

APPENDIX XII INFORMATION ON BAZADAIS BREED STANDARDS

For consideration by Bazadais enthusiasts in Australia

The following are a few characteristics to look for when considering Bazadais from the point of view of type and conformation.

Overall Appearance is one of Balance:

The Bazadais has a refined outline showing good conformation and thinness of bone. Characteristically revealing femininity, strength and vigour. An ease of movement enhances their athletic and mobile nature.

Coat & Colour:

Calves: - Born a beige to wheaten shade gradually becoming grey at about 3 months of age.

Cows - Coat is short the colour varying from light to dark grey

Bulls - Coat is short and smooth the colour varying from steel grey to lighter grey body and can have a dappled appearance, showing darker colour from the shoulder forward and from the pin to the hock. The bulls invariably have a white sword through the shoulders and withers to the middle of the back.

Height & Weight:

Cows - Average height 140 centimetres	Average Weight 750kg
Bulls - Average height 145 centimetres	Average Weight 1100kg

Head and Neck:

Head is triangular and of medium size, a good width of muzzle presenting an even bite (not over or under shot), and an open nostril. The eye is clear, soft, but alert. Well hooded surrounded by a dominant silver circle with clear mucous membranes.

The neck is neatly coupled to a sloping shoulder.

Shoulders and Chest:

A broad deep chest, a smooth brisket, carrying good meat coverage from the shoulder blade to the forearm with a wide square stance.

Body:

Extreme length, exceptional spring and depth of rib with a full top line. Showing excellent meat cover from behind the shoulder to the loin.

Hindquarter:

Showing straight top line with a well set tail. Good width of hip and excellent length from hip to pin, extending to a wide ham like rump with full depth to the hock allowing a broad stance behind giving good air circulation to the scrotum.

Legs and Feet:

Legs not showing excessive length are straight to a strong pastern, the hoof is hard, black with a good height of heel, being even and free of corns and irregular hoof growth, making the beast adaptable to all terrains.

Udder:

Even square bag with well set teats of ideal suckling size, showing good maternal ability.