



FROM FARM DOG TO ALL-ROUNDER

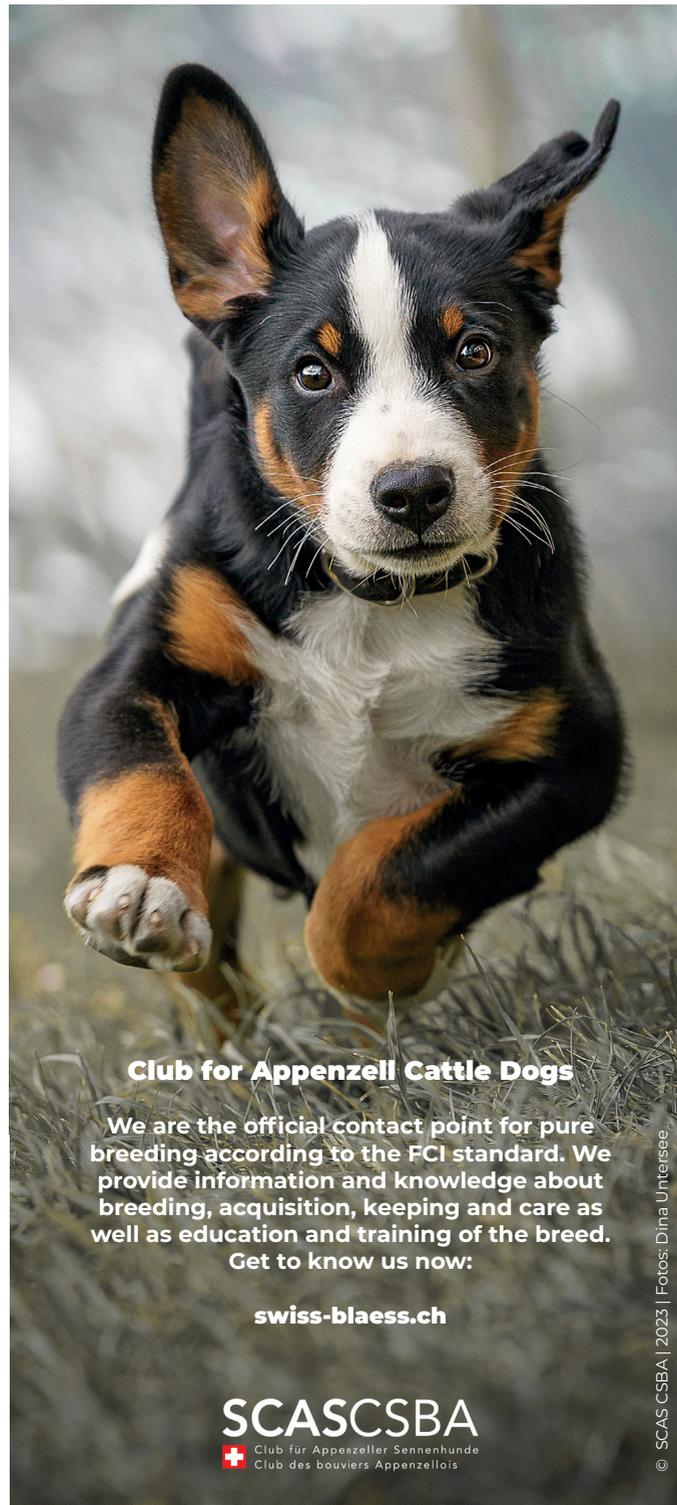
The Appenzell Cattle Dog is no longer used so often for herding cattle. But today his range of tasks is all the more varied.



The Appenzell Cattle Dog can be found in all common dog sports:

Agility (photo above), obedience, companion, protection, ambulance dog, etc. They are also used as rescue dogs (photo below), therapy and guide dogs for the blind.

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We are the official contact point for pure breeding according to the FCI standard. We provide information and knowledge about breeding, acquisition, keeping and care as well as education and training of the breed. Get to know us now:

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THE APPENZELL CATTLE DOG

Originally used as a driving, herding, guard, house and farm dog, today the Appenzell Cattle Dog is also a versatile working and family dog.

Origin and ancestry

The breed can be traced back to farm dogs that were used in the Swiss Alps, especially in Appenzellerland and Toggenburg, as driving, herding and guard dogs.

At that time, their appearance was still quite inconsistent. Pure breeding did not begin until 1914.

Appearance

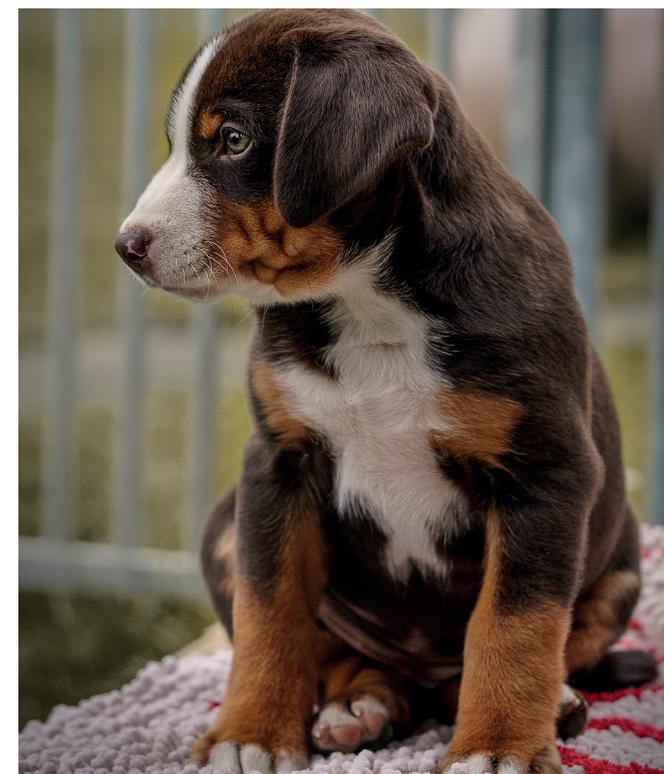
The Appenzell Cattle Dog is a tricolour, medium sized, almost squarely built dog with a stocky, muscular body and a smart, alert expression.

The basic colour is black, more rarely havana brown. His characteristic tail is curled to the side or in the middle over the croup.

A clearly visible pallor runs from the top of the head over the bridge of the nose, enclosing the muzzle completely or partially. Therefore he is also called «Bläss» (pale) in the vernacular.

Character and traits

The Appenzell Cattle Dog is a lively, spirited, often impetuous, but also loyal and affectionate dog. He is rather reserved towards strangers.



Besides black, there are also havana-brown Appenzell Cattle Dogs.

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He is an incorruptible watchdog. Thanks to his keen powers of observation and perception, he is also very adaptable and learns quickly.

Breeding

Only dogs of suitable character and body are allowed to be bred. They have to pass a conformation and a behavioural test, which takes place twice a year. Beforehand, they must be examined for hip and elbow dysplasia as well as patellar luxation.

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