

# NEW GUINEA SINGING DOG

IN TOUCH WITH ITS WILD SIDE, THIS DOG HAS A UNIQUE VOCAL RANGE

**Height range**  
16-18in (40-45cm)



**Weight range**  
18-31lb (8-14kg)

**Life span** 15-20 years

**Origin** New Guinea



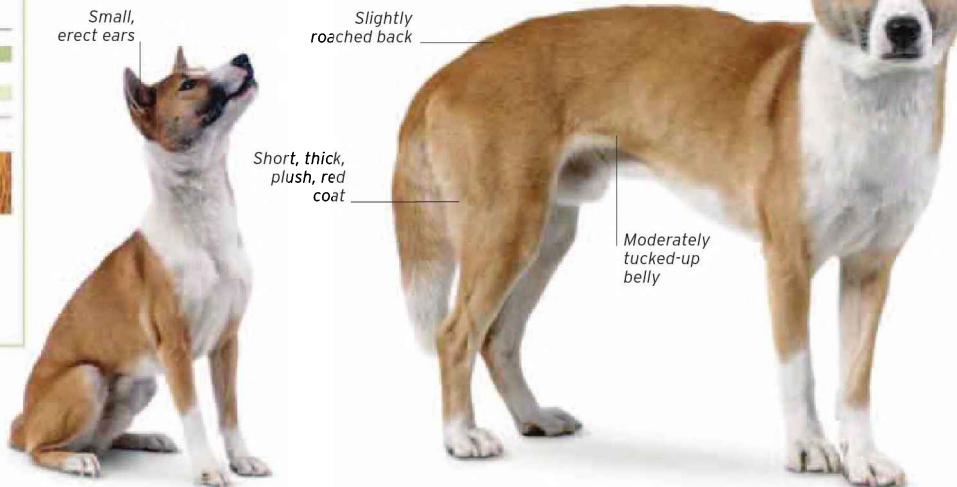
**Other colors**



Sable      Black and tan

White markings are common with all color types.

**This rare dingo-like breed** is a native of New Guinea, where it lives feral or in semidomestication. The Singing Dog is kept as a curiosity in zoos worldwide but has become a challenging pet for a few dedicated owners. It has the extraordinary ability to vary the notes of its howl, hence the name.



# BASENJI

THIS NEAT AND GRACEFUL DOG IS SOMETIMES SHY WITH STRANGERS, BUT DOES NOT BARK

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**Height range**  
16-17in (40-43cm)



**Weight range**  
22-24lb (10-11kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Central Africa



**Other colors**

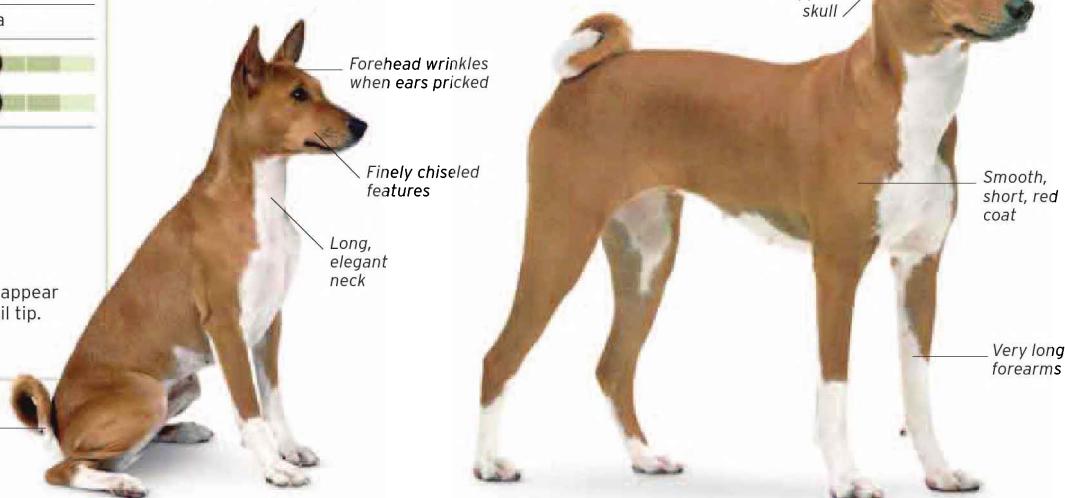


Variety of colors

White markings may appear on chest, feet, and tail tip.

Tail carried in tight curl over back

**A hunting dog from Africa**, the Basenji was used for driving big game, locating its prey by both sight and scent. Sleek and beautifully built with an immaculate appearance, the Basenji is affectionate and fun-loving, and is a popular house dog. Unable to bark, it can, however, make yodelling noises.



