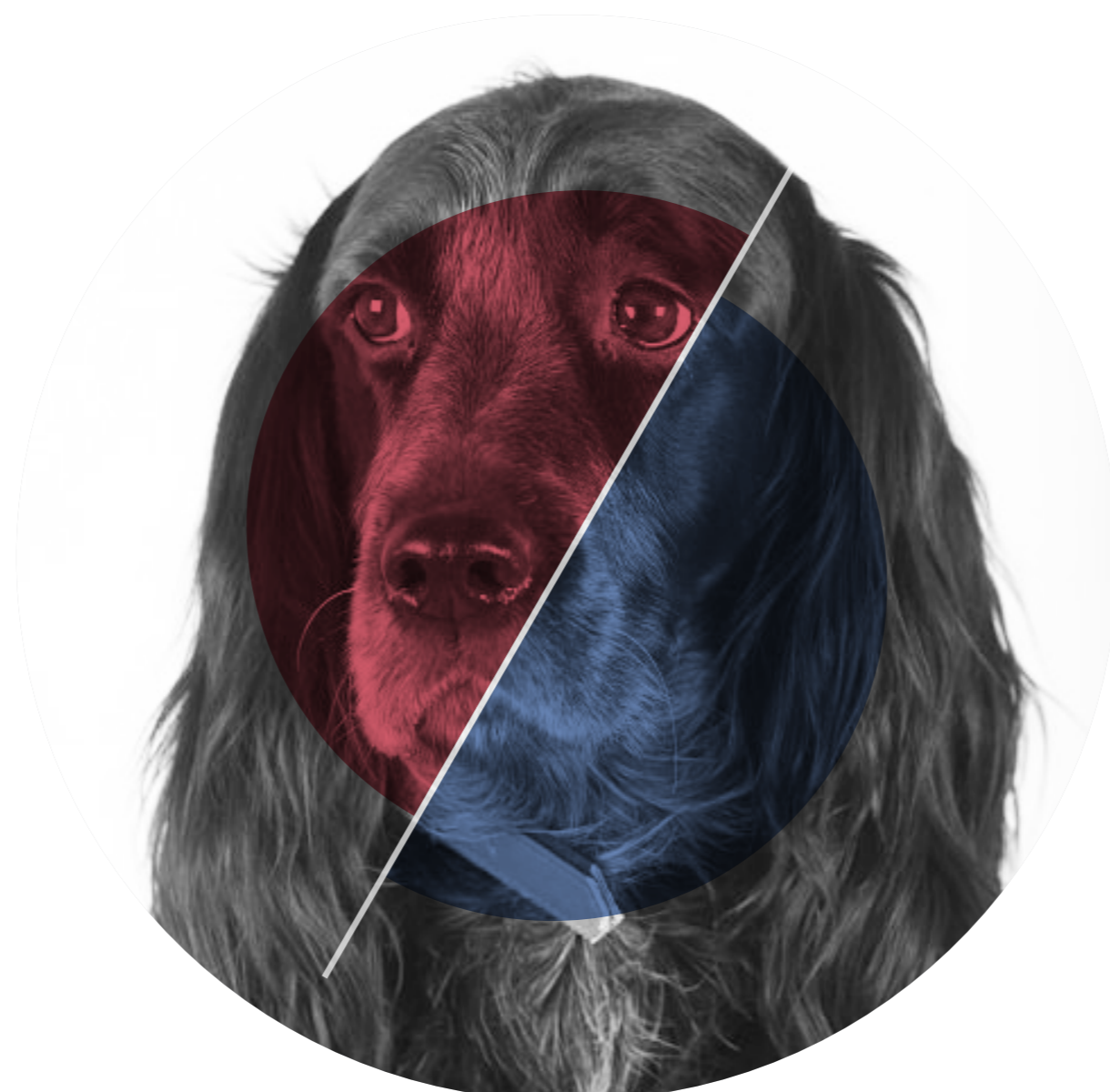
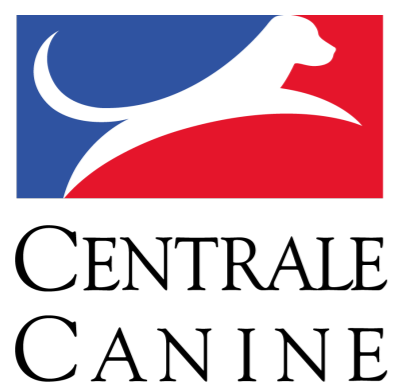
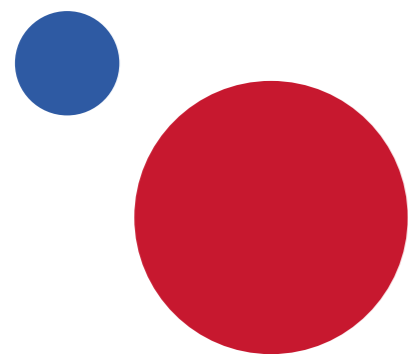

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| Brief historical summary



Black and white coated spaniels were cited from the 18th century in naturalist literature.

