Pyrenean Shepherd

Rough-Faced

Smooth-Faced
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Pyrenean Co-Workers
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WWI
Pyr Sheps in the USA
Agility
2 Varieties

Smooth-Faced

Rough-Faced
Appearance

Smooth-Faced       Rough-Faced

*Smooth-Faced*           *Rough-Faced*
Height

Rough-Faced
Males: 15 ½ - 18 ½
Females: 15 - 18

Smooth-Faced
Males: 15 ½ - 21
Females: 15 ½ - 20 ½

Always examine on the table
Substance

Lightly-boned & sinewy
Proportions

Smooth-Faced:
Nearly square

Rough-Faced:
Clearly longer than tall
Head - triangular, rather small, top nearly flat, almond eye not obscured by hair, high set ears
Correct Natural Ear

Faulty Natural Ears
Head Expression – Alert, Intelligent, Mischievous
Muzzle

Muzzle too short

Muzzle too long
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Lips tight fitting
Scissors bite preferred

Disqualification:
Nose other than black
Pyrenean Shepherd - Body

- Neck: rather long, well-arched
- Shoulder blades: rather long
- Back: level
- Loin: arched, higher than shoulder blades
- Croup: short, oblique
Pyrenean Shepherd - Body

Smooth-Faced variety:
appears more square with more level topline
Hindquarters

Rather short upper thigh, long lower thigh, short hock, well angulated. Hind feet characteristically toe out slightly.
Tail

Traditionally docked, tail may also be long or natural bob-tail.

Pup with faulty tail carriage

Pup with correct long tail
Pyrenean Shepherd - Coat

Quality of coat is more important than abundance
Rough-Faced: Demi-Long

Muzzle and leg hair is shorter than on long-haired dogs.
Hair may cord, especially on elbows, croup and thighs, but never on the head.
Smooth-Faced

Short, fine hair on muzzle & fronts of legs
No Scissoring!

Withhold ribbons from any dog whose coat has been scissored, especially on its face.

This dog’s face was scissored to keep the hair from veiling the eyes.

Before

After
Pyrenean Shepherd - Colors

Brindle

Fawn
Pyrenean Shepherd - Colors

Grey
Pyrenean Shepherd - Colors
Blue Merle, Brindle Merle, Fawn Merle

Brindle Merle
Fawn Merle
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Black
Pyrenean Shepherd

Disqualification: Too Much White
Pyrenean Shepherd - Gait

Flowing, harmonious, excellent reach & drive but feet never far from ground, “shaves the earth”
In closing, let’s review the seven breed disqualifications:

- Individuals under the minimum height at the withers:
  Rough-Faced - males under 15 ½ inches, females under 15 inches.
  Smooth-Faced - males and females under 15 ½ inches.
- Individuals exceeding the maximum height at the withers by more than ½ inch:
  Rough-Faced - males above 19 inches, females above 18 ½ inches.
  Smooth-Faced - males above 21 ½ inches, females above 21 inches.
- Missing pigment on the eye rims.
- Blue eyes in an individual of coat color other than merle.
- Nose other than black.
- Overshot or undershot bite.
- White coat color exceeding 50% of the body.
Thank You!

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