# CANAAN DOG

THIS STURDY AND STEADFAST DOG IS ALWAYS ON THE ALERT AND READY TO PROTECT

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**Height range**  
20-24in (50-60cm)



**Weight range**  
40-55lb (18-25kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Israel

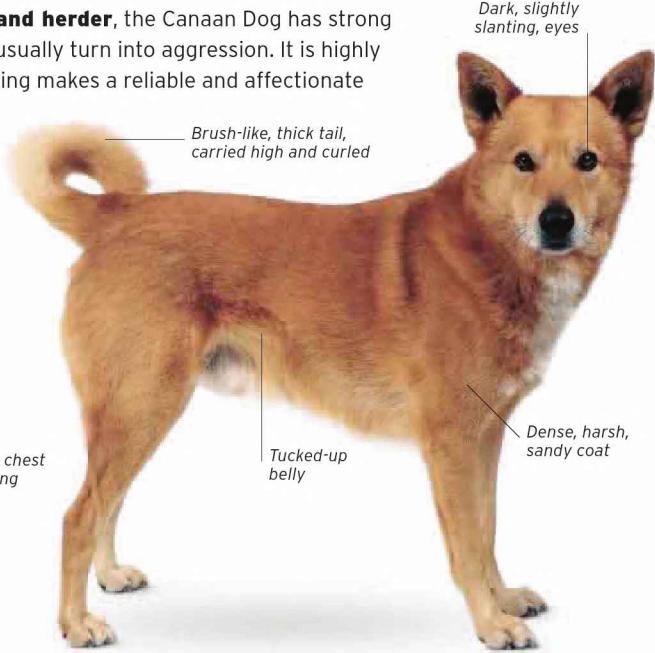


**Other colors**



Gray, brindle, black and tan, or tricolor undesirable.

**Bred in Israel as a watchdog and herder**, the Canaan Dog has strong protective instincts that do not usually turn into aggression. It is highly intelligent, and with steady training makes a reliable and affectionate companion. Not a common breed, it has yet to achieve widespread popularity.



# PHARAOH HOUND

THIS STREAMLINED, ELEGANT DOG IS GOOD IN THE HOUSE BUT WILL CHASE ANYTHING SMALL OUTDOORS

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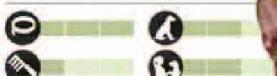
**Height range**  
21-25in (53-63cm)



**Weight range**  
44-55lb (20-25kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Malta



**Slender, elegant body**

**Although the modern Pharaoh Hound** was developed in Malta, this graceful breed bears a strong resemblance to the prick-eared hunting dogs illustrated in the art and artifacts of ancient Egypt. The Pharaoh Hound is calm tempered but needs a lot of exercise and, unless restrained outdoors, will fly off in pursuit of small animals, including other pets.



# CANARIAN WARREN HOUND

HIGHLY STRUNG DOG THAT IS BRED TO HUNT, AND NEEDS AN OUTDOOR LIFE

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**Height range**  
21-25in (53-64cm)



**Weight range**  
35-49lb (16-22kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Spain



**Also known as the Podenco Canario**, this hound—found on all the Canary Islands—has Egyptian roots dating back thousands of years. The breed has long been used as a rabbit-hunter and is highly valued for its speed, keen sight, and excellent nose. Sensitive and restless, the Canarian Warren Hound is unable to adapt to a quiet life indoors.



