

Scent Hounds



Afghan Hound

Country of Origin: Afghanistan

Weight Range: 50-60 lbs

Height Range: 25-29 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Not easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of exercise; Sheds some

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: Brushing at least 3 hours a week

Colors: Black, Black/Silver, Black/Tan, Blue,

Blue/Cream, Red, Silver, White

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, cataracts, paralysis, hypothyroidism, autoimmune disease

Possible Behavior Problems: aloofness and shyness, house soiling, finicky eating, destructiveness, snappiness with children, dominance over owner, possessiveness and territoriality

Use today: companion, guarding, hunting

First Bred For: large game hunting (gazelles, leopards, hare)

Character Traits: good stamina, very agile, calm indoors, love affection and attention, anxious to please, generally quiet companions



American Foxhound

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 65-75 lbs

Height Range: 21-25 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Requires minimal grooming; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Gets along well with other dogs; Requires lots of physical exercise; Little shedding; Wary of strangers

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing about once a week, no trimming needed

Colors: Tri-color, Blue, Red, Tan, White, White/Cream, Red/White

Life Expectancy: 11-13 years

Possible Health Problems: Not prone to health problems

Possible Behavior Problems: destructiveness, jealousy, unfriendliness towards strangers, tendency to go "stir crazy" if kept locked up, baying, roaming, house soiling

Use today: Fox hunting, companion

First Bred For: fox hunting

Character Traits: acts individually rather than as a pack, has a distinctive voice, good staying power, keen nose, can run fast for long distances, determined, very loyal, protective, not aggressive or snappy, submissive



Basenji

Country of Origin: Central Africa

Weight Range: 21-24 lbs

Height Range: 16-17 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Poorly adapted for intense cold; Not easy to obedience train; Not a good watchdog; Does not bark; Needs a lot of stimulation and activity

Daily Exercise: 35 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Black/White, Tri-colors, Brindle/White, Red/White, Cream/White, Mahogany/White

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: kidney disorder (Fanconi syndrome), eye problems, hernias, digestive problems (malabsorption), progressive retinal atrophy, hemolytic anemia

Possible Behavior Problems: wandering, excessive curiosity and playfulness that may lead to destructiveness, stubbornness

Use today: companion

First Bred For: small game hunting, forest guides, warning against dangerous animals

Character Traits: makes yodeling noises, fastidious, dainty habits, cleans like a cat; lacks a doggy odor, quite independent, aloof, alert and careful with strangers, open and calm with friends, loving and solicitous with children, curious, very determined, active, enjoys climbing high things



Basset Hound

Country of Origin: France

Origin of Name: "Basset" comes from the French for "low thing" or "dwarf"

Weight Range: 40-60 lbs

Height Range: 13-15 in

Lifestyle: Loves children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Not easy to obedience train; Not a good watchdog; Sheds a lot; Good tracking ability; Low indoor energy level; Has a "doggy" smell

Daily Exercise: 20 minutes

Daily Care: daily brushing, cleaning body parts low to the ground, regular ear cleaning, messy drinkers

Colors: Tri-color, White/Most other colors

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: ear infections, glaucoma, bloat, spinal disc problems, spinal disease, eyelid problems, obesity, epilepsy, OCD (joint disorder), knee joint problems, elbow dysplasia, blindness, bleeding disorders

Possible Behavior Problems: House soiling, food stealing, howling, snoring, picky eating

Use today: companion, hunting

First Bred For: rabbit/hare hunting

Character Traits: great endurance, sensitive nose, deep resonant voice, likes everybody, good-natured, prefers reward to punishment, love to be included in family activities



Beagle

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 18-30 lbs

Height Range: 13-16 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Gets along well with other dogs; Needs a high sturdy fence; Sheds some year round

Daily Exercise: 35 minutes

Daily Care: brushing several times a week, regular ear cleaning

Colors: Any hound color

Life Expectancy: 13 years

Possible Health Problems: hypothyroidism, demodectic mange, umbilical hernia, epilepsy, eye and eyelid problems, cryptorchidism, dwarfism, hip dysplasia, intervertebral disc disease, luxating patella

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming, baying or howling, house soiling, stubbornness, food stealing

Use today: companion, gundog, field trials

First Bred For: rabbit/hare hunting

Character Traits: do not drool, no “doggy” odor, elegant harmonious voice, extremely hardy, indifferent to weather conditions, extremely social, do not like to be alone, calm, gentle, can be very shy and submissive, loves to eat,



