

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi

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The History of the breed

- ❖ Dates back possibly as far as the 9th or 10th century
- ❖ Possibly descend from the Lundehund & the Vallhund
- ❖ Brought to Wales by the Scandinavian raiders
- ❖ Original role was as a Wildfowlers dog even up until mid last century.
- ❖ Popularity for driving all farm animals to market led them to being cattle dogs

A natural herder



Function of the Pem - What

- So what is the now accepted function of the Pembroke?
- CATTLE DOG
- DROVERS DOG



And of course, bed
dogs!





Pem Function - How

How do they control the cattle ?

Pem Function - How

- Nip the heels of the cattle



Historical Pembroke Requirements

- **AGILITY**
- **SIZE – TO KEEP UNDER THE HEELS OF THE CATTLE**
 - **COAT**
 - **A GOOD NECK**
 - **INTELLIGENCE**
- **TEMPERAMENT**
 - **SOUNDNESS**



Pem ~ Agility

- Size
 - Correct length of body
 - Short hocks
 - Not too short in loin
- Soundness



Pem ~ Size

- 25.5 to 30.3cm
- To stay under the flaying hooves of the cattle
- To give him agility
- A small dog that thinks big

Pem – Coat



“Medium length and dense. Not wiry”

Why?

Pem ~ Coat



Pem ~ Coat



- Soft, open coats would not cut the mustard either as a wildfowlers dog or latterly the farmers dog
- Without a waterproof coat, a dense undercoat and a close topcoat, the dog stands no chance of survival

Pem ~ Neck



He needs a neck sufficiently long enough to get his head down to the heels of the cattle without having to drop his shoulders or compromise his position by being too close to the beast. And that is a FAIRLY LONG neck.

Pem ~ Intelligence



- SO THAT HE CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE WORKER
- So that he can understand and even premeditate the requirements of the drover

Pem ~ Temperament



- So that he can meet the challenge of a defiant bull
- So that he can take the responsibility for the control of the herd

Pem ~ Soundness



- To have the ability to travel many miles without a break



Pem ~ Movement

Give me some of the things you think define good movement in a Pembroke.....





Pem ~ Movement

- Good front reach
- Good hind drive
- Trueness coming and going
- Tirelessness



Pem ~ Movement

- Isn't it true that you can say those things about the movement in just about ANY dog??????????
- So what is it that makes the movement of the Corgi different to say, an Old English Sheepdog?????????

FORM AND FUNCTION

A Drover's Dog



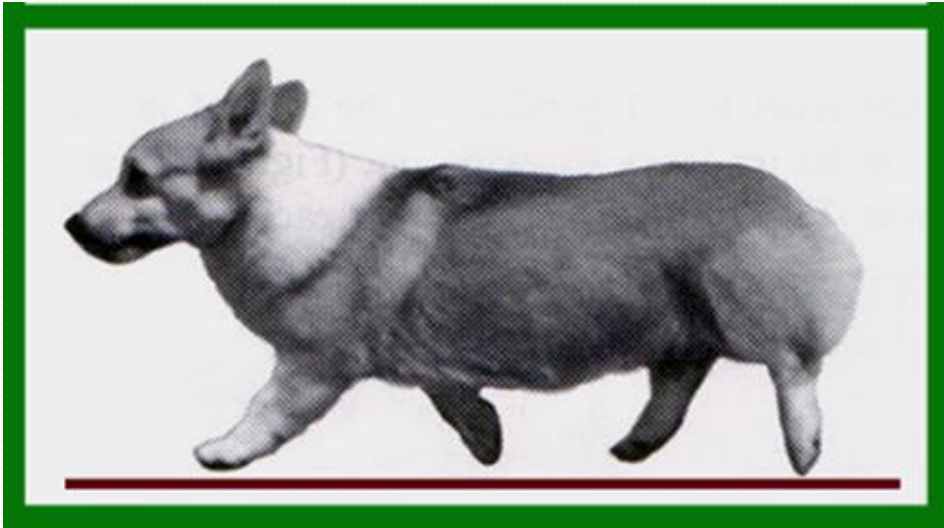
- Hind drive
- Front reach
- True coming and going
- He ambles

Correct Pem Movement

- **A active, tireless, steady action - with reach in front and drive behind.**
- **We are not looking for the fast, almost suspended gait of the German Shepherd dog or the Australian Shepherd and we are certainly not looking for dogs that race around the ring hell bent on “winning the race”**

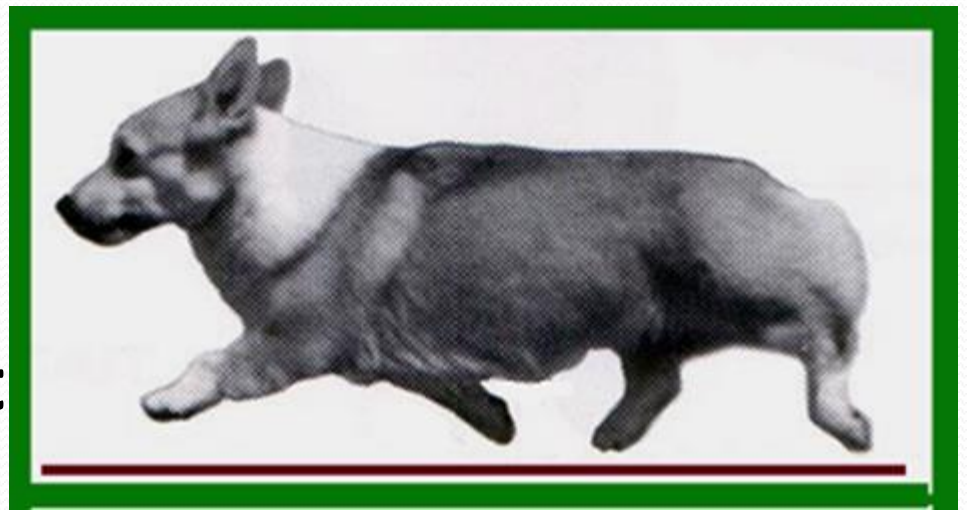
We are looking for moderation in every respect.


Incorrect Pem Movement



Short choppy movement

High-stepping gait





The joy of a Pembroke at work
– this is a 10 month old puppy
that has never been introduced
to cattle before.....

- <https://youtu.be/oUHW7jUk8Y>