Low-set, slightly tapered tail

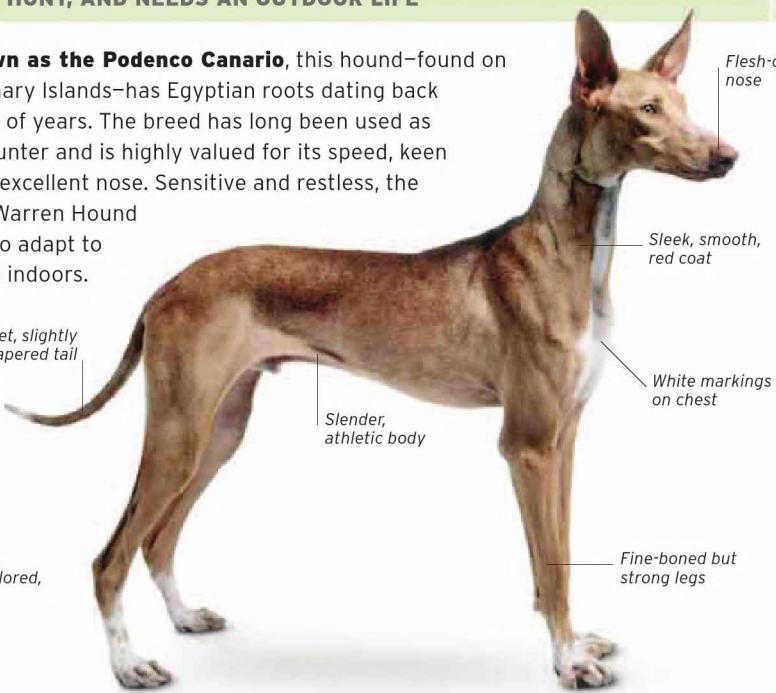
Slender, athletic body

Flesh-colored nose

Sleek, smooth, red coat

White markings on chest

Fine-boned but strong legs



# CIRNECO DELL'ETNA

GENTLE BUT LIVELY, THIS IS A HUNTER RATHER THAN A HOUSE DOG

KC

**Height range**  
17-20in (42-52cm)



**Weight range**  
18-26lb (8-12kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**

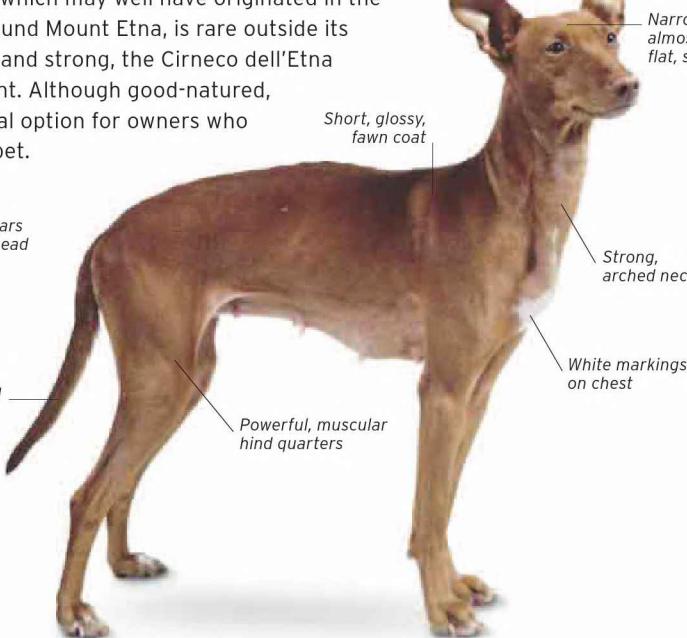


**This Sicilian breed**, which may well have originated in the area immediately around Mount Etna, is rare outside its native country. Lithe and strong, the Cirneco dell'Etna is built to run and hunt. Although good-natured, this dog is not an ideal option for owners who want a placid house pet.



Erect, rigid ears set high on head

Low-set tail



# IBIZAN HOUND

THIS FAST RUNNER WITH AN OUTSTANDING ABILITY TO JUMP NEEDS SPACE AND EXERCISE

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**Height range**  
22-29in (56-74cm)



