

Hound group:

Hounds were originally bred to hunt. Though not used to hunt as much now, the instinct is still strong in them. They will have a strong prey drive and will want to chase down small animals. Sighthounds can run forever and need off leash opportunities in safe, enclosed areas.

Characteristics:

- Independent
- Sweet
- Intelligent
- Affectionate

Families within the hound group:

Sight hounds: Sight hounds were bred to find and chase down larger animals such as deer and elk. Sight hounds are long and lean and have excellent vision. Sighthounds can run for a long stretch, but they are basically sprinters. They run until they catch their prey, and then stop for a rest. In many parts of the world sighthounds are still used to hunt. They may not be interested in obedience work and can be hard to train.

- Afghan
- Saluki
- Ibizan
- Pharoah
- Greyhound
- Whippet
- Italian Greyhound
- Rhodesian Ridgeback (a sight & scent hound)



Scent hounds: Scent hounds are usually smaller than the sight hounds. They were bred to chase smaller prey to the ground. They have an incredible sense of smell and they typically have long ears. Bloodhounds and Bassets have ears that can scrape the ground when they are sniffing, and so stir up even more smells. Scent hounds are forever in search of a scent and will run away from you if a scent beckons.

- Beagle
- Basset Hound
- Bloodhound
- Otterhound
- Fox Hounds

