

SPINONE ITALIANO:

QUICK JUDGING GUIDE

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First and foremost, the Spinone is a functional **working gun dog**. Its purpose as a versatile hunting dog must be given the utmost consideration.



- **Powerful bone (oval)**
- **Robust (muscular)**
- **Square**
- **Docile**

ACCEPTABLE COLORS

- White, White & Orange, Orange Roan.
- Brown Roan, White & Brown



Thank you, Carolyn Fry, for all your help and for graciously allowing me to use your material.

To purchase the DVD, "Form & Function, produced by del Caos Kennel and featuring Carolyn Fry, contact the Wisconsin Italian Spinone Club.

For Carolyn Fry's personal websites:
www.Bedeslea.net and www.CarolynFry.com

The Power Point portion of this presentation will be available for judges at the following link:
www.PointFetch.com/SpinoneSeminar11-09

General information about the Spinone in the U.S. is available at the official parent club website:
www.SpinoneClubOfAmerica.com

Thank you, Judges, for attending!
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DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Wall Eye
- Any pigment other than described or incomplete pigment of the nose.
- Overshot or undershot bite.
- Any black pigmentation.
- Any black in the coat; tan, tri-color markings in any combination, or any color other than accepted colors.

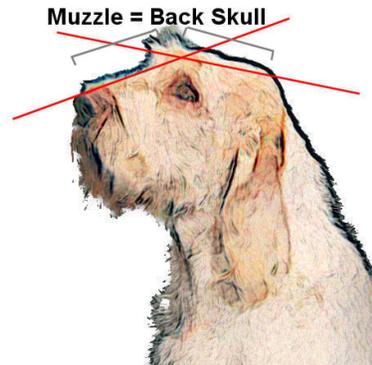
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Examine head from the front by taking it at cheek level and viewing:



(1) **Expression** almost human. Eyes set on the frontal plane.

(2) **Divergent head planes** (no inner nostril should be visible from this angle.)



- (3) **Minimal Stop.** Visible Occipital Pro-tuberance.
- (4) **Long Head:** 4/10 of height at with-ers.



(4) Examine the **skin** on ribs as well as the **coat**.

(5) Check the **bone circumference** just below the elbow.

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- (6) Ask handlers to present and gait with a **loose lead**, so that you can see correct head position and
- (7) **broken topline** in profile.

Tight-leading creates a smart, "sporting" picture, with the head and topline "out of sync" for balance, which does not illustrate the breed's correct outline or gait.



Free, Relaxed. Capable of Fast Trot Head carried above level of back with forward pointing nose.

Flexible wrist and hock action (not weak, cow or sickle-hocked on the move.)