**Weight range**  
45-50lb (20-23kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Spain

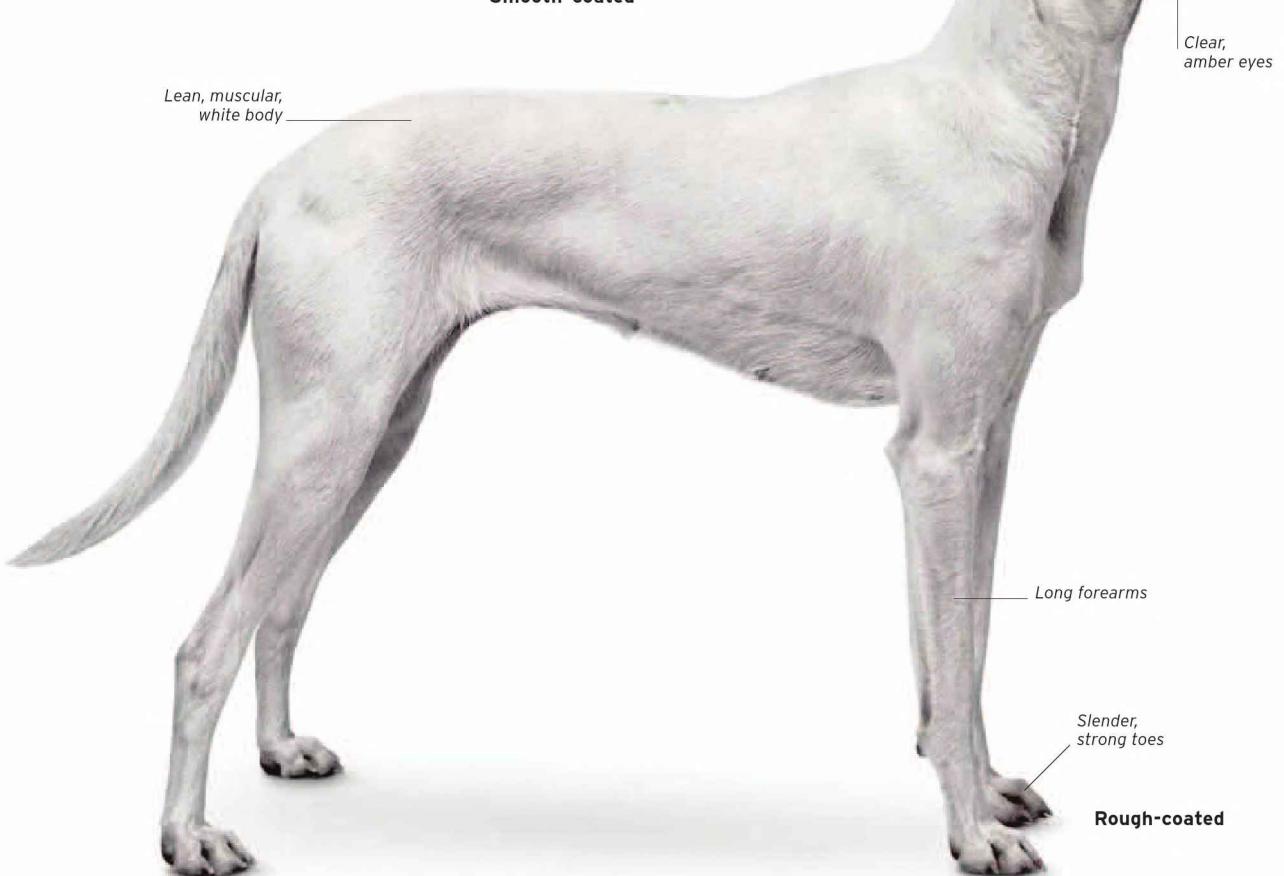


**Other colors**



Red

**Used in Spain as a pack dog** for hunting rabbits, the Ibizan Hound can cover the roughest ground at a "raking trot" characteristic of the breed. This dog also has an enormous jump and can easily leap over a garden fence. As long as an owner bears security in mind, the Ibizan Hound is not difficult to keep, but it is an all-action dog that needs relentless exercise. The breed has a charming temperament and fits in well with family life. There are two coat types, smooth and rough, both of which are easy to maintain.



# PORTEGUESE PODENGO

AN ALERT WATCHDOG THAT MAKES A GOOD COMPANION

#### Height range

**Pequeno:**

8–12in (20–30cm)

**Medio:**

16–21in (40–54cm)

**Grande:**

22–28in (55–70cm)



#### Weight range

**Pequeno:**

9–11lb (4–5kg)

**Medio:**

35–44lb (16–20kg)

**Grande:**

44–66lb (20–30kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Portugal



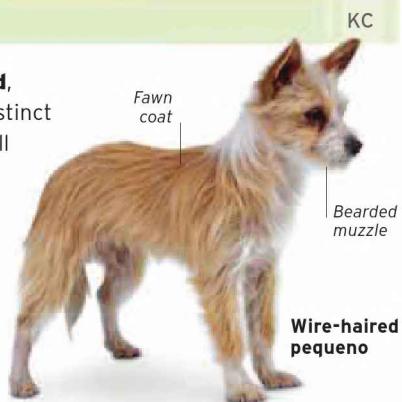
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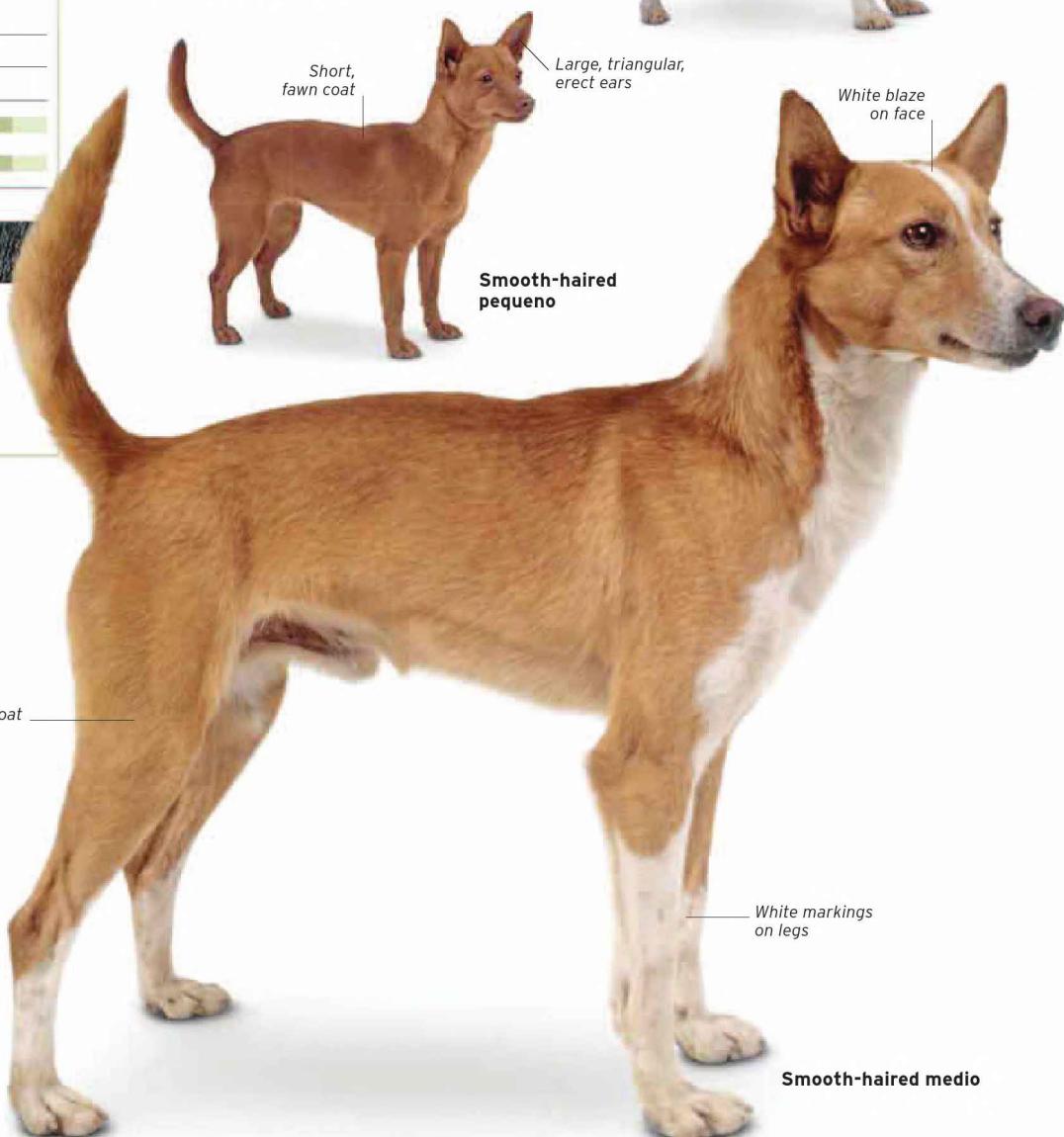
White dogs have patches of yellow, black, or fawn. Pequeno dogs may be brown.

