



British Pig Association

Standards of Excellence



HAMPSHIRE

<u>HEAD</u>	Medium size head, wide between the eyes and ears. Boars to show masculine characteristics. Sows to show feminine characteristics.
<u>EARS</u>	Erect or slightly inclined forward. Avoid too small ears.
<u>JOWL</u>	Clean as possible.
<u>CHEST</u>	Wide between front legs giving plenty of heart room.
<u>SHOULDERS</u>	Strong and clean avoiding apex top.
<u>SIDES</u>	Long and deep particularly through heart.
<u>FLANK</u>	Trim but well let down.
<u>UNDERLINE</u>	Straight; at least twelve sound evenly spaced, well placed teats and starting well forward.
<u>BACK AND LOIN</u>	Well sprung ribs. Smooth long muscle.
<u>HAM AND RUMP</u>	Wide, long front to rear. Deep from top to bottom. Smooth muscle. Tail set high.
<u>FEET AND LEGS</u>	Strong, flat bone, medium length. Straight, set well apart and on all four corners. Strong feet with short cleys of equal length. Avoid short legs. Pasterns short and springy.
<u>MOVEMENT</u>	Should be loose in every way and no signs of tightness.
<u>COLOUR</u>	Predominantly black, but must have a saddle of white skin and have white front legs.

GENERAL

The Hampshire breeding animal should give the overall impression of scope, and breeders should be looking for large, strong-boned animals as the prime purpose of the Hampshire in the United Kingdom and elsewhere is to produce boars to act as terminal sires.