Black-and-Tan Coonhound

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 50-70 lbs

Height Range: 23-27 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Requires lots of physical exercise; Sheds a lot; Requires a high, strong fence; Gets along well with other dogs

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing twice a week

Colors: Black, Brindle, Buckskin, Maltese

Life Expectancy: 11-12 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, a hanging lower eyelid, bleeding disorders

Possible Behavior Problems: food stealing, howling when left alone, patient and firm training requirement

Use today: raccoon hunting, big game hunting

First Bred For: raccoon hunting

Character Traits: very active, not ferocious, very gentle with people, likes other dogs



Bloodhound

Country of Origin: Belgium

Origin of Name: “bloodhound” does not refer to what it tracks, rather, it is a “blooded hound” or pure strain

Weight Range: 80-110 lbs

Height Range: 23-27 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires minimal grooming; Not easy to obedience train; Gets along well

with other dogs; Need an escape proof yard; Not a good watchdog; Shed some

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing twice a week

Colors: Red, Liver/Tan, Black/Tan

Life Expectancy: 10-12 years

Possible Health Problems: eyelid problems, hip dysplasia, bloat and torsion, elbow dysplasia, entropion, ectropion

Possible Behavior Problems: excessive sniffing in “embarrassing” places, roaming, baying, food stealing, snoring, drooling, stubbornness

Use today: companion, tracking, police/rescue work

First Bred For: tracking ground scent

Character Traits: very good-natured, track but don't attack, loud deep voices, affectionate, easy-going



Bluetick Coonhound

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 45-80 lbs

Height Range: 20-27 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Requires lots of physical exercise; Excellent guard dog

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Colors: Blue Ticked

Life Expectancy: 11-12 years

Possible Health Problems: few, but could include: joint diseases, neurological disorders

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming, chasing small animals

Use today: raccoon hunting and cougar/fox hunting

First Bred For: raccoon hunting

Character Traits: strong instinct to tree animals, fast, muscular, carry their tails over their backs, vocalize constantly, passionate hunters, gentle with children



Borzoi

Country of Origin: Russia

Origin of Name: *Borzoi* is Russian for “sight hound”

Weight Range: 75-105 lbs

Height Range: 27-31 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Can be suitable for urban living with enough exercise but prefer a large living space; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Requires lots of grooming; Requires lots of physical exercise; May be difficult to train; Not for a first

time dog owner; Not good around other small pets

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Colors: Black, Cream, Gold, Brindle, Red, Sable, White, Apricot, Blue, Brown, Fawn, Silver, Mahogany Red, and Combinations of the above

Life Expectancy: 11-13 years

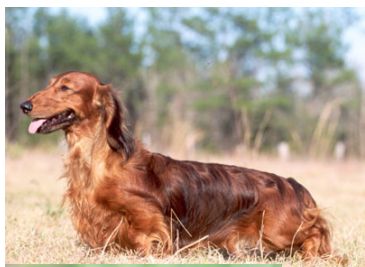
Possible Health Problems: bloat, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, retinal problems, heart problems, bone cancer

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming, picky eating, aversion to touch, snapping, obstinacy

Use today: companion

First Bred For: wolf hunting

Character Traits: usually good-natured, may bite if sufficiently annoyed, highly developed chase reaction,



Dachshunds

Country of Origin: Germany

Origin of Name: “dachshund” is German for “Badger-dog”

Weight Range: 9-10 lbs (miniature) or 15-25 lbs (standard)

Height Range: 5-10 in

Varieties: Smooth-Haired, Long-Haired, Wire-Haired, and Minis

Lifestyle: Usually suitable with children (longhaireds); Suitable for urban living;

Requires minimal grooming; May be troublesome with other dogs; Good watchdog; High indoor energy level; Good obedience student

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Colors: Black/Tan, Chocolate/Tan, Cream, Red, Wheaten, Wild Boar, Black, Black/Cream, Black/Silver Dapple, Blue/Tan, Chocolate, Chocolate Dapple, Fawn/Tan

Life Expectancy: 14-17 years

Possible Health Problems: skin conditions, heart disease, spinal disc problems, diabetes, urinary stones, eye disorders, excess weight, elbow dysplasia, cataracts, epilepsy, patellar luxation, progressive retinal atrophy