#### Commonly known as the Portuguese Warren Hound,

this breed has developed into several varieties with distinct differences in size and coat. Today's dogs may be small (pequeno), medium (medio), or large (grande), and some are smooth-haired while others have moderately long, wiry coats. All were traditionally used for hunting, and in Portugal some are still kept for that purpose, working either in a pack or alone. Regardless of size, their intelligence and alertness make them excellent watchdogs.



Smooth-haired pequeno



Smooth-haired medio

# CAROLINA DOG

THIS DOG RESPONDS TO TRAINING BUT CAN BE SHY

**Height range**  
18-20in (45-50cm)



**Weight range**  
33-44lb 15-20kg

**Life span** 12-14 years

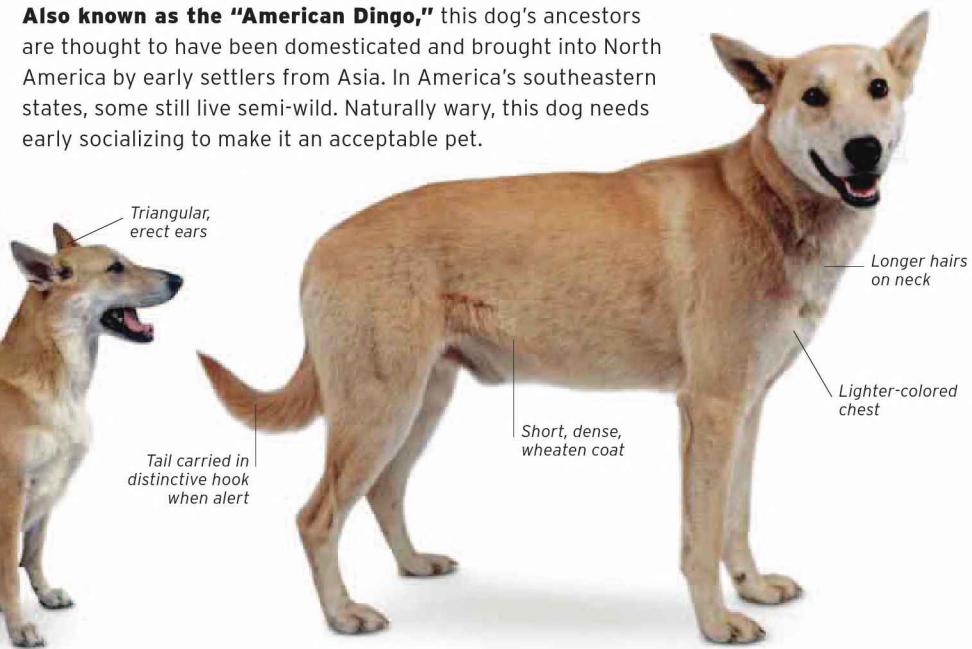
**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



**Also known as the "American Dingo,"** this dog's ancestors are thought to have been domesticated and brought into North America by early settlers from Asia. In America's southeastern states, some still live semi-wild. Naturally wary, this dog needs early socializing to make it an acceptable pet.



