



**The American Brittany Club**  
*Judges Education*

**The Brittany is bred  
for the field first...**



**...and is most often a  
personal hunting dog**



**A hunter...**



**A family dog...**



An obedience dog...



**An  
agility  
dog...**





A  
therapy  
dog...





# The Versatile Brittany







**The Brittany is a *pointing* breed**

***Athletic***



**in both field  
and show**



# GENERAL APPEARANCE

***"A compact, closely knit dog of medium size"***



***“A leggy dog, with the appearance, as well as the agility..”***



***"...of being a great ground coverer"***



***“Ruggedness, without clumsiness,  
is a characteristic of the breed.”***





**SIZE, PROPORTION,  
AND SUBSTANCE**



***“Height: 17 1/2 to 20 1/2 inches,  
measured from the ground to the highest point of the shoulders.”***



**Height  
standard  
is the  
same  
for both  
MALES  
and  
FEMALES**

**You should want to measure a dog IN;  
you are not trying to measure a dog out.**

*Remember both over- and under-size*

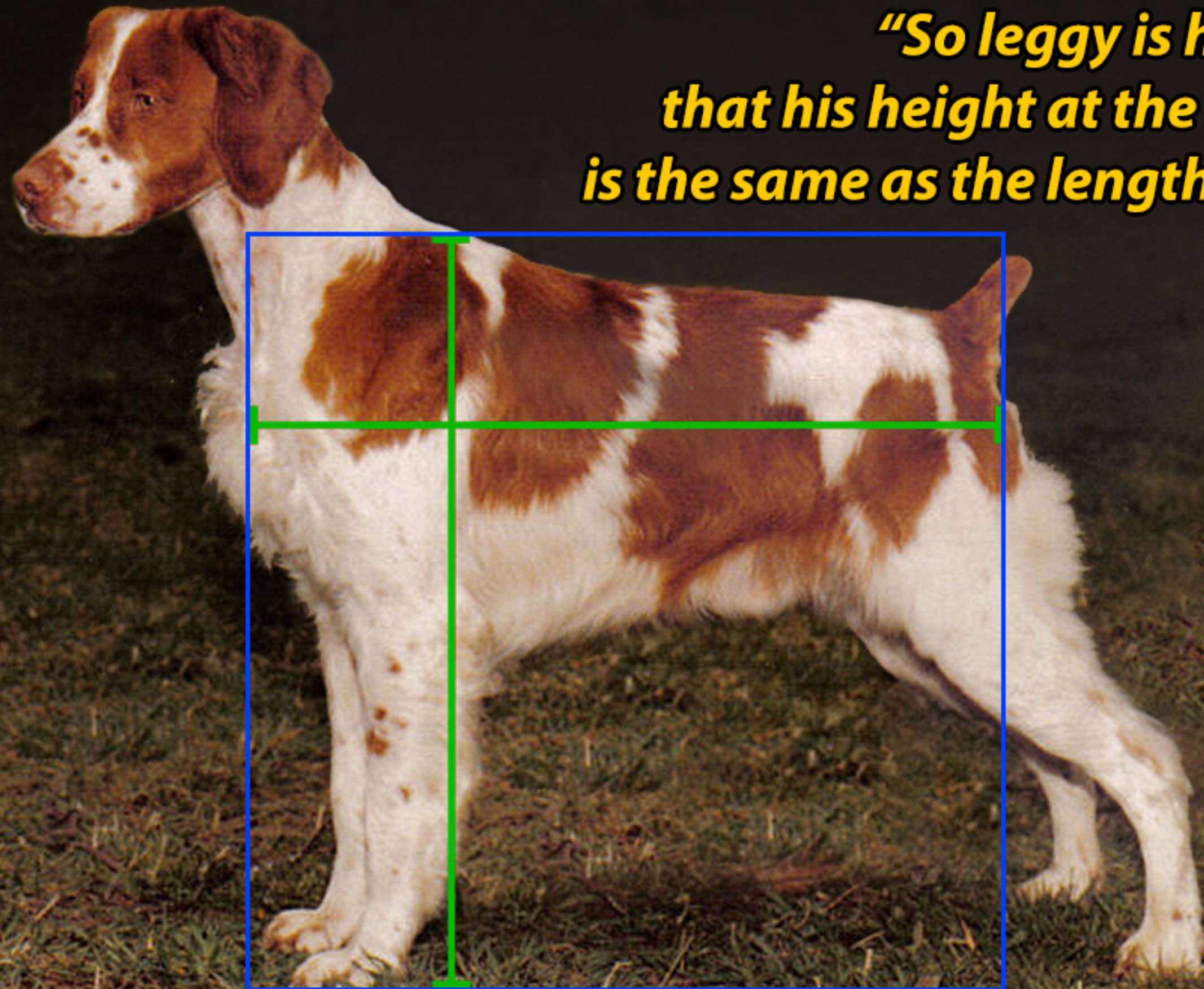


***“Should weigh between 30 and 40 pounds.”***



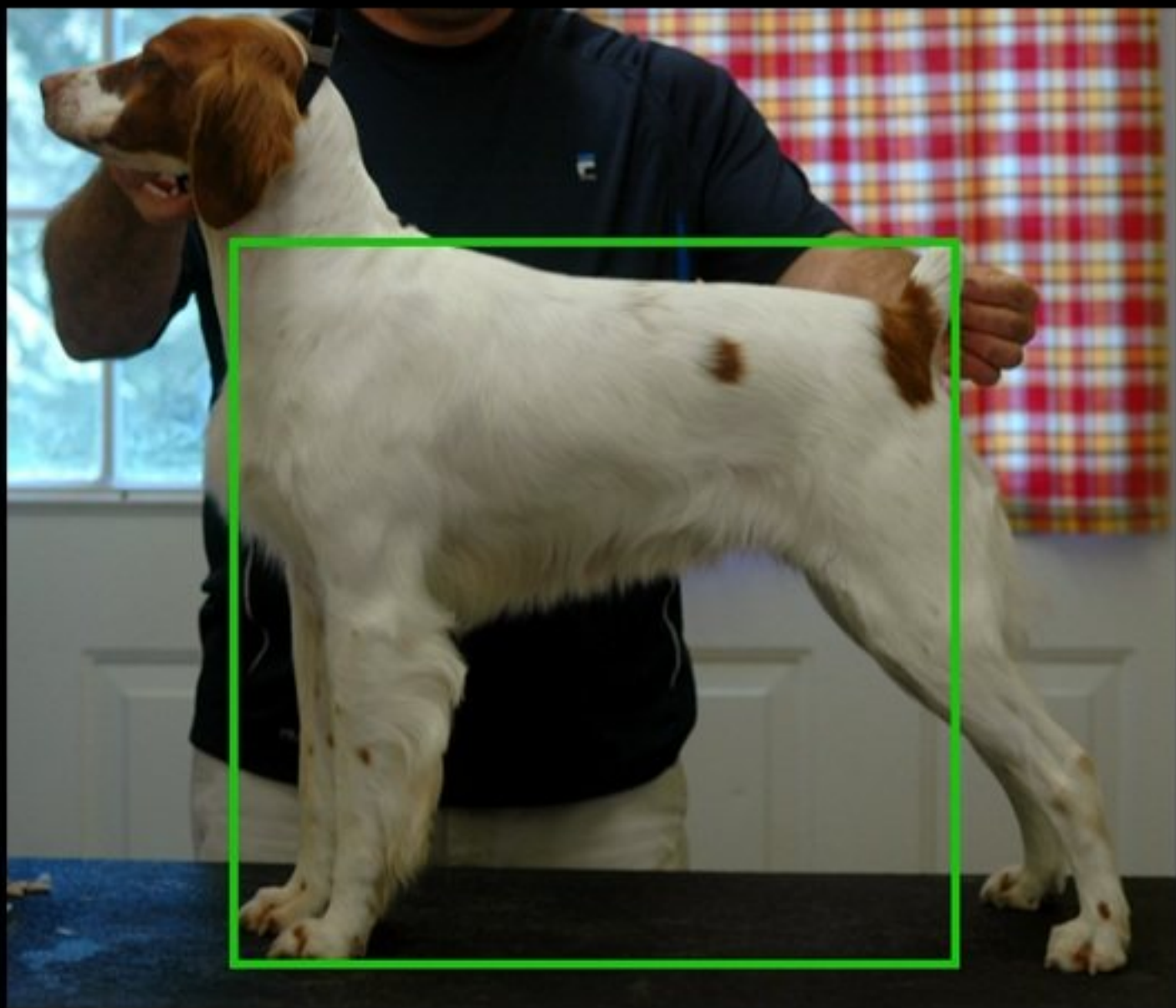
**When viewed  
from above,  
the dog  
should have  
an “hourglass”  
figure**

***“So leggy is he  
that his height at the shoulders  
is the same as the length of his body.”***

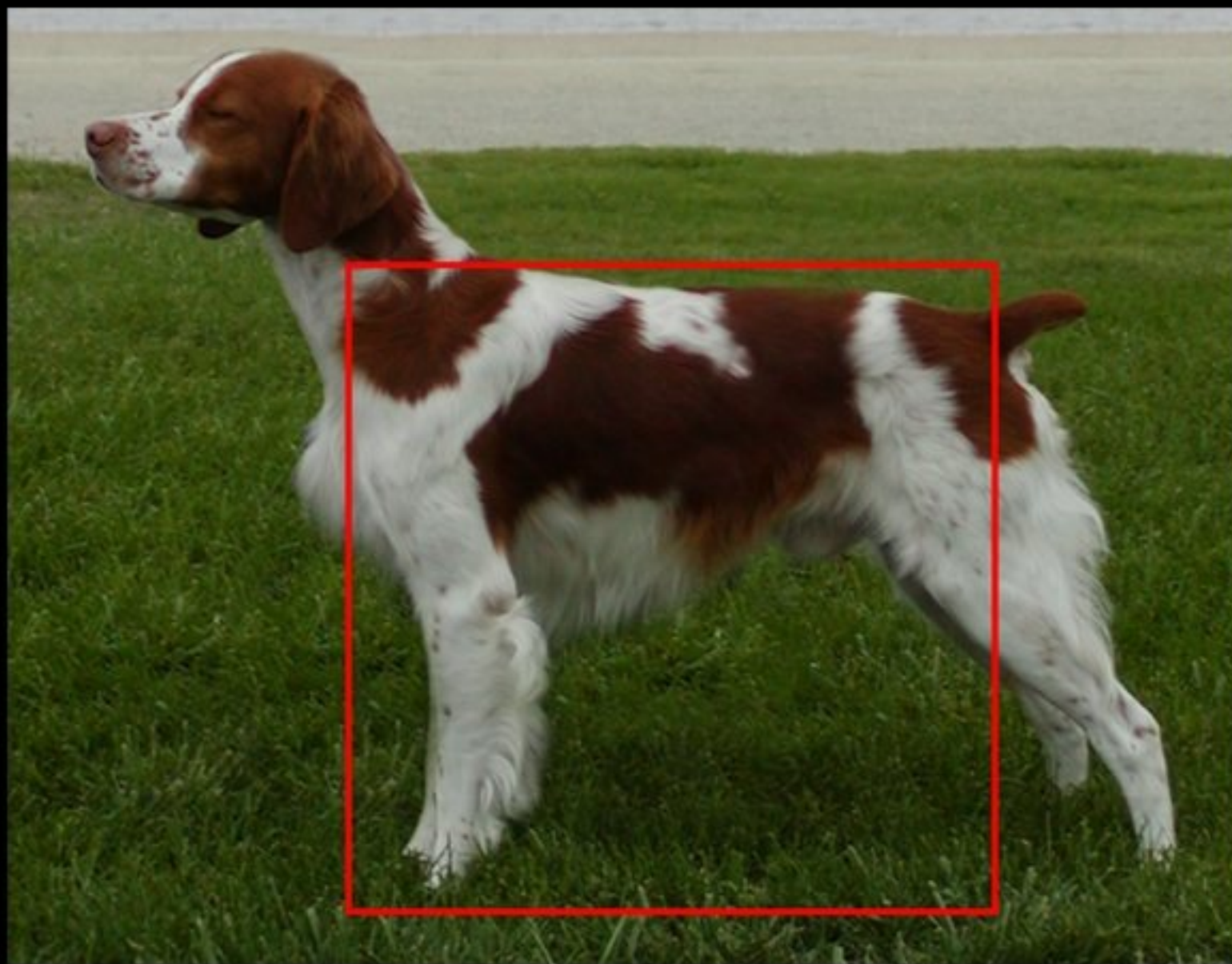


***“Body length is measured  
from the point of the forechest to the rear of the rump.  
A long body should be heavily penalized.”***

**Correct: SQUARE**



**Incorrect: LONG**




***“Not too light in bone,  
yet never heavy-boned and cumbersome.”***

**Too light in bone**



**Too heavy-boned**



A dark, close-up photograph of a dog's head, likely a Weimaraner, with the word "HEAD" overlaid in white text. The dog has light-colored fur with dark spots and is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some indistinct shapes that could be trees or buildings.

