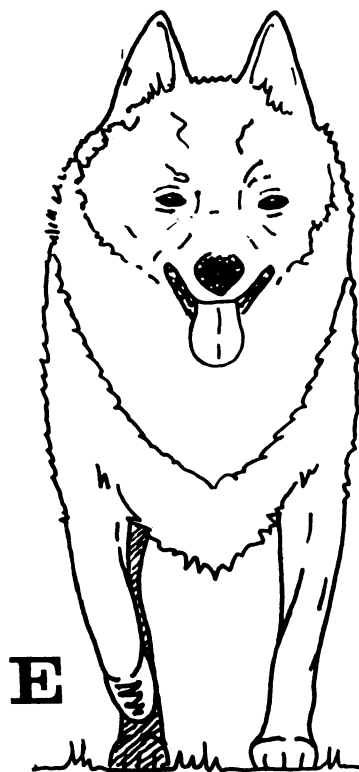


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**Dog E.** All four legs reach forward and extend rearward an equal distance. The front paw flexes on the follow through under the body and the hind foot slips neatly under it to occupy the spot vacated by the front foot. Previously often absent, the hindleg now extends rearward well beyond the vertical on Schips deserving of championship points.

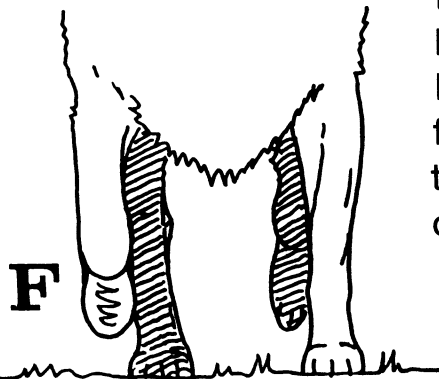
## Dog E Coming



This line drawing is intended to illustrate the correct "double tracking" action the Standard asks for (the hind legs directly behind the front legs), "with a tendency to gradually converge toward the center of balance beneath the dog as speed increases."

## Dog F Coming

When the upper arm departs toward short and steep and the chest is the required "broad and deep," the forelegs often move wide, the same distance apart at the feet as at the elbows. The hind legs on this dog have not followed suit, instead they have correctly converged producing four tracks rather than two. For a time this wide in front - closer in rear kind of action was so prevalent that it was considered by many people to be correct for the Schip.



## Coat Pattern Dog G

The Standard advises that the adult coat is highly characteristic and must include several distinct lengths growing naturally in a specific pattern. The coat is short on the face, ears, front of the forelegs and on the rear pasterns: it is medium length on the body, and longer in the ruff, cape, jabot and culottes. The ruff begins in back of the ears and extends completely around the neck: the cape forms an additional distinct layer extending beyond the rough: the jabot extends across the chest and down between the front legs. The hair down the middle of the back, starting just behind the cape and continuing over the rump, lies flat. It is shorter than the cape but longer than the hair on the sides of the body and sides of the legs. The coat on the rear of the thighs forms culottes, which should be as long as the ruff. Lack of differentiation in coat length should be heavily penalized as it is an essential breed characteristic. I was informed by Maralyne Busse, SCA Judges Education Coordinator, that in recent years there has been a tendency towards a Shetland Sheepdog type coat that stands out all over. Wrong for the Schipperke. *Continued on page 156*