



Stabijhoun
(Frisian Pointing Dog)



The Stabijhoun: an energetic companion

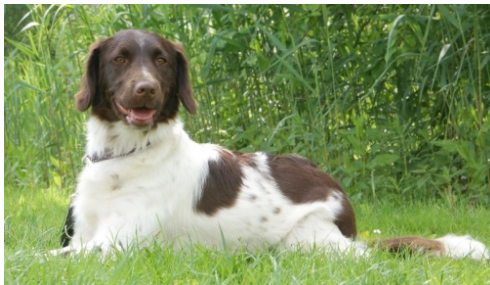


The Stabijhoun is one of the two Frisian dog breeds. The other one is the Wetterhoun. The Stabijhoun is a semi-longhaired dog with a stretched outline and a characteristic long tail that reaches to the hocks and of which the lowermost part is slightly bent upward. The dog radiates refined nobility and at the same time disposes of much power and endurance. The Stabijhoun is a medium-sized dog: the ideal height for dogs is 53 centimetres, for bitches 50 centimetres. The most occurring colour is black with white markings, but also brown with white markings occurs. In both cases the white parts may have several black respective brown spots or they are covered by a mixture of black or brownish white speckles, the so-called mould.



The Stabijhoun originates in the Frisian Woodlands (Friese Woudengebied), the eastern and south-eastern part of the province Frisia. These dogs are used as watchdog, to catch moles and polecats - so not a particular timid dog - but they are especially kept as a gundog. The Stabijhoun is a pointing dog that keeps standing motionlessly still as soon as he perceives the presence of game, sometimes with a lifted foreleg and with the nose pointing into the direction of the game. It is also an all-round sporting dog: the Stabijhoun traces the game and retrieves it after the shot. The

Stabijhoun is a very good swimmer and for that reason he is able to retrieve the game in water at large distances. In short, he is in many ways a real go-getter. Provided that he is well trained, the Stabijhoun is an excellent sporting dog.



These hunting qualities are also useful for those who want to keep a Stabijhoun as a pet dog. This means among other things that these dogs need regular exercise. When you are looking for a toy dog, you should not buy a Stabijhoun. As every good sporting dog the Stabijhoun has an open and open-minded character. These dogs look lively, but without being excited or nervous. Under good guidance, which therefore must be distinct and consistent, the Stabijhoun develops into a smart and obedient companion, but also as an affectionate and reliable family dog. As a watchdog he is very attentive, however surely not aggressive. A reserved character is



strange to a Stabijhoun. On the contrary he can even approach unknown people with a nearly unbiased inquisitiveness. And for the members of the family is the Stabijhoun an eager playmate. His open-minded and

lively nature develops best with an owner who has a communicative attitude and who appreciates the contact with the dog. A consistent training is surely to be recommended, for the Stabijhoun certainly is a bit self-willed. A Stabijhoun is a dog to love and with whom you can participate in many activities.

Very many owners of Stabijhouns are united in the Dutch Club for Stabij- and Wetterhouns. By way of the club magazine the members get useful information about these breeds. The members can also get advices at the club about training and upbringing.

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