**HEAD**

***“Alert and eager,  
but with the  
soft expression  
of a bird dog.”***





# EYES

***“Well protected from briars  
by a heavy, expressive eyebrow.”***



**“Preference should be  
for the darker colored  
eyes.”**



***Note: most puppies' eyes darken  
with age. This is the same dog  
at 8 months and 22 months.***

***“A prominent, full or pop eye should be heavily penalized.”***



***“Light and mean-looking eyes  
should be heavily penalized.”***



## EARS

***“Set high, above  
the level of the eyes....***



***Short and triangular, rather  
than pendulous, reaching about  
half the length of the muzzle.”***

***“Should lie flat and close to the head, with the tip rounded very slightly. Ears well covered with dense, but relatively short hair, and with little fringe.”***



## SKULL

***“Medium length, rounded, very slightly wedge-shaped, but evenly made.”***



***“Not quite as wide as the length and never so broad as to appear coarse, or so narrow as to appear racy”***

**too broad**



**too narrow**





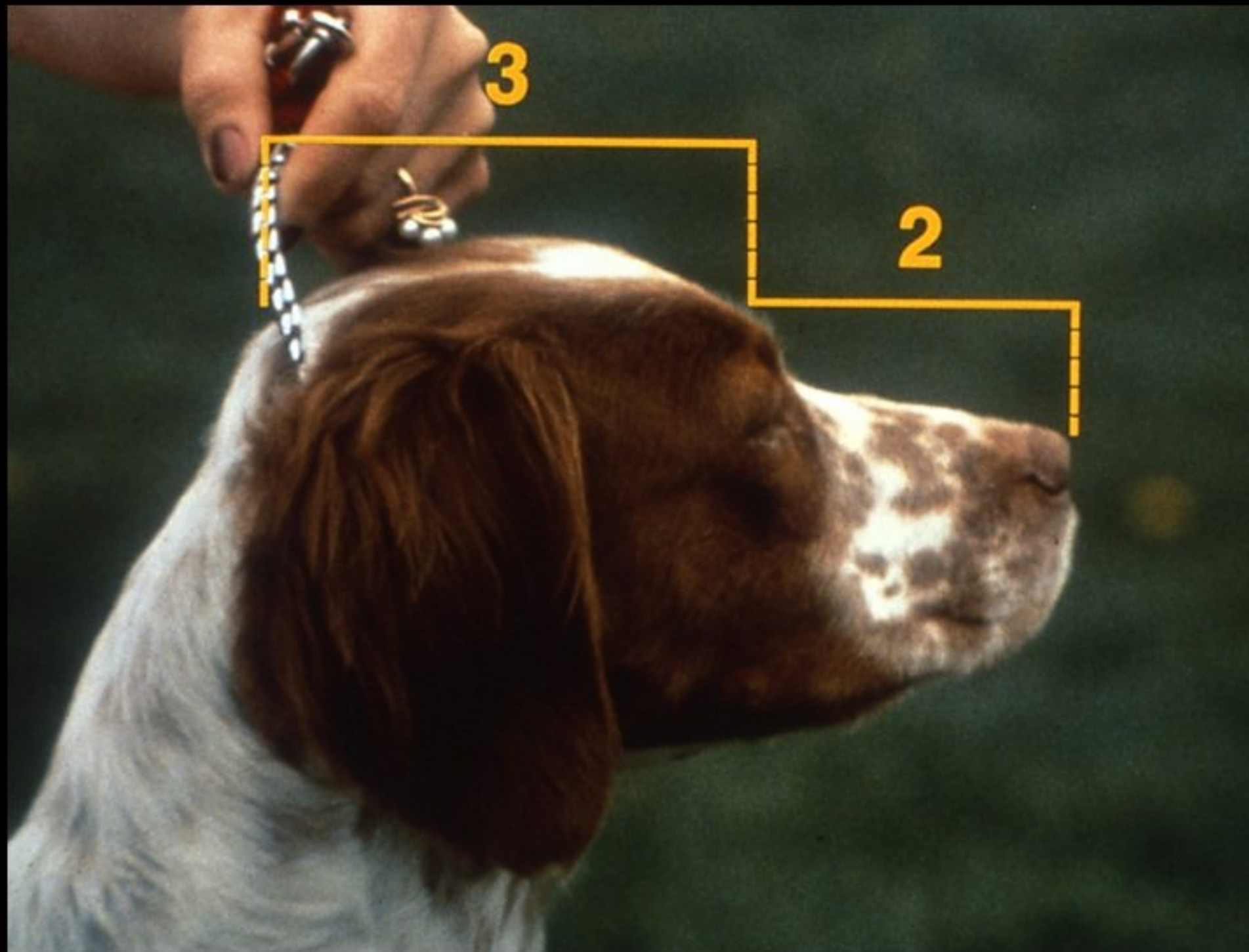
***“The occiput only  
apparent  
to the touch.”***

