

## STANDARDS FOR THE ROUGH-COATED COLLIE

**General appearance:** Luxuriously coated; facially expressive; energetic dog.

**Head:** The head is tapered and long with a blunt muzzle. There is slight stop on the flat skull. The medium sized, almond shaped eyes are dark brown, or blue in the blue merles. The expressive and high sensitive ears are small set moderately apart.

**Body:** The chest is set deep. The body is longer than it is tall. The coat has a very thick undercoat covered by a harsh and straight long overcoat. The long, low set tail is carried jauntily when the dog is excited.

**Color:** Sable and white, tricolor, or blue merle; Black nose

**Size:** Females: 20 to 22 inches // 45 to 75 pounds  
Males: 22 to 24 inches // 60 to 90 pounds

**Temperament:** This dog of the Working and Herding group while once scarcely known beyond Scotland has become one of the most popular dogs. While this breed is usually either nervous or aggressive, it is wary of strangers, thus making it a dependable family guard dog. Although it is very energetic out doors, it is also very gentle with children and an affectionate, loyal companion to its owner and family.

It is hoped that these standards will help both the breeder and the show judge in the selection of dogs that will better the breed and make dogs more enjoyable to their owners.