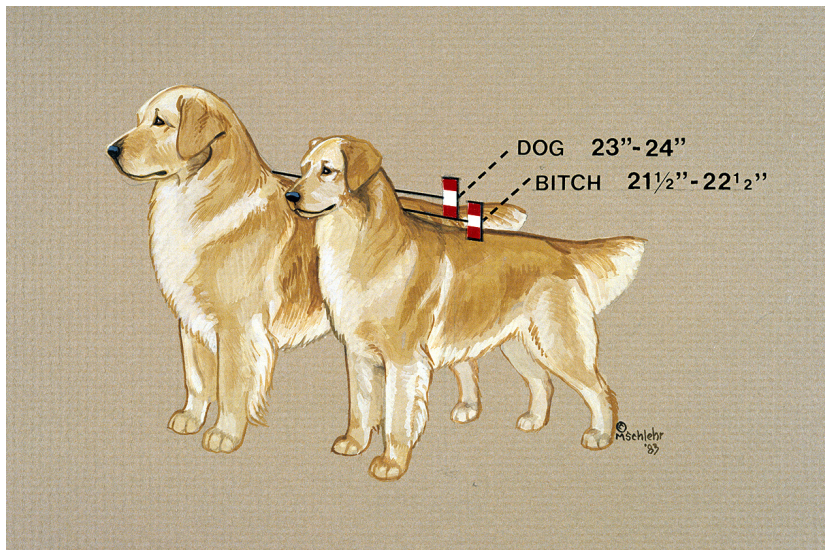


Size, Proportion, Substance:

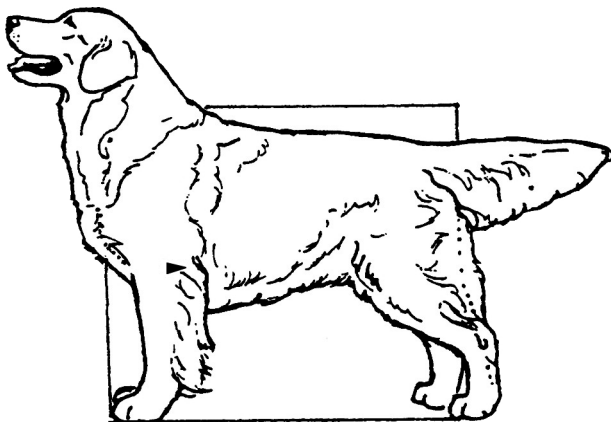
Males 23-24 inches in height at withers; females 21 ½ - 22 ½ inches. Dogs up to one inch above or below standard size should be proportionately penalized. Deviation in height of more than one inch from the standard shall disqualify.



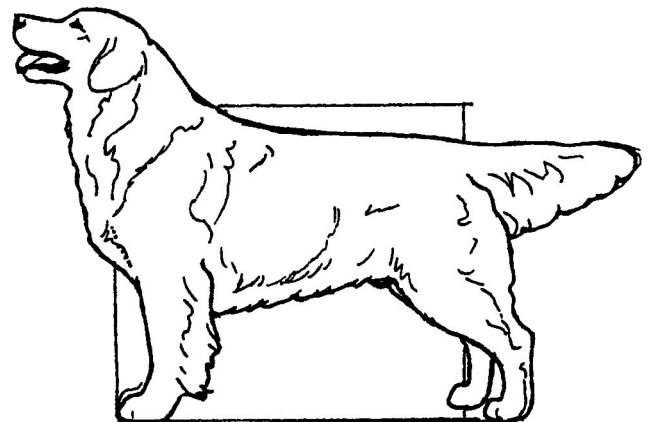
Length from breastbone to point of buttocks slightly greater than height at withers in ratio of 12:11. Weight for dogs 65-75 pounds; bitches, 55-65 pounds.

