

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever



***Westerlea's Kennels &
Kennel Huntmasters
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever***
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First Toller dog in Europe: Westerleas Brass Toller of Huntmasters

A short view over a Toller's versatility!

Topics

- Probable Origins.
- Breed Characteristics.
- Anatomy.
- A Review of the Standard.

Probable Origins

- Small dog, same roots as Kooikerhond, used in Flanders, later in England as Red Decoy Dog, to lure ducks into long nets or pipes.
- These dogs came to Nova Scotia in the middle of the 16th century by hunters and fishermen from the continent.



Area of Origin

Descendents of Decoy dogs came to Canada's East Coast with early French settlers.

Southwest Nova Scotia's Yarmouth County became the home of today's Toller.



The first to NSDTR arrived in Denmark 1982

The two first Tollers came to Copenhagen airport, on a spring day in 1982.

Nete Wunch with her new puppy

Westerleas Red Tilly

&

Westerleas Lucky Toller who went to Finn Lange.



Breed Characteristics

- Insatiable retrieving drive
- Lively
- Alert
- Intelligent
- Ready for action



On the beach with children:



Out shooting ducks:



Out with the family in the forest:



At home:



A real cognisor:



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Isn't life wonderful!



As Sporting dog A Toller on Tolling Hunting Test



As Sporting dog

A Toller on Tolling Hunting Test

- Dog and handler are sitting and waiting in a shooting shelter to lure waterfowl



- Dog and handler must be absolutely quiet - no sound must be heard.

As Sporting dog

A Toller on Tolling Hunting Test

- Dog and handler starts Tolling, luring ducks into shooting range
- Tolling = A dog is send out in the open playing with a tolling object (bold, small dummy etc.), both left and right of the shelter. There must be short breaks between tolling sessions.
- The dog must follow a track witch makes it possible for the resting duck outside shooting range to see the playing dog.



- If it succeeds, the resting duck will start to swim nearer the lakeside and into shooting rang. It's important that the tolling dog ignores the swimming ducks.

As Sporting dog A Toller on Tolling Hunting Test

- On the way back retrieving a duck



As Sporting dog

A Toller on Tolling Hunting Test

- Game is retrieved to the handlers hand!



- The dog hunts an area to find and retrieve found dead or wounded game birds on land.

As Sporting dog

A Toller on Tolling Hunting Test

- A judge makes notes about a dog and handler's achievements.
- Trailing is very good sport and demands high skills of both dog and handler.



As Sporting dog

A Toller on Tolling Working Test

- All game is exchanged with another retrieving objects (dummies) made of canvas.
- In Denmark test rules are the same as then for hunting tests, just with dummies instead of cold game.
- Good sport for dogs and handlers.



As Sporting dog A Toller on Tolling Working Test

- Public, dogs and handlers enjoy a day in the forest



As Sporting dog

A Toller on Tolling Working Test

- Two dogs competing in a working test class.
- Only cartridge with no bullets are used.
- The gun points in the direction of the thrown dummy.



As Sporting dog A Toller on Tolling Working Test

- Proud winners of the day



Sporting dog

The real thing, out shooting!



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Sporting dog Obedience work

- Walking heel
- Necessary for all dogs



Sporting dog Obedience work

- A dog under "stay" command waiting for command to come!



Sporting dog Obedience

- Dogs of all kind of breeds meet to obedience tests, and compete equally.



Sporting dog: Dog Dancing

- A new sport!
“Heelwork to music”



Sporting dog: Dog Dancing

- Fun for dog and handler
- A new exciting activity in dog sport!



Sporting dog At the dog show

- A show is a very good social event for both dog and handler



Watch how all the participants enjoy themselves

Sporting dog At the dog show

- Breed clubs and kennel clubs arrange dog shows.