**The Brittany should not  
have a prominent occiput  
as shown here.**



# MUZZLE

*“about two-thirds the length of the skull”*



***“Muzzle should taper gradually in both horizontal and vertical dimensions as it approaches the nostrils.***

Gradual tapering of muzzle >



***Neither a Roman nose nor a dish-face is desirable. Never broad, heavy or snipy.”***

Snipy >



# NOSE

***“Nostrils well open to permit deep breathing of air and adequate scenting. Tight nostrils should be penalized.”***



**Perfect reason for those open nostrils!**



# NOSE

***“Color: fawn, tan, shades of brown or deep pink.”***

orange/white



orange/white



liver/white



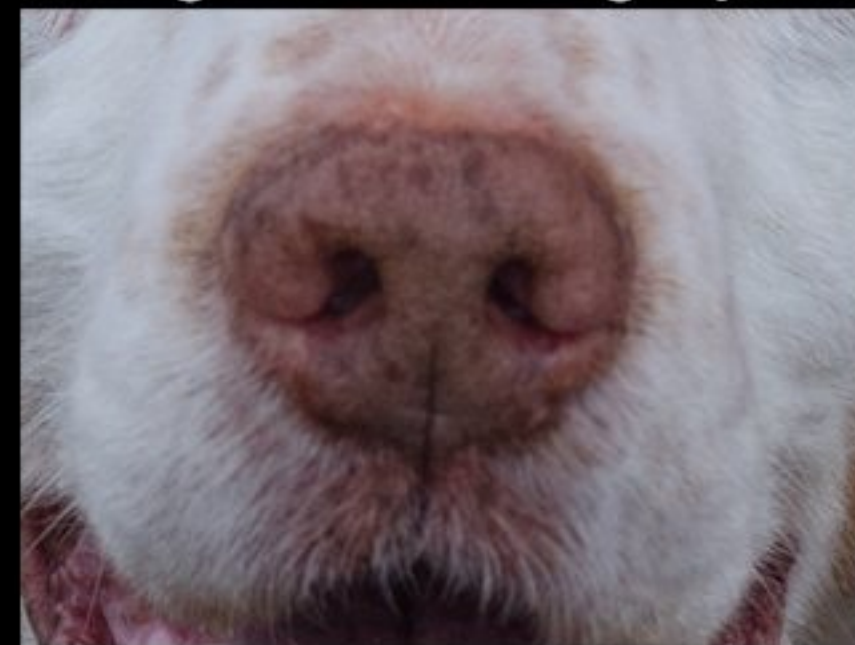
liver roan



orange roan



orange/white with age spots



***“A black nose  
is a disqualification.”***



***“A two-tone  
or butterfly nose  
should be penalized.”***



# LIPS

***“Tight, the upper lip overlapping the lower jaw just to cover the lower lip.”***





***"Lips dry, so that feathers will not stick."***



***"Drooling to be heavily penalized. Flews to be penalized."***

# BITE

*"A true scissors bite."*



*"Overshot or undershot jaw to be heavily penalized."*



# NECK, TOPLINE & BODY

ERS

