

...POINTERS AND SETTERS...

Pointers are highly energetic with normally happy temperaments and tolerant dispositions. The Dalmatian was originally a pointing variety, but retains little of the temperament except for the energy.

Setters are also hunting dogs, often with a more sensitive or nervous disposition. The Irish Setter lost a lot of behavioral ground when it was over bred several years ago.

- **BREEDS INCLUDE:** German Shorthair, Wirehaired and English Pointers, the Irish, English, and Gordon Setters.
- **TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE:** Both types are energetic, often nervous, though most have sweet temperaments. Good with children, though not in the obedience ring.
- **TYPICAL PROBLEMS:** Running away, disobedience, destructiveness

...FIGHTING DOGS...

While the tendency to fight has been bred out of many of these dogs, it remains in others — either accidentally or purposefully. Much of their aggression comes from their prey-drive, so it is not driven by emotion. Thus, with tails wagging, fighting dogs appear to enjoy the fight. Most are very stubborn and independent. They are usually extremely bonded and affectionate with their owners, and the sound ones make great dogs for children.

- **BREEDS INCLUDE:** Sharpei, Pit Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier, Staffordshire and Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and Akita
- **TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE:** Lively, affectionate, bonded, predatory, very focused
- **TYPICAL PROBLEMS:** Untrustworthy with other dogs or other animals, occasionally aggressive towards humans

...SCENT HOUNDS...

Scent Hounds are master smellers, in a species with an absolutely amazing ability to smell. Most Scent hounds have long ears - in Bloodhounds and Bassets, so long that the ears sometimes scrape the ground and stir up even more scents.

- **BREEDS INCLUDE:** Beagles, basset, Otter, Coon
- **TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE:** Sweet tempered and tolerant, excellent for families. Rarely bite.
- **TYPICAL PROBLEMS:** Wanderlust, occasional dominance aggression, indifference to training

...SIGHT HOUNDS...

Sight hound are typically long and lean, sometimes virtually disappearing when looked down upon from above. They have keen vision, and can run miles without tiring. Most were or are used to course prey — including everything from rabbits to deer to wolves.