# PERUVIAN INCA ORCHID

A HAIRLESS, STRIKINGLY PATTERNED DOG WHOSE SKIN NEEDS PROTECTION FROM THE ELEMENTS

**Height range**  
20-26in (50-65cm)



**Weight range**  
26-51lb (12-23kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** Peru

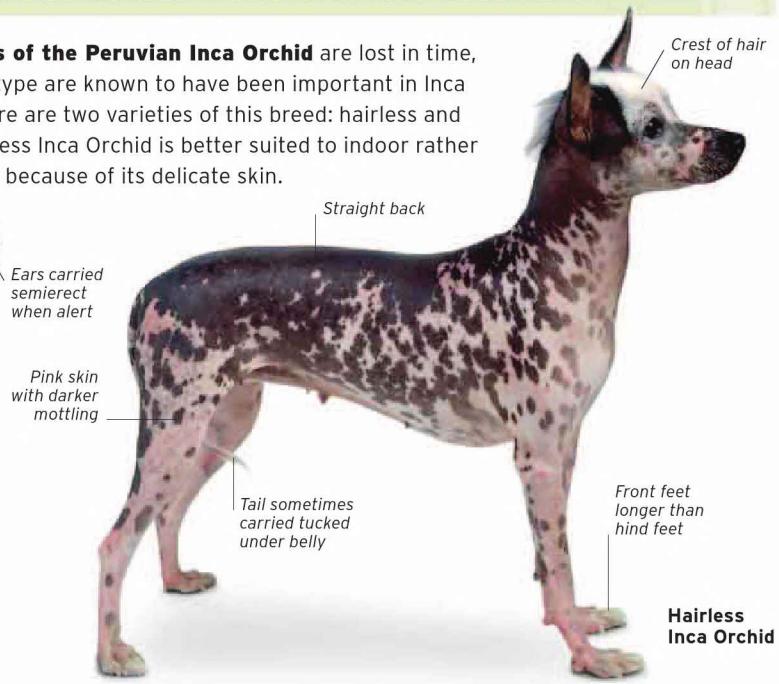
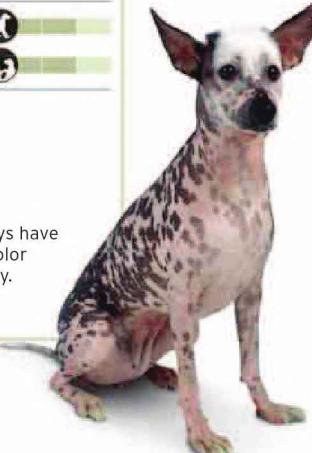


**Other colors**



Hairless dogs always have pink skin but the color of mottling can vary.

**The true origins of the Peruvian Inca Orchid** are lost in time, but dogs of this type are known to have been important in Inca civilizations. There are two varieties of this breed: hairless and coated. The hairless Inca Orchid is better suited to indoor rather than outdoor life because of its delicate skin.



# PERUVIAN HAIRLESS

THIS BRIGHT AND AGILE DOG IS AFFECTIONATE WITH OWNERS BUT SHY WITH STRANGERS

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#### Height range

**Miniature:**

10-16in (25-40cm)

**Medio:**

16-20in (40-50cm)

**Grande:**

20-26in (50-65cm)



#### Weight range

**Miniature:**

9-18lb (4-8kg)

**Medio:**

18-26lb (8-12kg)

**Grande:**

26-55lb (12-25kg)

#### Life span

11-12 years

#### Origin

Peru



#### Other colors



Blonde

Dark brown

Black

**Records of hairless dogs** in South America date back to pre-Inca times. It has been suggested that this lively and graceful breed may have originated in China or Africa before it was introduced in Peru. Hairlessness, often accompanied by the absence of certain teeth, is

produced by a particular recessive gene, but occasionally, coated dogs do occur in litters. The Peruvian Hairless breeds come in three sizes—miniature, medio, and grande.

The fine skin needs some protection because these dogs are susceptible to the cold and easily sunburned.