AKES  
CLUB  
BER

SHBEY

# NECK

***“Medium length...Well set into sloping shoulders.”***



***“Strong without giving the impression  
of being over-muscled.  
Never concave or ewe-necked.”***

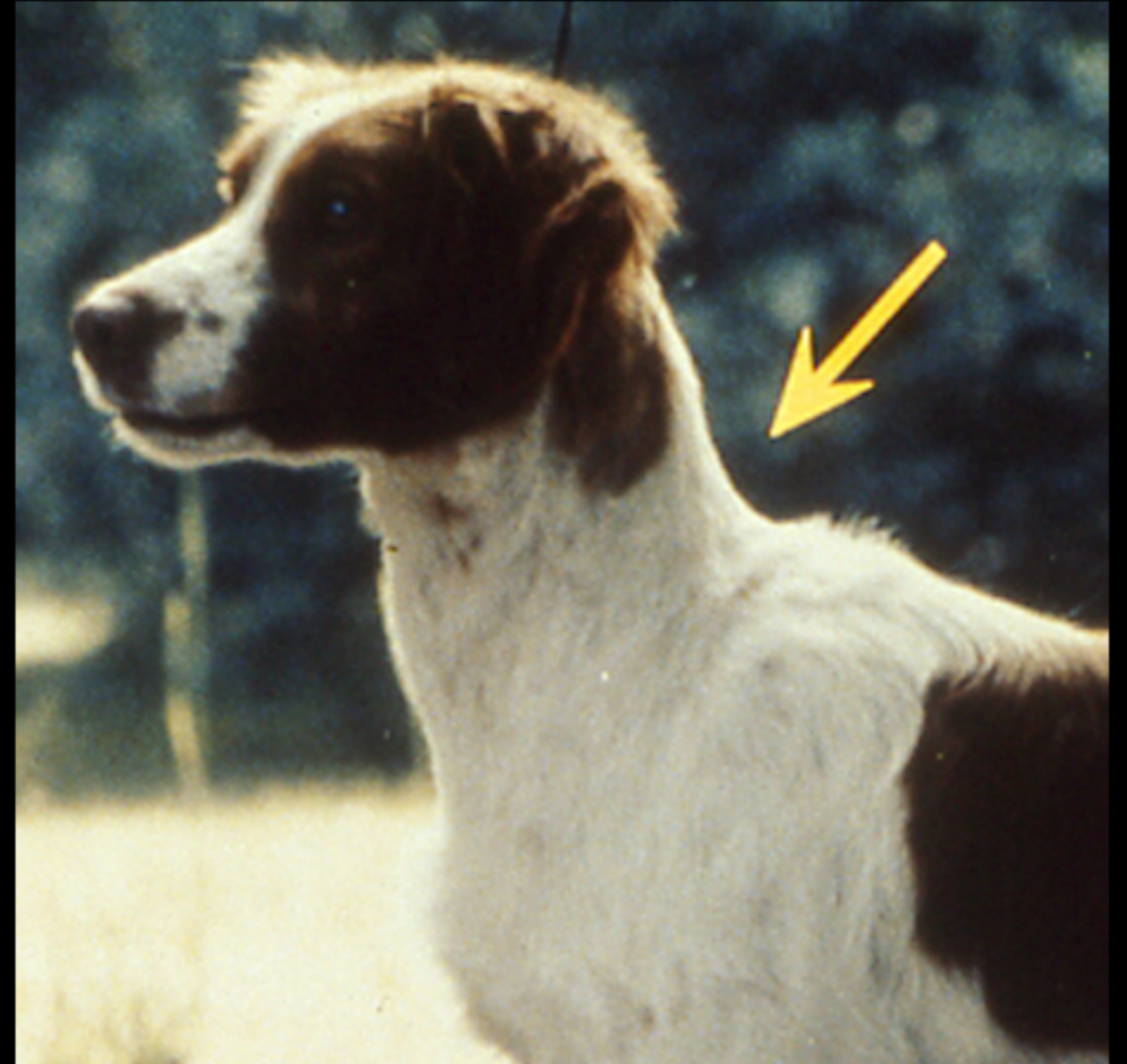
**Too short and over-muscled**



**Too long and weak**



# Field collars may leave marks on a dog's neck



# TOPLINE

***“Slight slope from the highest point of the shoulders to the root of the tail.”***



# CHEST

***“Deep, reaching the level of the elbow.  
Adequate heart room provided by depth as well as width.”***





# FLANKS

***“Distance from last rib to upper thigh short, about three to four fingers widths.”***



# TAIL

***“Tailless to approximately four inches,  
natural or docked.”***



## TAIL

***“Set on high, actually an extension of the spine at about the same level.”***



# These tails are not set at the same level as the spine

*Set too low*



*Gay tail*

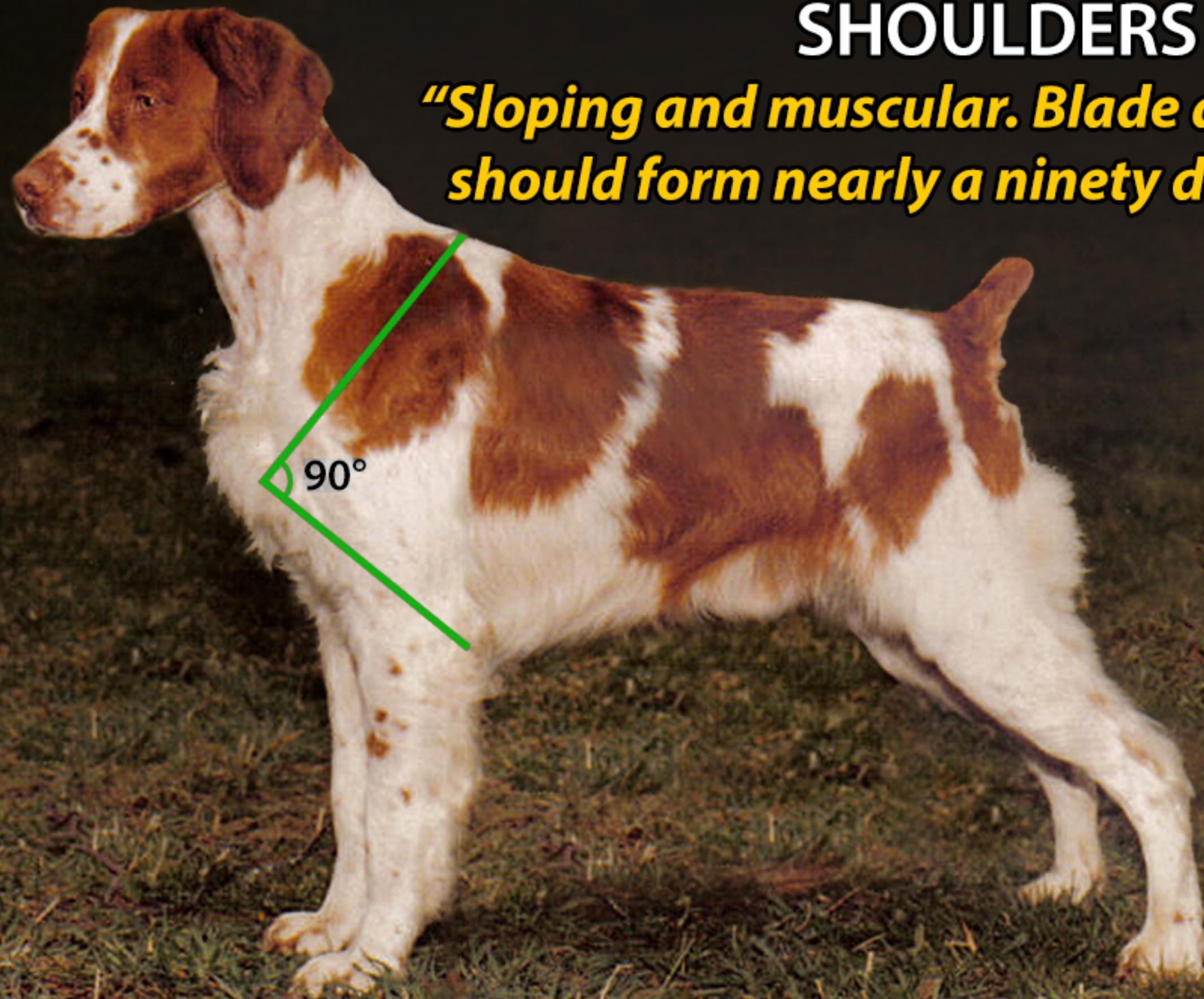


A white dog with black and brown patches is standing in a field of tall, dry grass. The dog is wearing a red collar with a gold buckle. The word "FOREQUARTERS" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image, with a black outline.