Possible Behavior Problems: digging, excessive barking, irritable snapping, house soiling, food stealing

Use today: companion

First Bred For: badger flushing

Character Traits: accomplished hunting dogs, lapdog reputation, lively intelligent, eager to please, loves to play, very sturdy (long and wire varieties)





Greyhound

Country of Origin: Egypt/Great Britain

Weight Range: 60-70 lbs

Height Range: 27-30 in

Lifestyle: Companion dogs are good with children, racing dogs are unsuitable with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Needs lots of physical exercise; Sheds little; Very sensitive to cold; Prefers soft bedding; Needs secure outdoor fencing

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing about once a week

Colors: White, Fawn, Red, Brindle, Black, Fawn, Liver, Blue, and combinations of the above

Life Expectancy: 10-12 years

Possible Health Problems: bloat, progressive retinal atrophy, hypothyroidism, throat problems, bleeding disorders, very sensitive to anesthesia

Possible Behavior Problems: timidity, house soiling, fear-biting and irritable snapping, phobias, touch shyness, stubbornness

Use today: racing, coursing, companion

First Bred For: large game coursing

Character Traits: fast, can reach speeds of 37 mph, tend to be nervous, reserved, friendly with other animals, lose interest in playing quickly, grooms itself in a cat-like manner



Irish Wolfhound

Country of Origin: Ireland

Weight Range: 90-120 lbs

Height Range: 28-35 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Easy to obedience train; Gets on well with other dogs; Not a good pet for inexperienced owners, Needs firm training; Low indoor energy level; Sheds little

Daily Exercise: 35 minutes

Daily Care: brushing about twice a week, hand-stripping

regularly

Colors: Black, Blue, Brindle, Cream, Gray, Red, Silver, Wheaten, White, Combination of the above

Life Expectancy: 11 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, bloat, bone tumors, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy, cardiomyopathy

Possible Behavior Problems: dominance, stubbornness, clumsiness

Use today: companion, some large game hunting

First Bred For: wolf and Irish elk hunting

Character Traits: tall, alert, courageous, neither suspicious nor aggressive, gentle, strongly attached to owner, generally a one-person dog, good companion



Pharaoh Hound

Country of Origin: Egypt/Malta

Weight Range: 45-55 lbs

Height Range: 21-25 in

Lifestyle: Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Not easy to obedience train; Requires lots of physical exercise; Sheds; Requires secure leashing/fencing; Very good with children

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing at least once a week

Colors: Chestnut, Red Golden, Rich Tan, Tan

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: drug/chemical sensitivity, optic nerve hypoplasia

Possible behavior Problems: high energy level, roaming

Use today: companion, hunting

First Bred For: sight/scent/sound hound, rabbit hunting

Character Traits: keen eyesight, curious, passionate hunting instinct, blushes when excited, smiles with pleasure, very calm, playful, affectionate, loves to work/run with its owner, cautious with strange people/animals



Plott Hound

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 45-55 lbs

Height Range: 20-24 in

Lifestyle: Great with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Requires lots of physical exercise; Sheds little; Difficult to obedience train; Needs early socialization; Gets along well with other dogs and pets

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: a short brushing twice a week

Colors: Black, Brindle, Buckskin, Maltese

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: very sturdy and virtually without health problems

Possible Behavior Problems: baying

Use today: Gundog, companion

First Bred For: bear hunting

Character Traits: can speedily traversing diverse types of terrain and water in all seasons, bold aggressive trailer, open unrestricted voice, strong, tenacious, sweet-tempered and loving to owners



Rhodesian Ridgeback

Country of Origin: South Africa

Weight Range: 65-85 lbs

Height Range: 24-27 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Not easy to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs; Good watchdog; Sheds some; Requires strong fencing; Can be dangerous with small animals; Should be supervised with children

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once a week with a stiff brush

Colors: Light Wheaten, Red Wheaten, Wheaten

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, cysts, cataracts, deafness, hypothyroidism, cancer, elbow dysplasia

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, aggression, dominance, challenging people in family, roaming, mindless chasing

Use today: companion, security

First Bred For: hunting lions

Character Traits: large, muscular, ridge of hair which grows forward on its back, powerful, intelligent, sturdy, usually a one-person dog, independent, easily bored, always ready to play



Saluki

Country of Origin: Middle East

Weight Range: 31-55 lbs

Height Range: 22-28 in

Lifestyle: Good with children/adults who show respect; Not well suited for small living spaces unless they get a lot of exercise; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Needs lots of physical exercise; Good watchdog; Gets along well with other dogs; May consider small pets prey; Sheds little

