

ENGLISH COONHOUND

GROUP: Hound

SIZE:

Average height for males is 22 to 27 inches, bitches 21 to 25 inches. Should be slightly higher at shoulders than at hips, never lower at shoulders than at hips. Weight should be in proportion to height.

COAT:

Hard hair, medium length, of good hound type for protection.

COLOR:

The English Coonhound may be redtick, bluetick, tricolor with ticks, white-red, white-black, or white-lemon; any hound with too much black, too much red or any brindle is not acceptable and should be faulted to the degree of variance from the acceptable standard.

HEAD:

Ears hung a little low, fine texture and soft feel, reach nearly to end of nose if drawn out, not flat and stiff or half-cocked. Muzzle good length, square, stop nearly medium. Should have flews enough to look square. Large, open nostrils. Skull very slightly domed. Eyes wide apart, dark, never pig-eyed or drooping.

Bite: Full complement of strong, white teeth; scissor bite preferred, but level is accepted.

BODY:

Deep, broad chest; strong back, slightly arched; not roached back. Thighs and shoulders up and muscle strong. Good barrel to chest, plenty of lung room. A strong, racy type body.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs have good bones, straight, strong, set well apart. Feet are shaped as a cat's paw, strong and arched over toes, pads deep, set directly under the legs. The nails should be strong. Feet are well-padded

Tail: Referred to as the "stern"; carried high, but not much curved over the back; set rather high; long; tapering; moderate amount of hair underneath.

MOVEMENT:

Elastic, swinging, and free. When gaiting, the tail is carried high, but not curled too much over the back.

TEMPERAMENT:

Extremely affectionate, neither quarrelsome with companions nor with other dogs; somewhat shy, but can be stubborn, so obedience work is recommended.

Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard

Disqualifications:

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism