

Versatile family companion hunting retriever

Distinctive and most important features are the silhouette, smooth effortless movement, head type,

Scissors bite preferred, level bite acceptable
Severe faults: Wry, undershot, or overshot bites, noticeable gap

Neck moderately long. Topline strong and level, supple in motion. Tail extends to hock, fairly straight, in motion without curl

Coat solid black or liver. Straight, flat-lying, moderate length and fullness, high luster

DQ: Yellow, cream, or any other color than black or liver

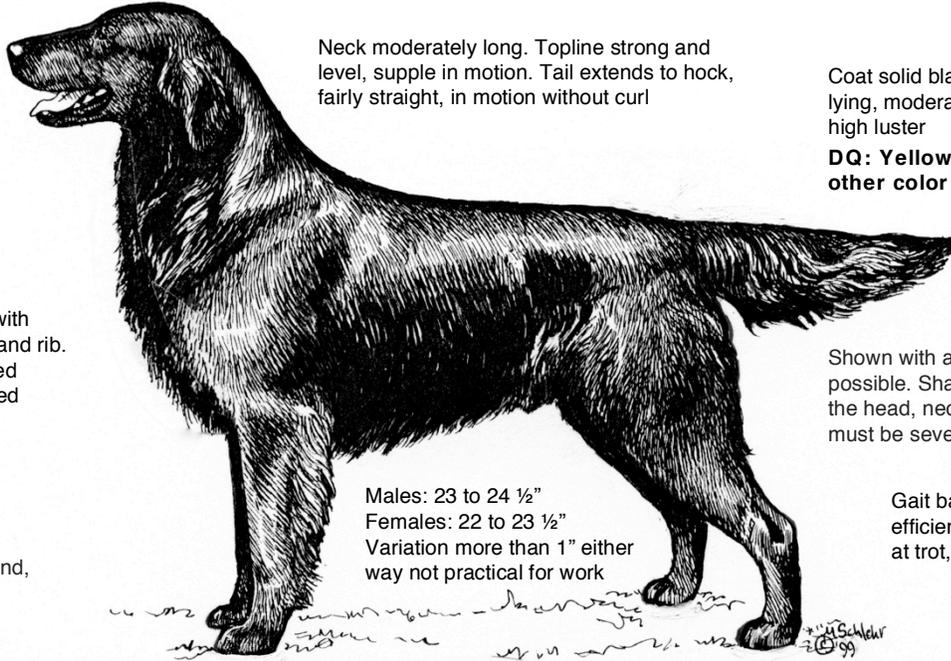
Body slightly longer than tall, with length in ribcage. Deep chest and rib. Prominent prow, well-developed forechest; never loosely coupled

Shown with as natural a coat as possible. Shaving or barbering of the head, neck, or body coat must be severely penalized

Medium bone, feet oval or round, medium sized, tight with well-arched toes and thick pads

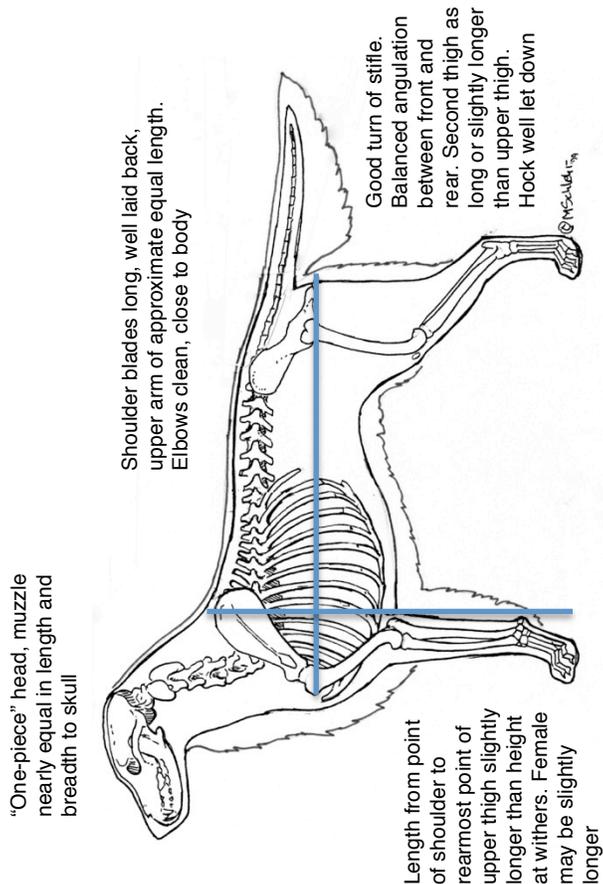
Males: 23 to 24 1/2"
Females: 22 to 23 1/2"
Variation more than 1" either way not practical for work

Gait balanced, free, efficient. Best appraised at trot, loose lead



Flat-Coated Retriever Quick Study

Drawings © Marcia Schlehr



Fairly flat skull, moderate breadth and flat, clean cheeks, with long, strong, deep muzzle well filled in before, between, and beneath eyes. Gradual, slight stop, brows slightly raised and mobile

Ears relatively small, well set on, close to side of head and thickly feathered; not low set

Jaws long and strong, with lips fairly tight, firm and clean



Eyes set widely apart, medium sized, almond shaped, dark brown or hazel; eye rims self-colored and tight

Nose black on black dogs, brown on liver dogs; large, open nostrils