**FOREQUARTERS**

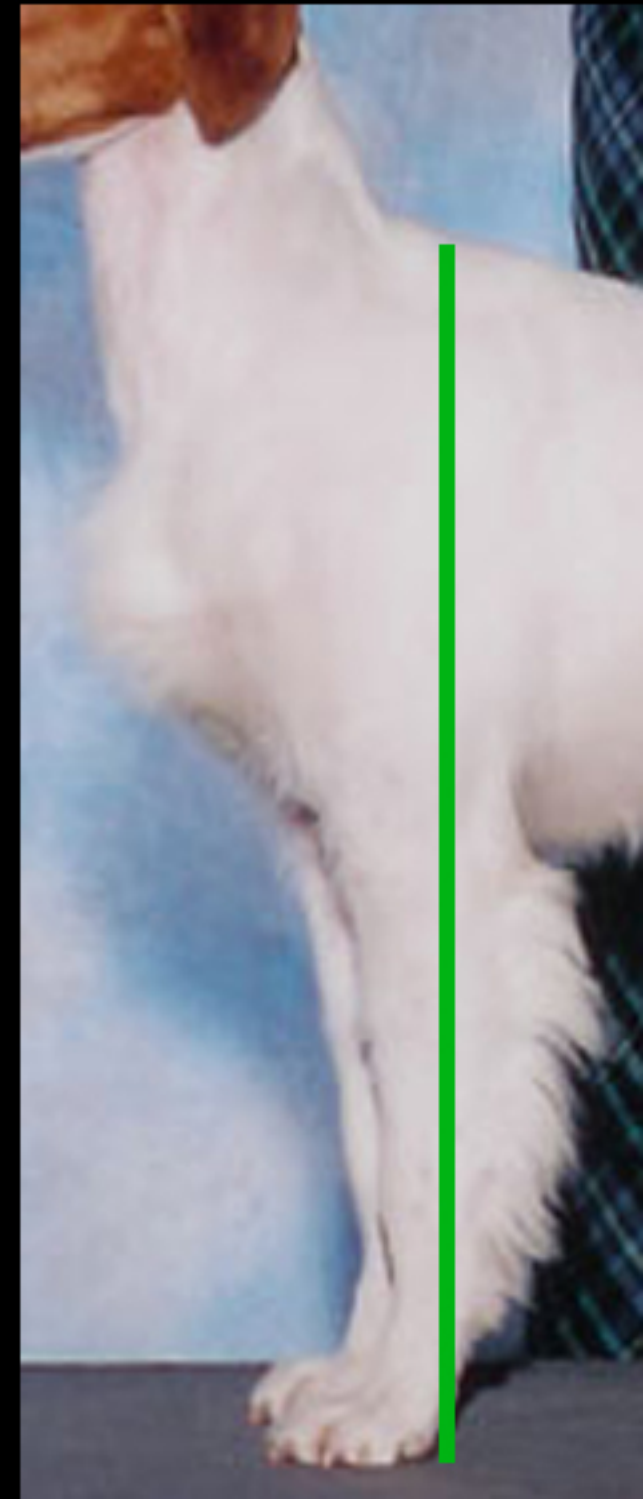
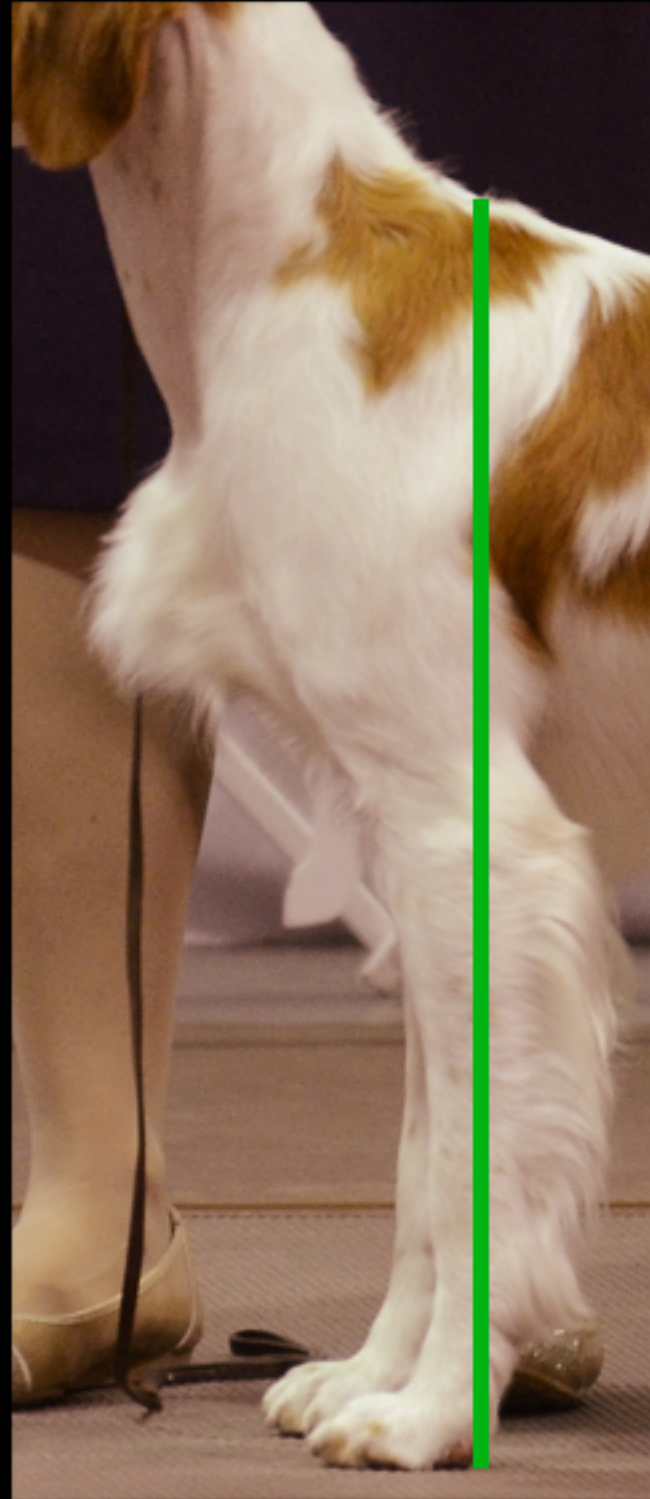
# SHOULDERS