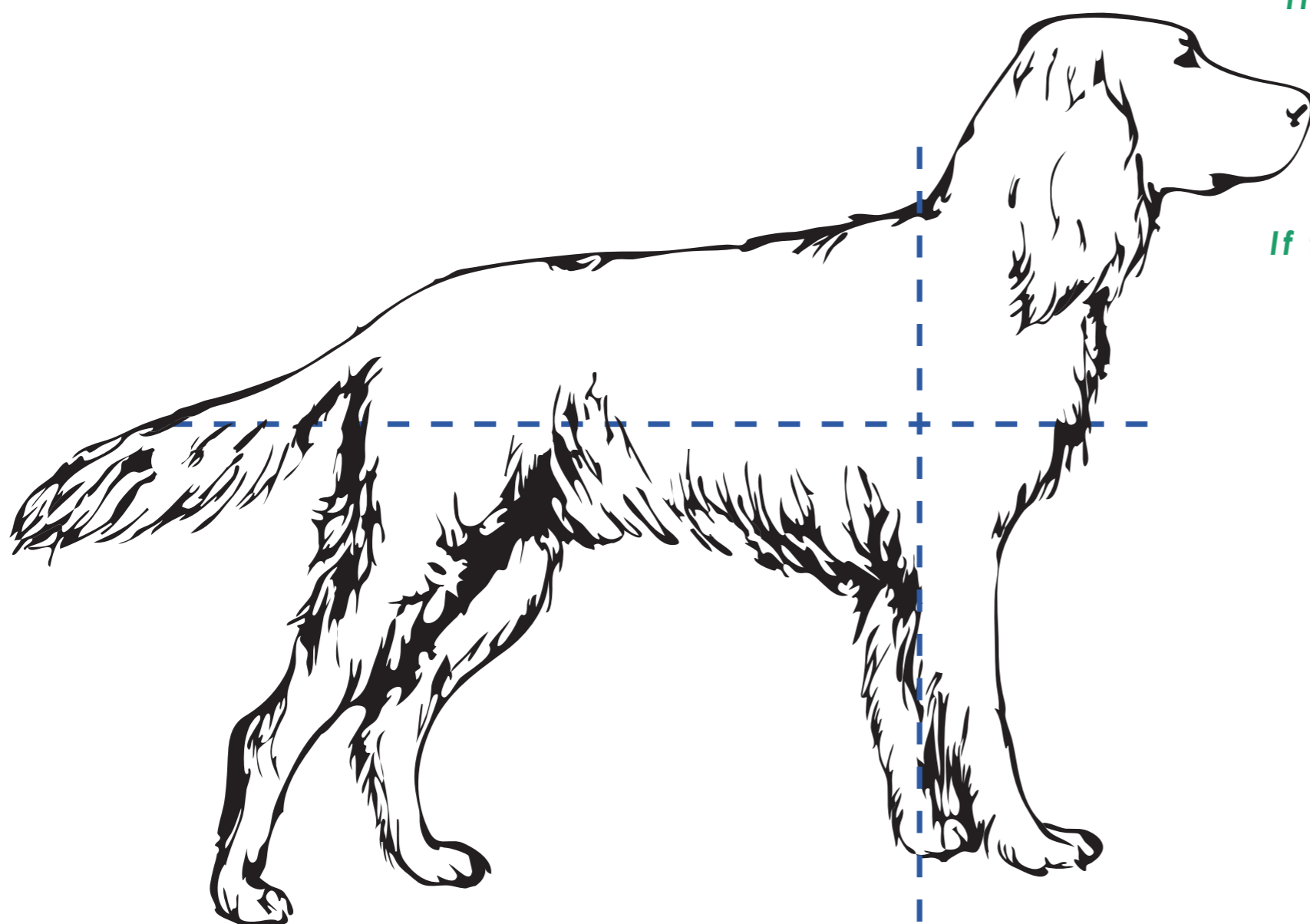
A variety developed in Picardy, mentioned in the cynological works of the 19th century, therefore representing another version of the Picardy spaniel, with a black base coat and white variegation speckled with black, giving a visual impression of blue.

It is reputed to have been created with the input of English and Scottish setters, to hunt snipe in particular. A standard was established in 1921.

The breed was officially recognized in 1938.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

- Quite low to the ground dog, well built for the job.
- General appearance on the whole, a true Picardy Spaniel.



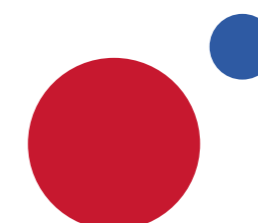
S. Guilbert : the Blue Picardy spaniel has the same construction, the same silhouette, as that of the Picardy spaniel.

