



Spinone Italiano (standard effective February 2000)

Breed Test

This test is open book and consists of 25 questions. All questions indicated by an * refer to disqualifications and an incorrect response to these questions will result in the failure of the entire test. Answers will only be accepted on the answer sheet provided. **Do not return the test, only the answer sheet.**

1. The general appearance of the Spinone Italiano may be described as
 - A. muscular with powerful bone.
 - B. vigorous and robust.
 - C. naturally sociable.
 - D. all of the above.

2. The following are true regarding the forequarters except
 - A. shoulders are powerful and long, withers not too prominent; forming an angle with the upper arm of approximately angle 105.
 - B. elbows are not set under the withers.
 - C. forelegs are straight when viewed from the front.
 - D. pasterns are long, lean and flexible following the vertical line of the forearm.

3. The coat is described as
 - A. curly.
 - B. long and silky.
 - C. dense, stiff and flat or slightly crimped.
 - D. having undercoat.

4. The expression which is paramount to the breed
 - A. is alert.
 - B. is direct and quizzical.
 - C. denotes intelligence and gentleness.
 - D. is sly.

5. The eyes are _____ in color.
 - A. dark brown
 - B. ochre
 - C. black
 - D. none of the above.

6. Which does not describe the chest of the Spinone Italiano:

- A. ribs are flat. B. broad, deep, well muscled and well rounded. C. chest extends at least to the elbow. D. the distance from ground to the elbow is equal to 1/2 the height at the withers.

7. The bite may be

- A. B and C. B. scissors. C. level. D. overshot.

8. What is the correct length of coat for the Spinone Italiano

- A. 1 - 2 inches on the body, with a tolerance of 1/2 inch over or under the ideal length. B. 1 - 1 1/2 inches on the body, with a tolerance of 1/2 inch over or under the ideal length. C. 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 inches on the body, with a tolerance of 1/2 inch over or under the ideal length. D. 1 1/2 - 2 inches on the body, with a tolerance of 1/2 inch over or under the ideal length.

*9. All would disqualify except

- A. wall eye. B. incomplete pigment of the nose. C. black pigmentation. D. a solid white coat.

10. The head of a Spinone Italiano

- A. has a stop that is barely perceptible. B. is long. C. has a skull which is of oval shape. D. all of the above.

11. The Spinone Italiano's neck is

- A. B and C. B. clearly defined from nape, blending into the shoulders in a harmonious line. C. strong, thick and muscular. D. devoid of dewlap.

12. The Spinone Italiano appears

- A. hyper. B. naturally sociable, docile. C. aggressive. D. none of the above.

*13. All are acceptable colors except

- A. solid white. B. brown roan, white with brown markings, brown roan with or without brown markings. C. tan, tri-color markings in any combination. D. white and orange; orange roan with or without orange markings.

14. In proportion the Spinone Italiano is

- A. approximately equal to the height at the withers with tolerance of no more than 1 inch in length compared to height. B. taller than it is long. C. longer by 2 inches than tall. D. none of the above.

15. The tail

- A. follows the line of the croup. B. is carried horizontally or down. C. lacks fringes. D. all of the above.

16. The skin is

- A. loose fitting to the body. B. very thick, close fitting to the body. C. thinner on the head, throat, groin and under the legs. D. B and C.

*17. Which would disqualify a Spinone Italiano:

- A. overshot. B. level. C. undershot. D. A and C.

18. The eyes and lips are framed by stiff hair forming

- A. a mustache. B. eyebrows. C. a tufted beard. D. all of the above.

19. The ears of a Spinone Italiano

- A. are triangular in shape and set on high.
- B. are pointed.
- C. are practically triangular in shape, set on level just below the eye.
- D. have a length that extends more than 1 inch beyond the tip of the nose.

20. The height of the Spinone Italiano is

- A. 24 - 27 inches for males, 20 - 23 inches for females.
- B. 25 - 27 inches for males, 21 - 24 inches for females.
- C. 23 - 27 inches for males, 22 - 25 inches for females.
- D. 23 - 26 inches for males, 22 - 24 inches for females.

21. The nose of the Spinone Italiano

- A. is bulbous and spongy in appearance.
- B. is black in color.
- C. has nostrils which are large and well opened.
- D. A and C.

22. The gait of the Spinone Italiano

- A. is an easy and loose trot geared for endurance.
- B. has a light body roll, in mature bitches is a characteristic of the breed.
- C. allows for profile of the topline kept throughout.
- D. all of the above.

23. The front feet

- A. large, compact, rounded with well-arched toes.
- B. have pads that are lean, hard with strong nails curving toward the ground.
- C. A and B.
- D. must have dewclaws removed.

24. With regard to the back, the topline consists of which of the two segments

- A. a slope slightly downward nearly in a straight line from the withers to the 11th thoracic vertebrae.
- B. abrupt rise into a well-arched loin.
- C. A and D.
- D. a gradual rise which continues into a solid and well-arched loin.

25. Which best describes the hindquarters of a Spinone Italiano:

- A. thighs are strong and well muscled, stifles show good functional angulation.
- B. lower thigh to be well developed and muscled with good breadth.
- C. hock is strong, lean and perpendicular to the ground.
- D. all of the above.



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Breed Exam Answer Sheet

Name		Judges Number	
Breed	Spinoni Italiani	Date	

Enter your name, judge's number, breed, and the date above. Please fill in the box for the correct answer like the sample below. You may return this answer sheet by fax, email or mail (located on the bottom of this form). **Please allow 15 business days to receive notification of your provisional status.**

Sample

0. A B C D

Your Answers

- 1. A B C D
- 2. A B C D
- 3. A B C D
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- 24. A B C D
- 25. A B C D