*The happy winners
of the day*

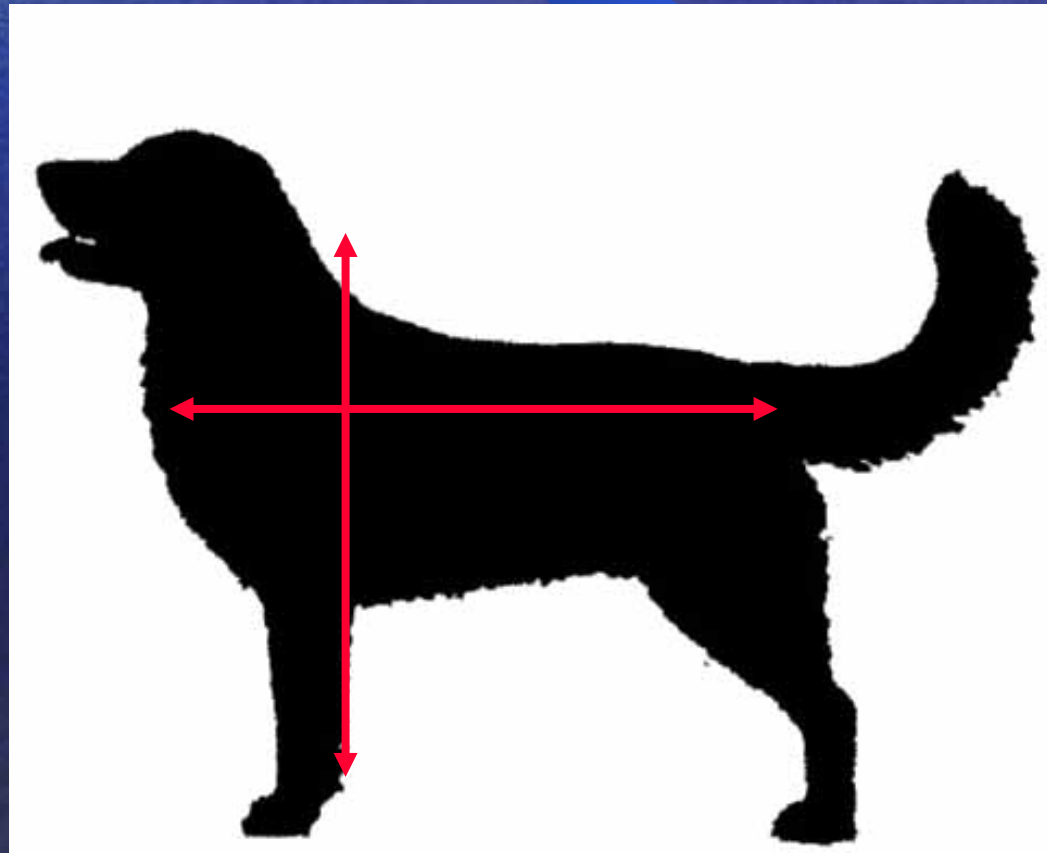
What a must Toller look like?

Breed Standard FCI 312

- Seize & proportions
- Head, eyes, ears & expression
- Front & neck
- Rear & tail and tail set
- Movement
- Coat & colour

Silhouettes: Proportion

- Slightly longer than tall (10:9)



Silhouettes

- Level topline with slight rise over loin
- Strong medium bone
- Deep chest
- Long bushy tail



