CAP. 15^M.—OF GREYHOUNDES AND OF HERE NATURE

THE greihounde is a maner knyde of houndes THE greyhound is a kind of hound there be few per byn fewe pe which ne han say some. Naper- which have not seen some. Nevertheless for to elees to deuyse how a greyhound shuld be hoold devise how a greyhound should be held for good for good and fayre I shall deuyse and of her and fair, I shall describe their kinds. Of all maners. Of alle maner of greihoundes per byn kinds of greyhounds there be both good and booth good and euel. Napelees pe best hewe is bad, nevertheless the best hue is red fallow with rede falow wip a blak moselle. Goodnesse of a black muzzle. The goodness of greyhounds greyhoundes commel of ryght corage and of be comes of right courage, and of the good nature of good nature of her fadere and modir, and also their father and their mother. And also men may men may wel helpe to make hem good in be well help to make them good in the encharning of encharmyng 1 of hem wib ober good greihoundes, them with other good greyhounds, and feed them and feede hem wel in he best hat he takeh.2 The well with the best that he taketh.2 The good greygood greyhounde shuld be of middel asise, neiber hound should be of middle size, neither too big nor to moch neiber to litel, and ban is he good for too little, and then he is good for all beasts. If alle beestis for if he were meche he were nought he were too big he is nought for small beasts, and for be smale beestis, and if he were to litel he were if he were too little he were nought for such great nought for þe greete beestis. Naþerlees ho so beasts. Nevertheless whoso can maintain both, may mayntyn hem it is good to haue booth of be it is good that he have the great and the small, grete and of he smale and of he myddil. A grei- and of the middle size also. A greyhound should hounde shuld haue a longe hede and somdeel have a long head and somewhat large made, resemgreet imakyd, in be maner of a bace,3 a good bling the making of a pike.3 A good large mouth large mouthe and good sesours, be on again be and good seizers the one against the other, so ober so bat be neber jawes passe not hem aboue ne pat pei aboue passe not hem by neper, here the upper pass not the nether. Their eyes are red eynne shuld be reed or blak as of a sparhauke, be eerys smal and hie in be maner of a serpent, be neke grete and longe bowed as a swannes nek, his paas 4 greet and opyn be heere vndir his chyn wel hangyng adoun, in be maner of a lyoun 5 hey shuldres as a roo buk, be forlegges streght and greet inow and nought to hie legges, be feet straught and rounde as a Catte, and greet clees, a long hede as a Cowe,6 and wel analed, be boone and be joyntes of be Chyne greet and hard as be chyne of an hert. Eke be resoun his chynne shuld be a litel hie for it is better ban it were flatt, a lytel pyntel and litel honging ballokis, and well trussed nye be ars, smal wombe 7 and streight heere, be hoghes streight, and not crompyng as of an oxe, a Cattes take makyng a ryng at eende and not to hie, be to boonys of be chyne behynd brode of a large pame or more. Also ber

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that the nether jaw pass not the upper, nor that or black as those of a sparrow hawk, the ears small and high in the manner of a serpent, the neck great and long bowed like a swan's neck, his chest great and open, the hair under his chin hanging down in the manner of a lion.⁵ His shoulders as a roebuck, the forelegs straight and great enough and not too high in the legs, the feet straight and round a cat, great claws, long head as a cow 6 hanging

The bones and the joints of the chine great and hard like the chine of a hart. And if his chine be a little high it is better than if it were flat. A little pintel and little ballocks, and well trussed near the ars, small womb,7 the hocks straight and not bent as of an ox, a cat's tail making a ring at the end and not too high, the two bones of the chine behind broad of a large palm's breadth or more.

¹ Encharning, feed with the flesh of game, to blood. ² G. de F. says: "Feisant bonnes cuyrées en la beste qu'il voudra qu'il preinhe le mieulz," p. 103.

3 Should be "luce," and G. de F. has "luz," from Lat. lucius, pike, p. 103. See Appendix: Greyhounds.

⁴ Piz, chest.

⁵ G. de F. p. 104 says: "La harpe bien avalée en guise de lion," harpe meaning in this instance flanks. 6 "Long head as a cow" is evidently a mistake of translator or scribe. G. de F. has: "le costé lonc comme une biche et bien avalé" ("the sides long as a hind, and hanging down well").

⁷ The following words should be added here, a line having been omitted by the scribe "and straight near the back as a lamprey, the thighs great and straight as a hare." They are in Shirley MS. and G. de F. p. 104.

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