

TOOL KIT CHART #2
FAULT ABBREVIATIONS: CODES FOR DESCRIBING CONFORMATION FAULTS
IN THE BASSET HOUND

(Use the following abbreviations to help explain scores on any Number Chart or on a Prism Pedigree)

When appropriate, and especially on conformation traits scored as Below Average or Very Poor, you should include a Fault Abbreviation which explains how that trait is faulty. For example, a dog's Hock Angulation may receive a score of 4 (Below Average) but we will not know if it is because it is Slightly Steep (SS) or Sickle-hocked (SH). Use a score of "4 SS" or "4 SH" to explain your score. Add other codes to your scoring program, if necessary.

Refer to the Parts of the Basset Hound (Chart #4) and the Glossary of Terms (Chart #11) for definitions of terms used below.

TRAITS AFFECTING MOVEMENT

- A. OVERALL BALANCE** C (Cobby) L (Too long) TC (Too close to ground) LG (Leggy) H (Too heavy)
 LS (Lacks substance) IS (Insufficient sternum) EH (Over 15" - DISQUAL.) SH (Slack hindquarters)
 TD (Front and rear seem like 2 different dogs) WS (Viewed from top, shoulders are wider than hindquarters)
- B. SHOULDER PLACEMENT** SFF (Set slightly far forward) VFF (Set very far forward) L (Loose)
- C. SHOULDER ANGULATION** SS (Slightly steep) VS (Very steep)
- D. UPPER ARM** [Should equal length of shoulder blade and be at approximately a 90 degree angle to it] SH (Too short)
 SS (Slightly steep) VS (Very steep)
- E. ELBOWS** SO (Slightly out at the elbow) VO (Very out at the elbow)
- F. FOREQUARTERS** [Front view standing] W (Too wide) PF (Pinched front; narrow) M (Mismatched) NT (No turn out)
 IC (Insufficient crook) FDF (Fiddle front) PT (Pigeon toed; toes in) LW (Legs lack wrinkles)
 K (Knuckles over- DISQUAL) BU (Ulna bowed in front leg) DP (Down at pasterns) PT (Pasterns turn in)
- G. HINDQUARTERS** [Rear view standing] CH (Cow-hocked) B (Bow-legged) CL (Close) M (Mismatched)
 NR (Not rounded, slack) SH (Spread hocks)
- H. HOCK ANGULATION** [Angle of lower thigh and hock= approx. 90 degrees] SS (Slightly steep) VS (Very steep)
 OA (Overangulated) SH (Sickle-hocked)
- I. REAR ANGULATION** [Angle of upper and lower thigh= approx. 90 degrees] SS (Slightly steep) VS (Very steep)
- J. MOVEMENT (Front View)** [Coming towards you] WD (Wide) CL (Close) WG (Wings) P (Paddles) S (Shuffles)
 OL (Overlaps) HF (Hollow front due to lack of sternum and shoulders set far forward)
- K. MOVEMENT (Rear View)** [Going away from you] CH (Cow-hocked) B (Bow-legged) CL (Close) SW (Side-winds)
- L. SIDE MOVEMENT** IR (Insufficient Reach) ID (Insufficient drive) XB (Front and rear movement not balanced)
 L (Labored movement) H (Hitches in rear)
- M. OUTLINE IN MOTION** TB (Topline bounces) R (Rolls) LO (Loses outline)

OTHER BODY FEATURES

- N. BITE** S (Scissors) U (Undershot) O (Overshot) E (Even) W (Wry) M (Teeth misaligned; malocclusion) ET (Extra tooth)
- O. TEMPERAMENT** S (Shy) V (Vicious) N (Noise sensitive) DT (Down tail in ring) A (Anxious) FM (Fears men)
- P. STERNUM** SL (Slightly lacking in prominence) VL (Very lacking in prominence) PB (Pigeon breast) H (Too high)
- Q. KEEL (Length)** [Extension behind front legs] SS (Slightly short) VS (Very short)
- R. HEAD** W (Wide) F (Flat) P (Planes not parallel) O (Occiput not pronounced) S (Head too small for body)
 CB (Cheek bumps) ES (Excessive skin) D (Dry) NS (Not enough stop) TS (Too much stop)
- S. MUZZLE** LL (Lacks lip) S (Snipey) TS (Too short) TL (Too long)
- T. EARS** S (Too short) T (Too thick) F (Flat; no curl) H (High set) L (Too long)
- U. NECK** SS (Slightly short) VS (Very short) NA (No arch) E (Ewe-necked)
- V. FEET** F (Flat) H (Hare foot) TS (Too small) SF (Splay foot)
- W. RIBCAGE** F (Flanged) SL (Slab-sided) SS (Slightly short) VS (Very short)
- X. TOPLINE** R (Roached) D (Dip behind shoulder) S (Sway-backed) HR (High in rear)
- Y. UNDERLINE** TT (Too tucked up)
- Z. BONE** F (Fine; too light) M (Medium)

COSMETIC DETAILS

- AA. EYES** R (Round) P (Protruding) NH (Not enough haw) TH (Too much haw) L (Too light) MH (Mismatched haws)
- BB. TAIL** S (Sickle) SL (Slightly low set) VL (Very low set) R (Rat tail) K (Kinked) NG (Not carried gaily)
- CC. COAT** S (Too soft) L (Too long - DISQUALIFICATION) ES (Excessive skin on head and body)
- DD. PIGMENTATION** LN (Light nose pigment) LL (Light lip pigment) LE (Light eye rims) LT (Light toe nails)
- EE. EXPRESSION** H (Harsh) D (Dull)
- FF. MASCULINITY/FEMININITY** DB (Doggy bitch) BD (Bitchy dog)
- GG. COLOR** T (Tri-color) RW (Red and white) D (Dull)
- HH. SHOW QUALITY** Y (Yes) N (No) P (Possible)