The contribution of Anglo-Saxon blood brought a certain lightening and we no longer meet these lymphatic trotters who crisscrossed the cereal or beet plains.

If they still run in spaniel style, their speed has adapted to the biotope.

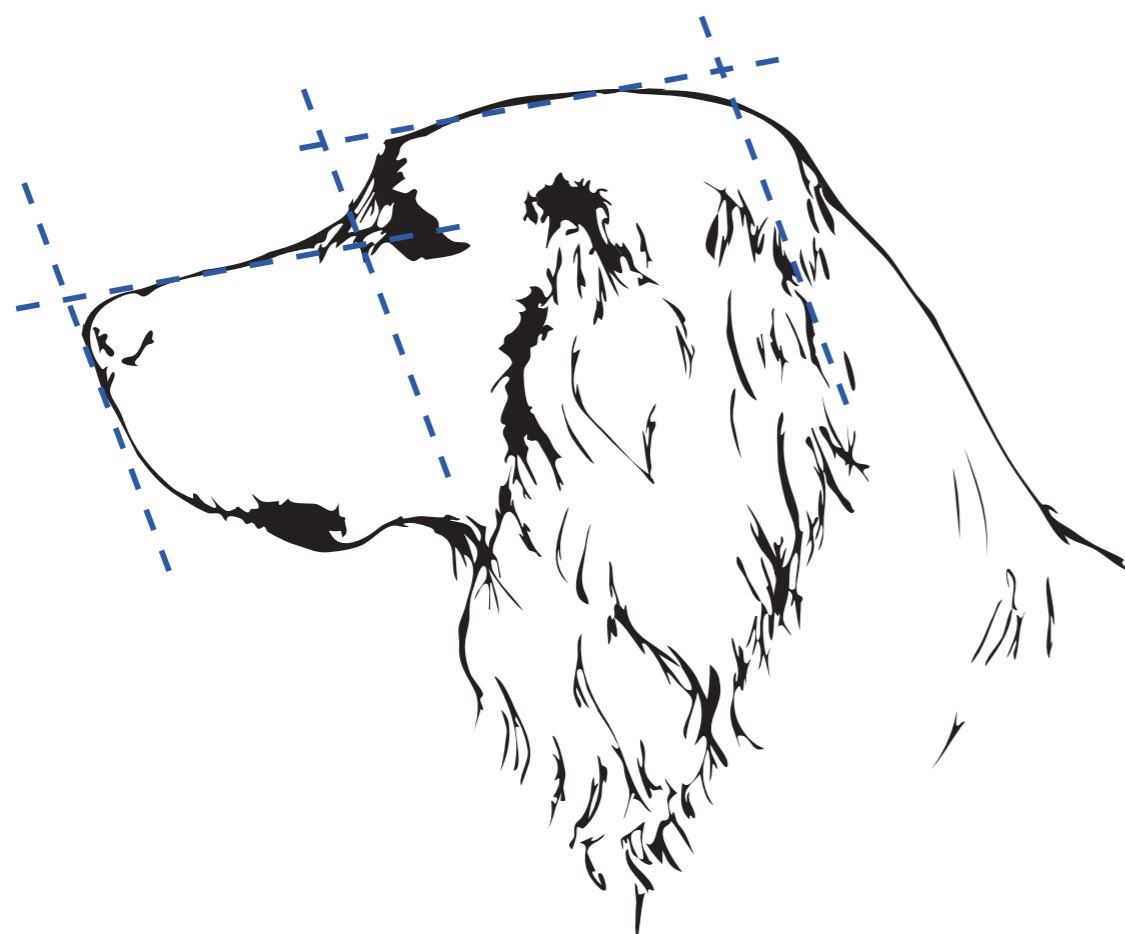
Perhaps at the same time it has helped to increase their sense of smell.

Their sizes are roughly the same, to the centimeter. No difference in this regard is sought.



HEAD - CRANIAL REGION

- Skull: Oval, relatively wide without prominent parietal bones, occipital crest slightly visible.
- Moderately accentuated but marked.



FACIAL REGION

- Nose: broad, well open nostrils.
- Muzzle: long and quite broad.
- Lips: wide and pendulous forming a distinctly square muzzle.
- Eyes: calm expression; eyes dark, large, well open
- Ears: must be set slightly above the eye level, quite thick, framing the head; beautiful wavy silky hair.

S. Guilbert : in the Picardy Blue Spaniel stock, the ears are a little shorter than desired; this is something we should continue to work on, because the problem is not solved. The short ear is perhaps a residual trait of Anglo-Saxon blood, the selection of the Picardy Bleu precisely aimed, among other things, to take it away from any typical characteristic of this one.

