The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog’s ability to perform its traditional work.

**HISTORY**

The Basset Fauve de Bretagne originated in France for use as a scenting hound on rabbit, hare, fox, roe deer and wild boar. It is a descendant of the larger Griffon Fauve de Bretagne. The breed has been popular as a hunter in its native region since the 19th Century, and earned a national reputation as an outstanding rabbit hound during the latter part of the 20th Century.

The Basset Fauve de Bretagne was recognized by the United Kennel Club on January 1, 1996.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**

A small, stocky hound, rectangular in shape, the Basset Fauve de Bretagne is rough coated and fawn in color. It is a very hardy breed, energetic and fast for its size.

**CHARACTERISTICS**

Smart, courageous and determined, the Basset Fauve de Bretagne is a serious hunter, easily adapting to different types of game or terrain. It is also an excellent companion, being cheerful, friendly and agreeable. **Serious Fault:** Timidity.
TAIL
Medium in length, strong at the base, tapering to a point. Carried above the line of the back in sickle shape with side to side action.

COAT & SKIN
The coat is very rough, harsh and not too long. Moderate facial furnishings. Skin is thick and supple. 
_Serious Fault:_ Coat sparse, soft, smooth or fine.

COLOR
Various shades of fawn, from golden wheaten to brick red. A few black hairs on the ears or the back are acceptable but not desirable, as is a small white spot on the chest.

HEIGHT
For both males and females, acceptable height is from 12.5 inches to 15.5 inches, with a minor variation up or down acceptable for otherwise outstanding specimens.

GAIT
Lively and active.

ELIMINATING FAULTS
(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a conformation event.)
Characteristics: aggressiveness or overt shyness.
Teeth: jaws overshot or undershot.
Head: totally or partially unpigmented areas on nose, eye rims or lips. Extremely light eyes. Forequarters: excessive crook in the foreleg.
Feet: presence of dewclaws on the hind legs. Tail: kinked tail.
Coat: long or woolly coat, or any coat not described by the standard. Height: more than one inch over or under the specified size.

DISQUALIFICATIONS
(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)
Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.
Viciousness or extreme shyness.
Albinism.