

Basset Hound



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: The Basset Hound came from France and was used for hunting rabbits. He was bred to have endurance to trail game, with his owner able to follow behind. He can get through low cover and his nose is second only to the Blood Hound.

BREED APPEARANCE: They are a large dog, on short legs. His height is 13 to 15 inches and weighs from 50 – 70 pounds. His coat is short smooth with a multitude of wrinkles. He has a large head with droopy long ears, big jowls, a long low to the ground body, with a long wagging tail. His legs are short and heavy boned with wrinkled skin. He comes in any normal hound color of tan and white or lemon and white with his nose being tan colored.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED: They are good family dogs, docile, placid, easygoing, and affectionate.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED: They are strong willed, highly resistant to training, including housebreaking. Easily distracted by interesting odors, and must always be leashed to keep them from wondering away. They drool excessively creating pools of it on the floor. Be sure to duck if they start to shake their head because the drool can coat you, your walls or your furniture! They also are known to steal food and knock over trash canisters in search of food. They are also very skillful at slipping out of their collars.

Perfect Pet Rating



Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: They are friendly, make good walking partners, and are a good family dog.

MINUSES: Tendency to overeat and weight should be monitored closely. They also howl when left alone and will wonder off in search of a good smell. Oh...and they snore too!

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

If you are active, single and like a spotless home, or if you are looking for a guard or watch dog, please choose another breed.

DO THEY SHED?

His coat sheds twice a year. He should be brushed and washed when necessary.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This breed is good with children that are older and who respect them. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

Basset Hounds are generally good with other animals, but they are hunters so they should be trained and socialized to get along with small animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

This breed is low energy in the home, and has medium energy outside the home. You need to take an active roll in exercising him to keep his weight under control.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

This dog can be difficult to train; although highly food motivated. They also become easily bored with long training sessions.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

They get ear infections, back problems, bloat, panosteitis, eye problems and blood disorders. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