Silhouettes

- Smallest Retriever

males

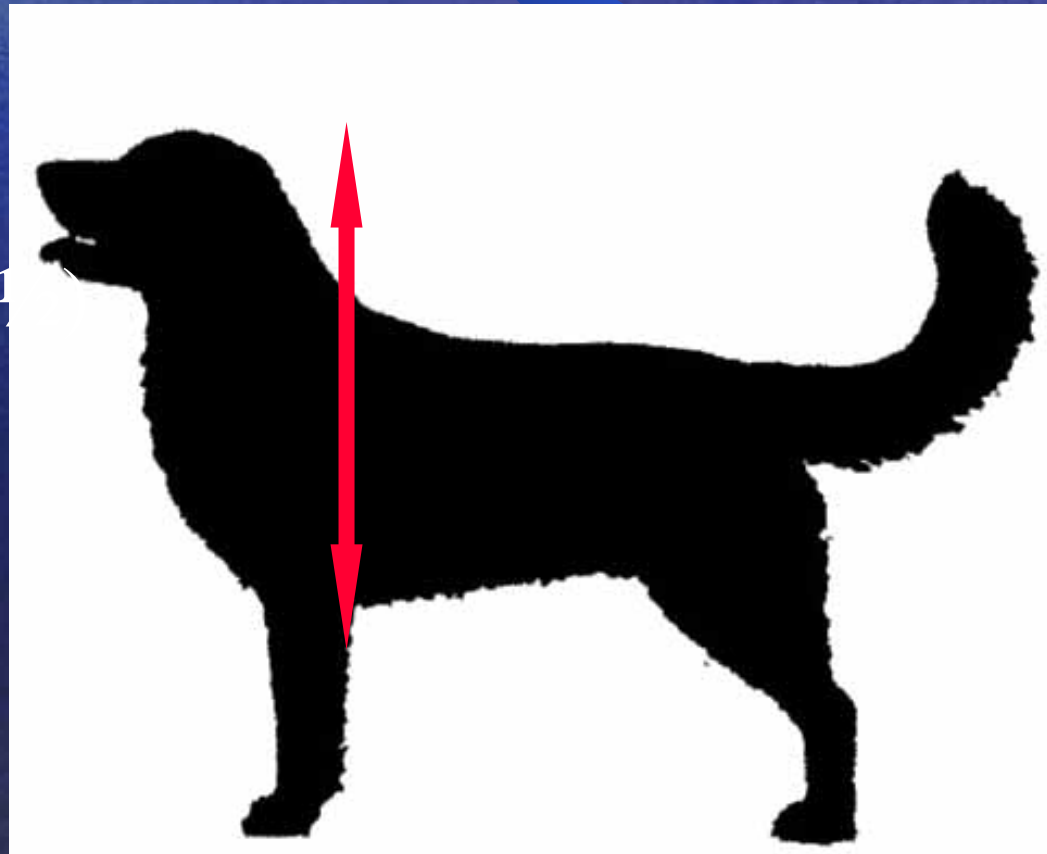
48-51cm (19-20) ins

my ideal 49.5 cm (19 1/2)

females

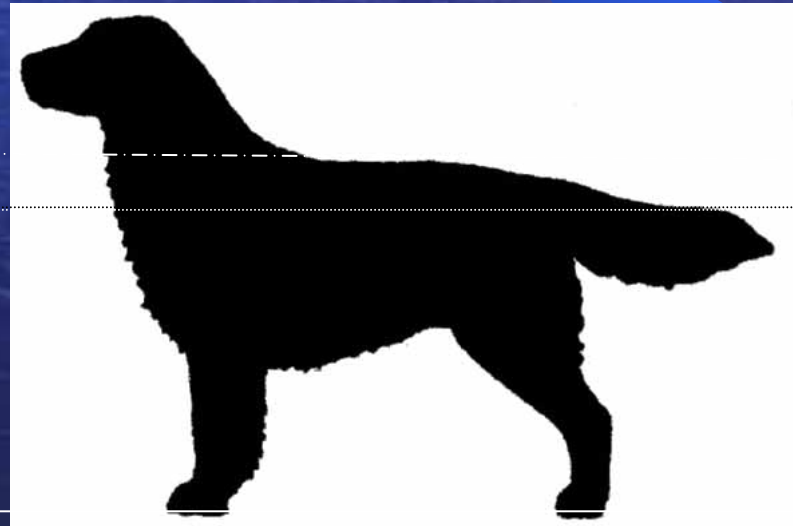
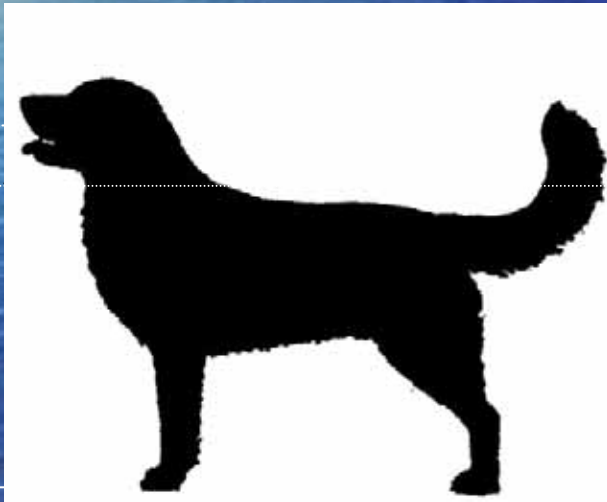
45-48 cm (18-19 ins)

my ideal 45 cm (18)



Silhouettes

Toller / Golden size comparison



All silhouettes courtesy of Robert Cole "You Be the Judge"

Comparison

- Toller / Golden



Comparison • Toller / Labrador



Heads

- Wedge-shaped –neither too broad nor narrow



Heads

- Skull slightly rounded, stop not prominent



Heads

- Strong muzzle and Underjaw
- Scissors bite



A Classic Head



Øjne & pigment



- Remember eye colour and pigmentation must be in harmony with the colour of the coat.
- Never butterfly nose
- Eye not round as this dog

See how pigment colour alters appearance



Neck

- Good length of neck



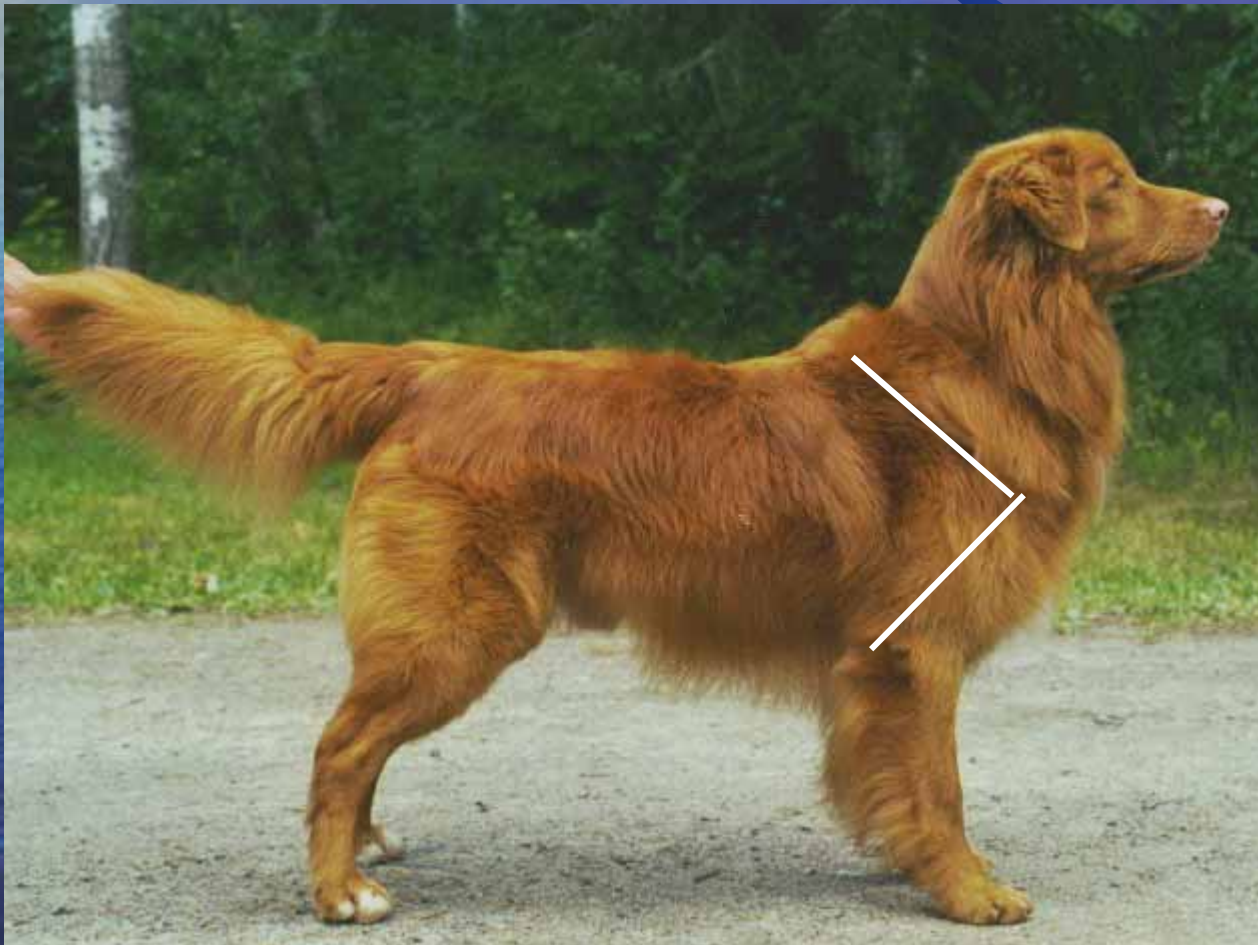
Front Assembly

Forelegs straight & strong
Good feet with thick pads



Strong forechest
Blade/upper arm well-angled
Neck strong, but short
Level topline

Excellent Front Assembly



Body

- Deep Chest
- Well sprung ribs
- Short backed
- Moderate tuck-up



- Both Best-in-Show Dogs

Strong Rears



- Sound free-standing bitch

- Good short hocks



Tail – The Crowning Glory



- Luxuriant bushy tail reaching to hock
- Curled in loose sickle when dog in action

Coat & Colour

- Thick double coat
- Dense undercoat
- Vivid shades of red or orange
- Bright coppery-red ideal
- Characteristic white markings desirable



Movement

- Combines good reach and drive with animated movement.



*Good movement needs
good angulations*



TEMPERAMENT

- FCI 312 standard: BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT : The Toller is highly intelligent, easy to train and has great endurance. A strong and able swimmer, he is a natural and tenacious retriever on land and from water setting himself for springy action the moment the slightest indication is given that retrieving is required. His strong retrieving desire and playfulness are qualities essential to his tolling ability.



- **A toller must not:**
 - Unprovoked show aggressive behaviour against human beings or other dogs.
 - Refuse friendly contact from a friendly person.
- **A toller must be able to:**
 - Work/go around other friendly dogs at all places, such as shows – hunting trails – hunting ground and in the city.
- **It is all judge's duty to:**
 - Penalise any dog with show aggressive behaviour in a show ring and even outside the ring, at a Field trail, in a Hunting test or in an Obedience test.

Tollers in Scandinavia



A happy Toller is a active Toller!!!



“Fly me to a star!”



A Toller has many options but which one?

Hunting dog?

Pet dog?

Family dog?

Sporting dog?

Let me be everything!!!