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: Regular brushing of tail and ears, groomed with hound glove twice a week

Colors: White, Silver, Red, Golden, Fawn, Cream, Chocolate, Chocolate/Tan, Black/Tan, Tri-color, Black/Silver, Black

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: drug/chemical sensitivity, emotionally sensitive,

heart defects, tumors, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, roaming, irritable snapping, phobias, stubbornness, undemonstrativeness

Use today: companion, hare coursing

First Bred For: gazelle hunting

Character Traits: keen ears, very clean, calm, good companion, may snap if annoyed/teased, headstrong, affectionate, sensitive, responds well to patient training



Scottish Deerhound

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 80-100 lbs

Height Range: 28-30 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Easy to obedience train; Gets on well with other dogs and pets; Sheds little; Requires a great deal of exercise; Not a good guard dog; Needs early socialization

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing and combing once a week

Colors: Blue-Gray, Brindle, Black, Blue, Gray Brindle, Black Brindle

Life Expectancy: 11-12 years

Possible Health Problems: bloat, OCD (joint disorder), cardiomyopathy, osteosarcoma

Possible Behavior Problems: possible timidity, stubbornness, resistance to training

Use today: companion

First Bred For: deer hunting

Character Traits: not territorial, gentle



Treeing Walker Coonhound

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 50-70 lbs

Height Range: 20-27 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Gets along well with other dogs; Requires a lot of exercise; Easy to obedience train

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: simple bathing and brushing occasionally, check ears occasionally

Colors: Black, Tri-color, White

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: bloat and ear infections

Possible Behavior Problems: destructiveness, excessive howling, stubbornness, dominance, some aggression

Use today: gundog, companion

First Bred For: raccoon hunting

Character Traits: sometimes climbs trees, loving, affectionate, one-track mind, loves to be outdoors, courageous, untiring, hardy



Whippet

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 27-30 lbs

Height Range: 17-20 in

Lifestyle: Excellent with children; Suitable for urban living; Poorly adapted for intense cold; Requires minimal grooming; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Gets on well with other dogs; Sheds little; Needs daily exercise; Needs a secure fence; Very good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: weekly brushing and occasional bath

Colors: Black, Blue, Brindle, Fawn, Red, Sable, Tan, White, Combinations of the above

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: drug/chemical sensitivity, emotionally sensitive, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, lens luxation, degenerating hair follicles and oil glands, heart defects

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, irritable snapping, timidity, stubbornness, phobias

Use today: companion, coursing, racing

First Bred For: small game coursing and racing

Character Traits: quiet, intelligent, does not bark unnecessarily, very fast, can reach speeds up to 35 mph, nice, happy, affectionate, natural athlete, easily bored, docile, hardy, hardly ever gets sick, long-lived

Breed Associated Health Concerns

Small Breeds

Poodle, Dachsund, Lhasa Apso, Maltese, Bichon, Chihuahua, Boston, Jack Russell, Min. Pinscher, Pomeranian, Pug, Westie, Yorkie

Brachycephalic Syndrome, Herniated disc, Atopy (allergies), Patellar Luxation, Leggs-Perthes, Tracheal Collapse, Dystocia, Cushings, Mitral Valve Regurgitation, Hypoglycemia, Diabetes, Otitis externa, Pigmentary keratitis

Medium Breeds

Beagle, Bulldog, Cocker Spaniels, Schnauzer, Bassett Hound, Scottie, Springer Spaniel

Otitis externa, Atopy (allergies), Skin fold dermatitis, Glaucoma, Patellar Luxation, Cataracts, Dystocia, Elongated Soft Palate

Large Breeds

Boxer, Chow, Doberman Pinscher, Labrador, German Shepherd, Golden Retrievers, Collie, Dalmation, Pointer, Rottweiler, Weimaraner

Hip dysplasia, Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, Cardiomyopathy, Hot Spots, Hypothyroidism, OCD, Entropion, Boxer Ulcers, Spondylosis, Wobblers, Osteocarcoma, Lick Granulomas, Panosteitis, Deafness

Giant Breeds

Bullmastiff, Great Danes, Great Pyrenes, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard, Burnese Mountain Dog

Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiomyopathy, OCD, Spondylosis, Osteocarcoma, Panosteitis