Comment: A retriever must be strong and large enough to perform effectively, yet small enough to be practical in boat or blind, and easily transportable. Moderation in build contributes to endurance for long hours of work. The Standard allows a range adequate for all intended uses and functions of the breed. Cloddiness and massiveness detract from the agility and suppleness needed, as well as from endurance, and are just as undesirable as delicacy or over-refinement. The overall proportions are **slightly** longer than tall. Either a leggy appearance or a short leg/long body is incorrect. The distance from withers to elbow and elbow to ground should be approximately equal.

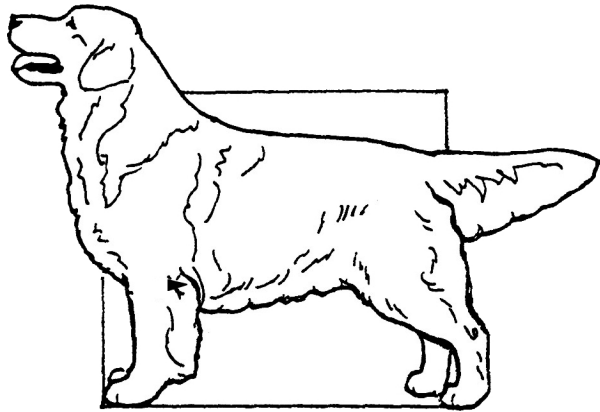
Keep in mind that even though the Standard allows a variance of one inch beyond the ideal size range, that dogs and bitches outside the ideal are less desirable even if "measuring in" and dogs at the limits are to be penalized proportionately.



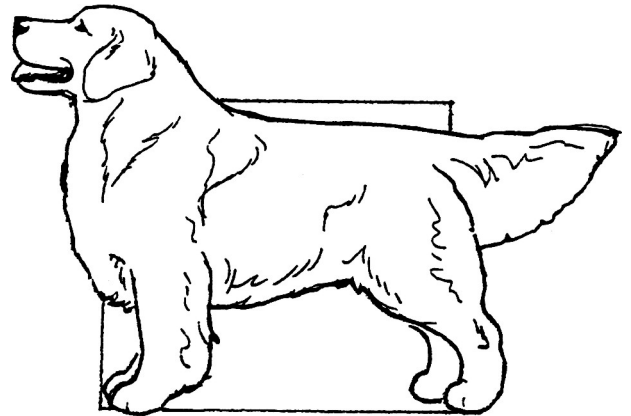
Proper proportions



Long bodied

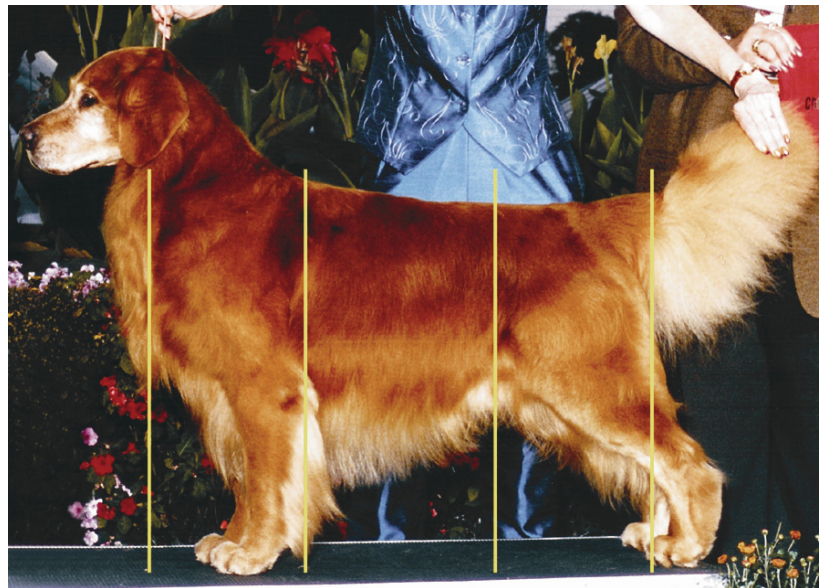


Short legged



Overdone, cloddy

A properly constructed, proportioned and angulated dog will divide nearly into "thirds" - one third front assembly, one third middle-piece, one third rear assembly.



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