

# SPANISH WATER DOG BREED IDENTIFICATION

Spanish Water Dog Club, Inc.  
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## BEWARE:

The Spanish Water Dog is most commonly confused for a Portuguese Water Dog, Lagotto Romagnolo, Wheaten Terrier, Poodle, Labradoodle or other designer poodle mix.

### Body

Medium sized, robust, slightly longer than tall. Generally, more robust than a Poodle.

### Tail

Usually a fairly short docked tail, but some are born with a naturally short tail that can vary in length.

### Coat

- ◆ Distinctive curly, single, coat that may form cords when long.
- ◆ May be solid shades of black, brown, beige, or white as well as black/white, brown/white, white/brown, white/black, or beige. Brown colors are usually faded.

- ◆ Non-shedding, and of wooly texture
- ◆ Length of coat could range from newly sheared to short curls, thick and wooly or full cords.

### Size

- ◆ Height: Dogs, 17 1/2-19 3/4 inches; Bitches, 15 3/4 to 18 inches.
- ◆ Weight: Dogs, 40-50 lbs; Bitches, 30-40 lbs

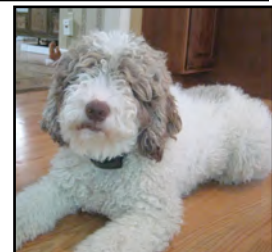
### Eyes/Ears/Head

- ◆ Eyes shade of brown from hazel to dark chestnut.
- ◆ Ears are set at medium height at eye level, drooping and triangular with slightly rounded tips.

- ◆ Head is broad and flat.
- ◆ Stop is slight but noticeable
- ◆ Snout is wider than a Poodle with a slightly rounded base.
- ◆ Nose is of the same color or slightly darker than the darkest color of the coat.
- ◆ Beige or white dogs may have either black or brown pigment.

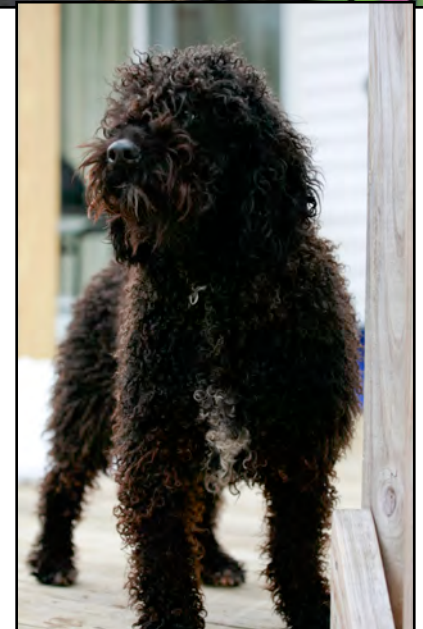
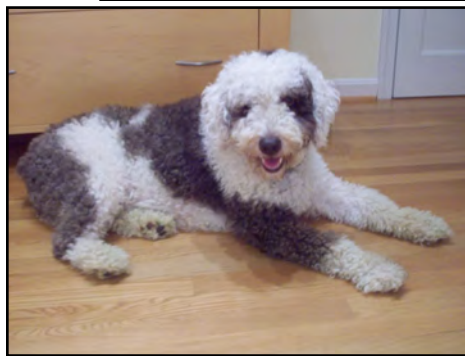
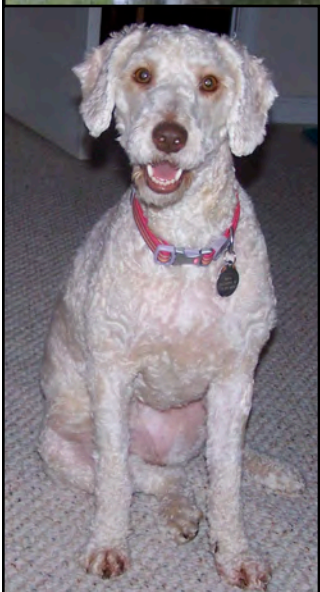
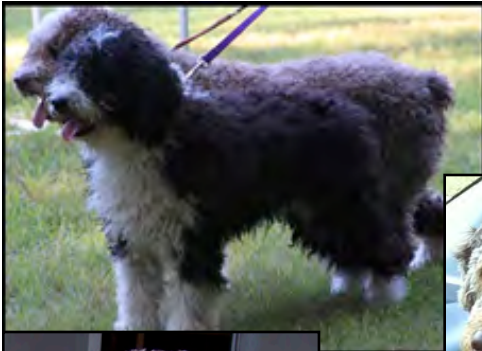
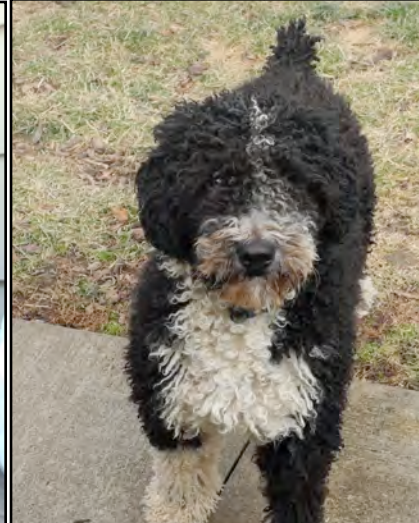
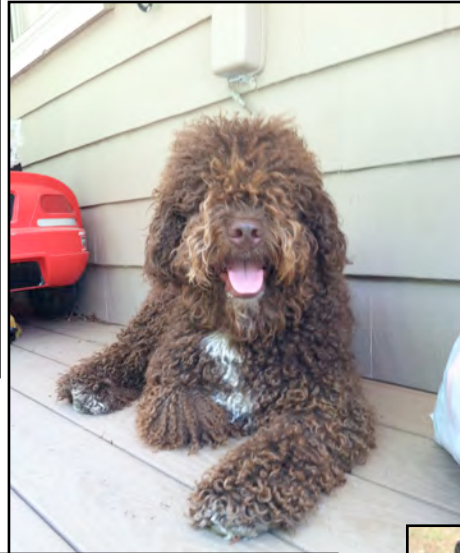
### Temperament

- ◆ Highly intelligent
- ◆ Fiercely devoted to their family
- ◆ May herd or nip at things that move
- ◆ May be shy or cautious with strangers



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