***"Sloping and muscular. Blade and upper arm should form nearly a ninety degree angle."***

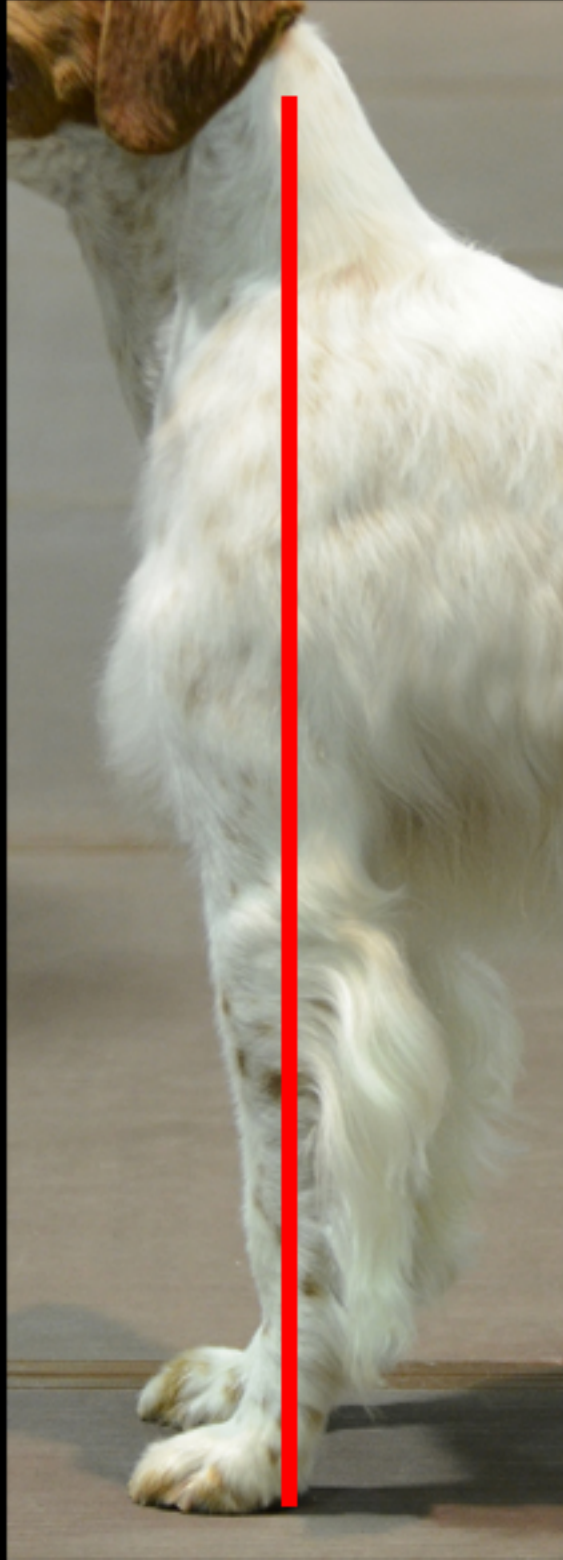


# Correct front angulation:

*front leg is directly below the shoulders, neck is set forward*



# **Incorrect front angulation:** *front leg is below the neck.*





# **Incorrect front angulation:**

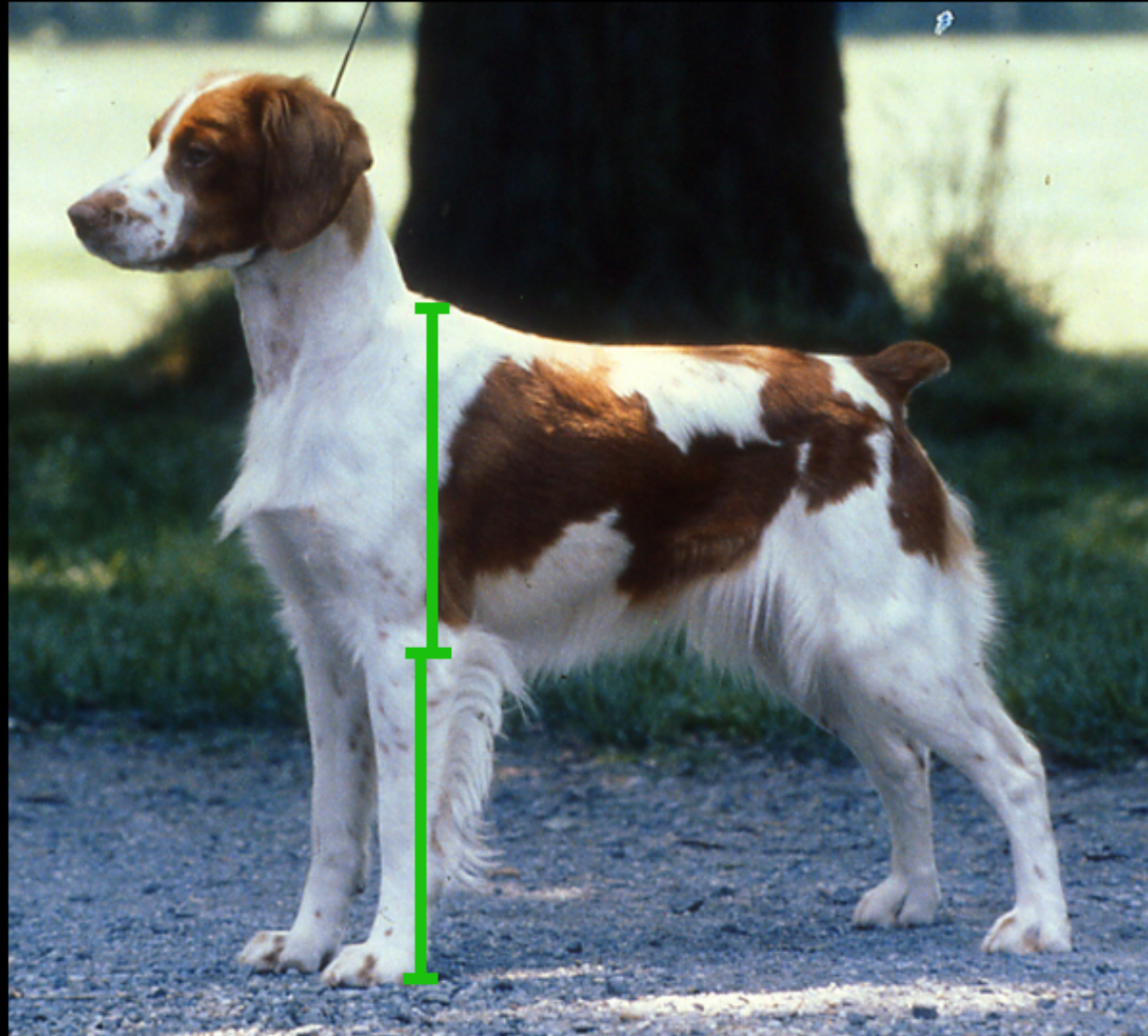
*Upper arm too short/upright - often causes hackney motion*



**FRONT LEGS**  
***“Perpendicular,  
but not set too wide.  
Elbows and feet  
turning neither in  
nor out.”***



***“Height at elbows should approximately equal distance from elbow to withers.”***



## FEET

***“Close fitting,  
well arched toes  
and thick pads.  
An ideal foot is  
halfway between  
the hare  
and the cat foot.”***



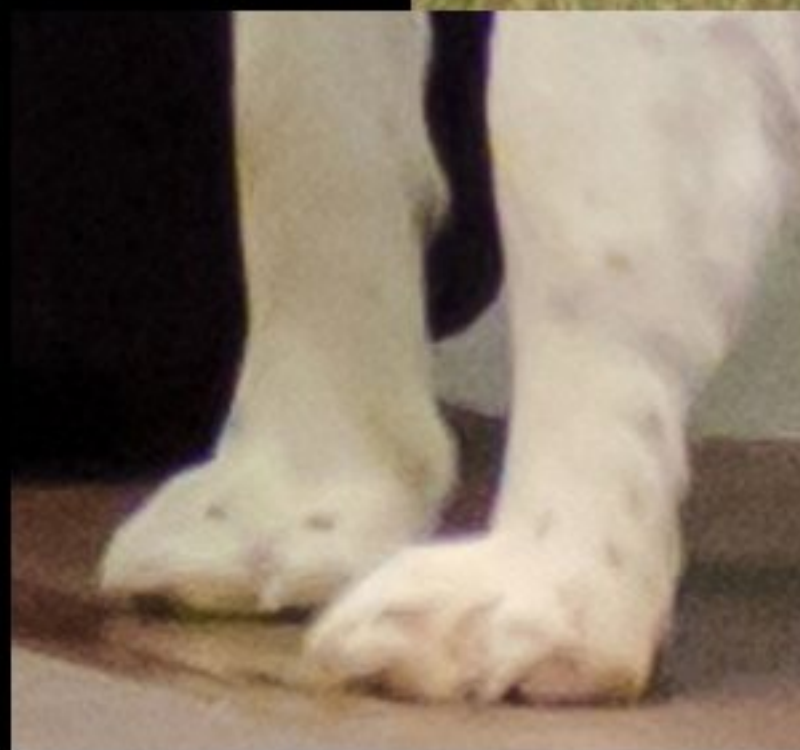
***“Flat feet, splayed feet,  
paper feet, etc.  
are to be heavily  
penalized.”***



***Incorrect:***  
**Cat feet,**  
**Upright pasterns**



***Incorrect:***  
**Knuckling over**



A white and brown speckled dog, possibly a pointer or similar breed, is standing in a field of tall, dry grass. The dog is facing left and has a gold collar. The background is a dense field of similar grass. The text "HINDQUARTERS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**HINDQUARTERS**

***“Broad, strong and muscular, with powerful thighs and well bent stifles, giving the angulation necessary for powerful drive.”***