S. Guilbert : there is very little difference between the breeds in terms of head. The attachment of the ear is approximately at eye level. With the Blue Picardy spaniel as with the Picard spaniel, with the ears pulled simultaneously, without force, forward, the ends of the ear flags must touch the tip of the nose.



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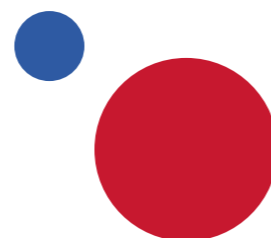
S. Guilbert : the attachment of the ear, which must be well seen, and the eyes look, which is particularly expressive, are important racial criteria. In addition, it has a scissor bite.

NECK

- Well set. A slight dewlap is permitted.

BODY

- Back and loin: not too long, well sustained.
- Croup: rather a little falling away
- Chest: of medium depth.



TAIL

- Not extending too much beyond the hock and definitely without a hook.



LIMBS

• FOREQUARTERS

- Shoulder and upper arm: slightly oblique.
- Forearm: strong and well muscled.
- Forefoot: round, a little broad but not flat, well furnished with hair in between tightly closed toes.

• HINDQUARTERS

- Upper thighs: well muscled.
- Lower thighs: long and furnished with profuse fringes.
- Hocks: bent without exaggeration and furnished with fringes from the hock to the foot.
- Hind feet: round, a little broad but not flat, well furnished with hair in between tightly closed toes.

COAT

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- Hair : flat; or slightly wavy: legs and tail well furnished with fringes.
- Colour: grey black speckled forming a bluish shade, with black patches.



SIZE

- Height at the withers: 57 to 62 cm for the males, 55-50 cm for the females.
A tolerance of +/- 2 cm is allowed, but not desired.



FAULTS :

A FEW IMPORTANT POINTS

- Skull: too narrow - lacking chiselling.
- Muzzle: pointed.
- Ears: leather short, set too high and too thin.
- Chest: ribs too flat or too round.
- Feet: flat, splayed or too broad



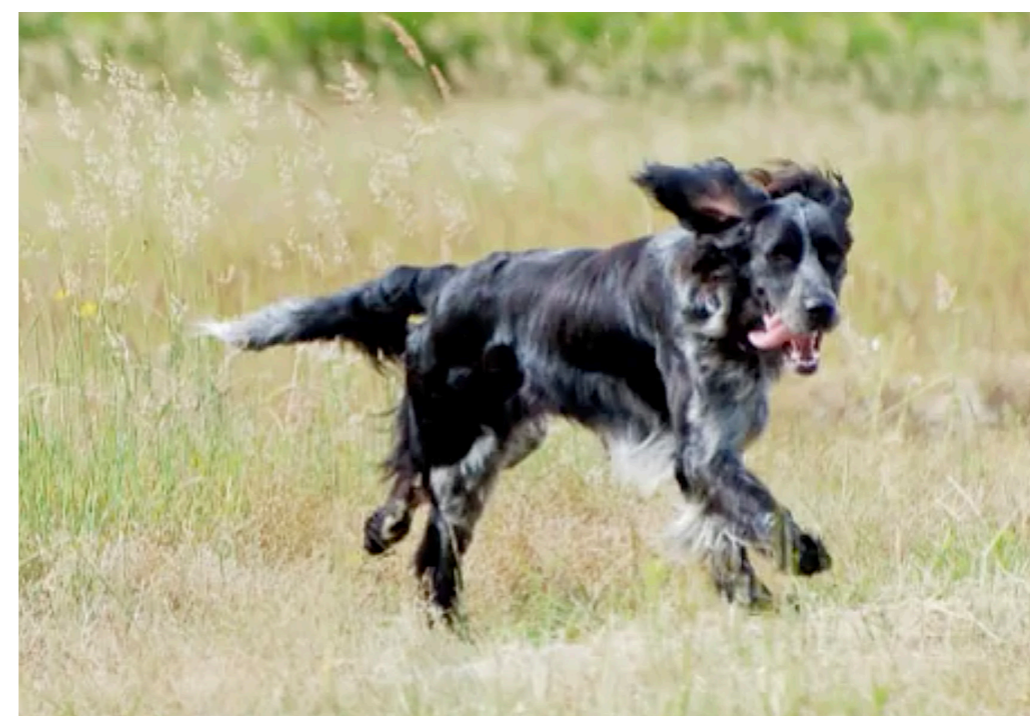
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DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

- Aggressive or fearful dog.

S. Guilbert : The absence of teeth is a particularly sensitive problem in Picardy Blue spaniel. The lack is not only on the premolars, but on the molars.

The club has therefore implemented a new restriction : absence of a canine or absence of 2 incisors or lack of more than two others (PM or M) without taking into account PM1 and M3. We can see that the selection is moving in the right direction.



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