORKING LAGOTTO
COMPANION







ALL IN A GOOD DAYS "HUNT"

WORKING LAGOTTO IN TRAINING - WOULD LIKE A SHARE OF THIS TRUFFLE PREDATOR

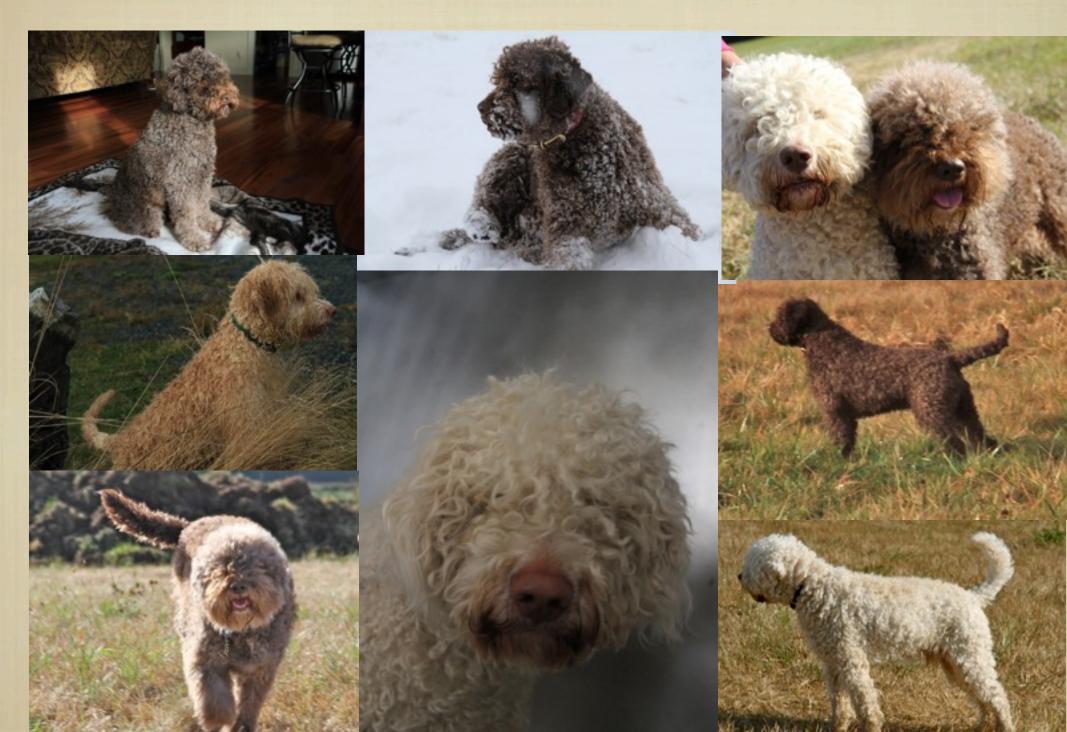
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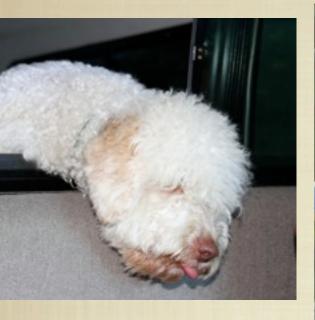


WORKING LAGOTTO - PROFILES





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LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO TRUFFLE DOGS

PHOTO PRESENTATION OF WORKING LAGOTTI