**Strong, powerful hindquarters**



# Incorrect hindquarters



***“The stifle  
should not be  
so angulated  
as to place  
the hock joint  
far out”***

**This dog is  
over-angulated**



# HOCKS

***“moderately short, pointing neither in nor out, perpendicular when viewed from the side.”***



< CORRECT



INCORRECT >

A close-up photograph of a horse's coat, showing the texture and sheen of the hair. The word "COAT" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

**COAT**

# COAT

***“Dense, flat or wavy, never curly.”***



**CORRECT**



**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT  
(curly)**

***“The front and hind legs should have some feathering, but too little is definitely preferable to too much.”***



**Profuse feathering and poor coat texture impedes field work.**





***“Dogs with long or profuse feathering or furnishings shall be so severely penalized as to effectively eliminate them from competition.”***



< LONG

PROFUSE



**Brittanys should be ready to work in all types of cover**



# Same dog at the start and end of hunting season



## SKIN

***"Fine and fairly loose.  
A loose skin rolls with briars  
and sticks, thus diminishing  
punctures or tearing."***





**COLOR**



***Orange & White***



***Liver & White***



***Liver Roan***



***Tri-Color***



***Orange  
Roan***

< Orange & White



Liver & White >



**Orange & White  
with heavy ticking**



**Liver & White  
with heavy ticking**







< Orange Roan



Liver Roan >

***“A tri-color is a liver and white dog with classic orange markings on eyebrows, muzzle and cheeks, inside the ears and under the tail, freckles on the lower legs are orange.”***



***“Tri-colors are allowed but not preferred.”***

## Tri-Color Roan



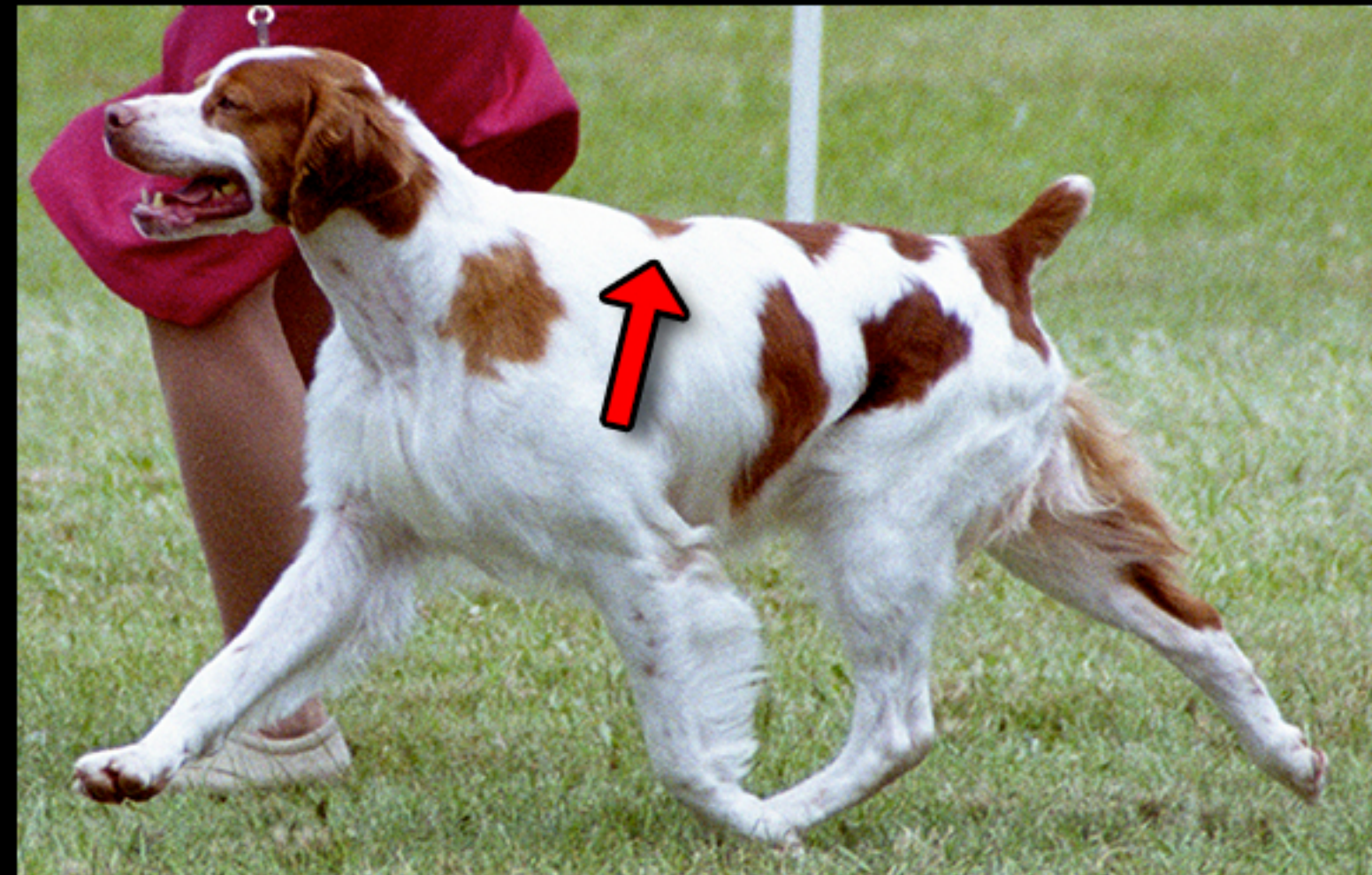
***“Black is a disqualification.”***



**Don't let your eye for the balance of the dog  
be thrown off by coat patterns**



**Be aware of coat patterns  
and markings,  
both standing and in motion**



**Absolutely acceptable white on ears or face  
(standard does not address markings except for tri-colors)**



**Solid or heavily marked heads are common**





A photograph of a brown and white dog, possibly a Weimaraner, walking on a grassy field. The dog is in profile, facing left, with its mouth slightly open. A person's legs, wearing a patterned skirt and black shoes, are visible behind the dog. The background shows a wooden fence and a blue and white striped object. The word "GAIT" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

**GAIT**

***“When at a trot the Brittany's hind foot should step into or beyond the print left by the front foot.”***



***“Clean movement, coming and going, is very important...”***



***"...but most important is side gait..."***



***"..which is smooth, efficient and ground covering."***



**Note that all four feet remain close to the ground**



***Inefficient  
and  
incorrect  
movement***



# TEMPERAMENT

*"A happy, alert dog, neither mean nor shy."*







*from past to present*  
**Forever  
A Dual Dog**