Fine, elastic,  
elephant-gray skin

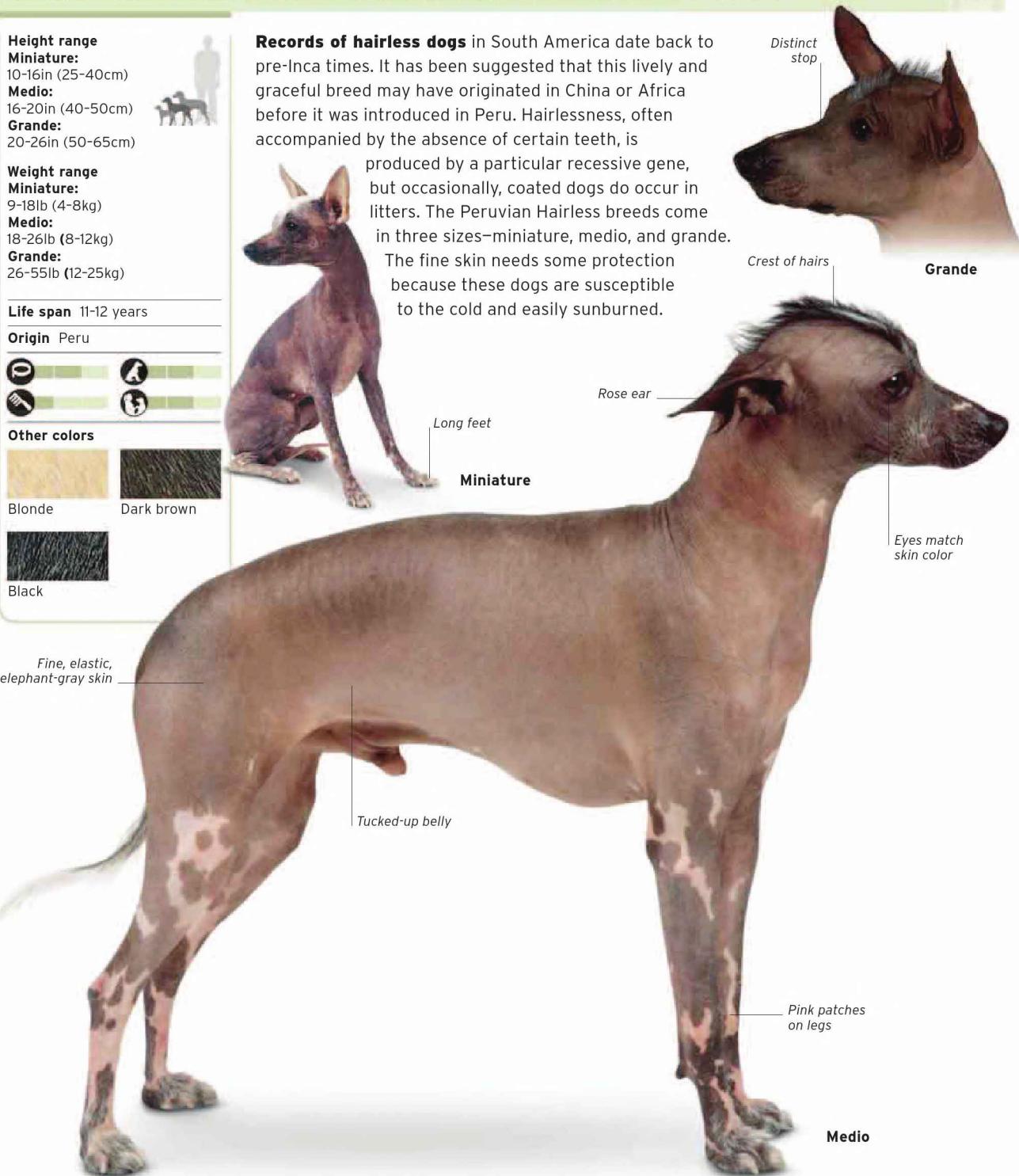
Tucked-up belly

Distinct  
stop

Crest of hairs

Grande

Eyes match  
skin color



# XOLOITZCUINTLI

THIS CALM-NATURED, ALERT DOG IS EASY TO CARE FOR AND MAKES A DELIGHTFUL COMPANION

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**Height range**

**Miniature:**

10-14in (25-35cm)

**Intermediate:**

14-18in (36-45cm)

**Standard:**

18-24in (46-60cm)



**Weight range**

**Miniature:**

5-15lb (2-7kg)

**Intermediate:**

15-31lb (7-14kg)

**Standard:**

24-40lb (11-18kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Mexico



**Other colors**



Red

Liver

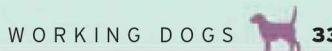
In pre-Conquest Mexico hairless dogs were believed to have sacred significance and were often used as a sacrifice or ritually eaten in religious ceremonies. Because of these practices, the Mexican Hairless barely escaped extinction and it was not until the mid-20th century that breeders began to work toward its recovery. Three different sizes are now recognized. Like all hairless dogs, this breed has limited general appeal and remains something of a rarity. Nonetheless, the Xoloitzcuintli, also known as the Mexican Hairless, is charming, good-tempered, and intelligent, and is likely to reward its owner with loyalty and affection.





#### RESCUE WORK

A German Shepherd Dog working for a search-and-rescue team hunts for survivors in a collapsed building following an earthquake.



# WORKING DOGS

**The list of jobs** that humans ask dogs to perform is almost endless. In the thousands of years since dogs were domesticated, canine helpers have guarded homes, rescued people in danger, gone to war, and looked after the sick and disabled—to give only a few examples. In this book the working group is represented by breeds traditionally developed for pastoral work and guard duties.



**Shepherd dogs work as herders and guardians**

In general, the dogs in this highly diverse group tend to be large, though there are a few small but nonetheless robust exceptions. Working dogs are bred for strength and stamina, and many of them are capable of living outdoors in all weathers.

A collie rounding up its flock is for most people the archetypal shepherd dog, but many other types of dog are used to work with livestock. These pastoral breeds, as they are known, are used for both herding and guarding. Herding dogs have a natural instinct for driving stock, though not all of them work in the same way. Border Collies, for example, keep their sheep in order by stalking and staring, while the traditional cattle-herders such as Welsh Corgis and the Australian Cattle Dog nip at heels, and some herders bark as they work. Guardian sheepdogs, which include mountain breeds such as the

Maremma and Pyrenean Mountain Dog, are designed to protect their flocks from predators such as wolves. Usually very large, many of these dogs are white and heavy coated, scarcely distinguishable from the sheep they spend their lives guarding.

Guard duties of another kind are often carried out by dogs of the mastiff type, recognizable as descendants of the enormous Molossus dogs seen in friezes and artifacts from the ancient world. Such breeds as the Bullmastiff, the Dogue de Bordeaux, and the Neapolitan Mastiff are used worldwide by security forces and for guarding property. Typically, these dogs are massively built and powerful, with small ears (often cropped in countries where the practice is still legal) and pendulous lips.

Many working breeds are excellent as companion dogs. Pastoral herders are extremely intelligent and generally easy to train, and often enjoy using their skills in agility trials and other canine competitions. Livestock guardian dogs, because of their sheer size and protective nature, are less likely

to be suited to family life. In recent decades a number of the mastiff-type breeds have achieved great popularity as companions. Although some were produced originally for fighting, if reared in the home and socialized early they can adapt to life as a pet.

## LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS

*The guarding instincts of breeds such as the Kuvasz make these dogs unsuitable for the inexperienced owner.*



## AGILITY TRIALS

*Border Collies are often seen displaying their agility and intelligence at working dog trials.*



# SAARLOOS WOLFDog

THIS SELF-WILLED DOG IS RESERVED WITH STRANGERS BUT MAKES A LOYAL COMPANION

FCI

**Height range**  
24-30in (60-75cm)



**Weight range**  
77-88lb (35-40kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



**Other colors**



Cream Bos (brown)

Heavy-coated,  
broad tail



The Saarloos Wolfdog is the result of selective crossbreeding to produce a German Shepherd-type dog with natural traits closer to those of its wolf ancestors. Although it was suggested that this new breed could be useful as a guide dog, the Saarloos Wolfdog has proved better suited to life as a pet and companion. However, it needs sensitive handling.



# CZECHOSLOVAKIAN WOLFDog

A WOLFLIKE DOG WITH A DOCILE TEMPERAMENT

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**Height range**  
24-26in (60-65cm)



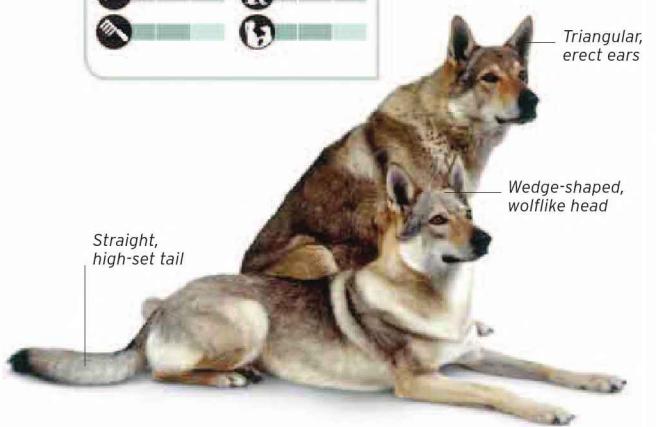
**Weight range**  
44-57lb (20-26kg)

**Life span** 12-16 years

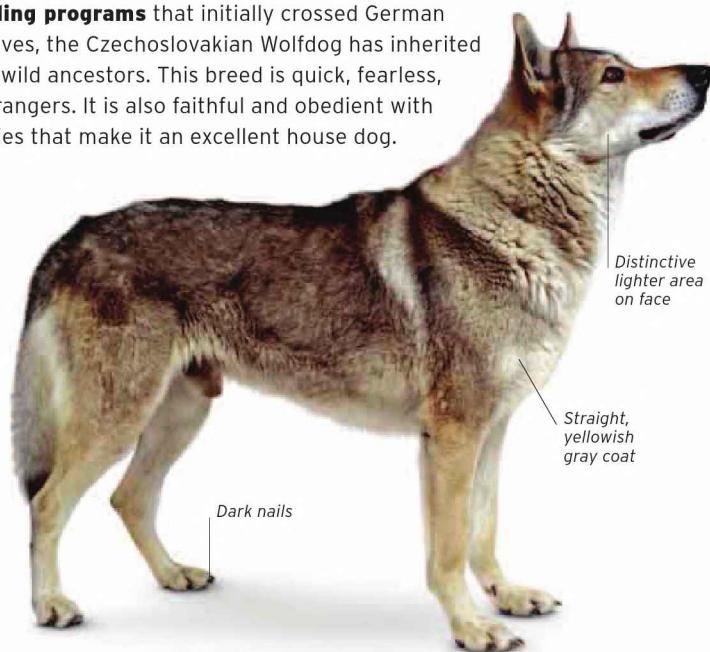
**Origin** Czech Republic



Straight,  
high-set tail



Created through breeding programs that initially crossed German Shepherd Dogs with wolves, the Czechoslovakian Wolfdog has inherited many of the traits of its wild ancestors. This breed is quick, fearless, resilient, and wary of strangers. It is also faithful and obedient with familiar handlers, qualities that make it an excellent house dog.



# GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

THIS INTELLIGENT AND VERSATILE DOG IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR BREEDS WORLDWIDE

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**Height range**  
23–25in (58–63cm)



**Weight range**  
49–88lb (22–40kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Sable

Black

**As the name implies,** this breed (formerly known as the Alsatian) originally worked as a shepherd dog and a protector of sheep. Highly adaptable and trainable, the German Shepherd Dog has proved valuable as a guard dog, guide dog, and tracker, and is widely used by police and armed forces all over the world. Despite occasional bad publicity for aggressive behavior, German Shepherd Dogs produced by reputable breeders usually have a steady temperament. When trained by a responsible owner and allowed to enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle, this dog can become a trusted and faithful member of the family. Coats range from short-haired to long-haired.

Bushy tail

Long-haired

Head has clean-cut appearance

Short-haired



Croup slopes slightly downward to tail

Large, firm, erect ears

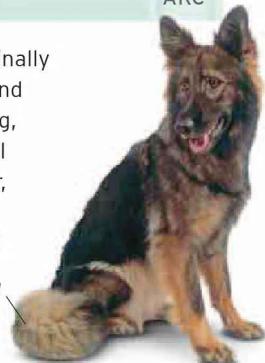
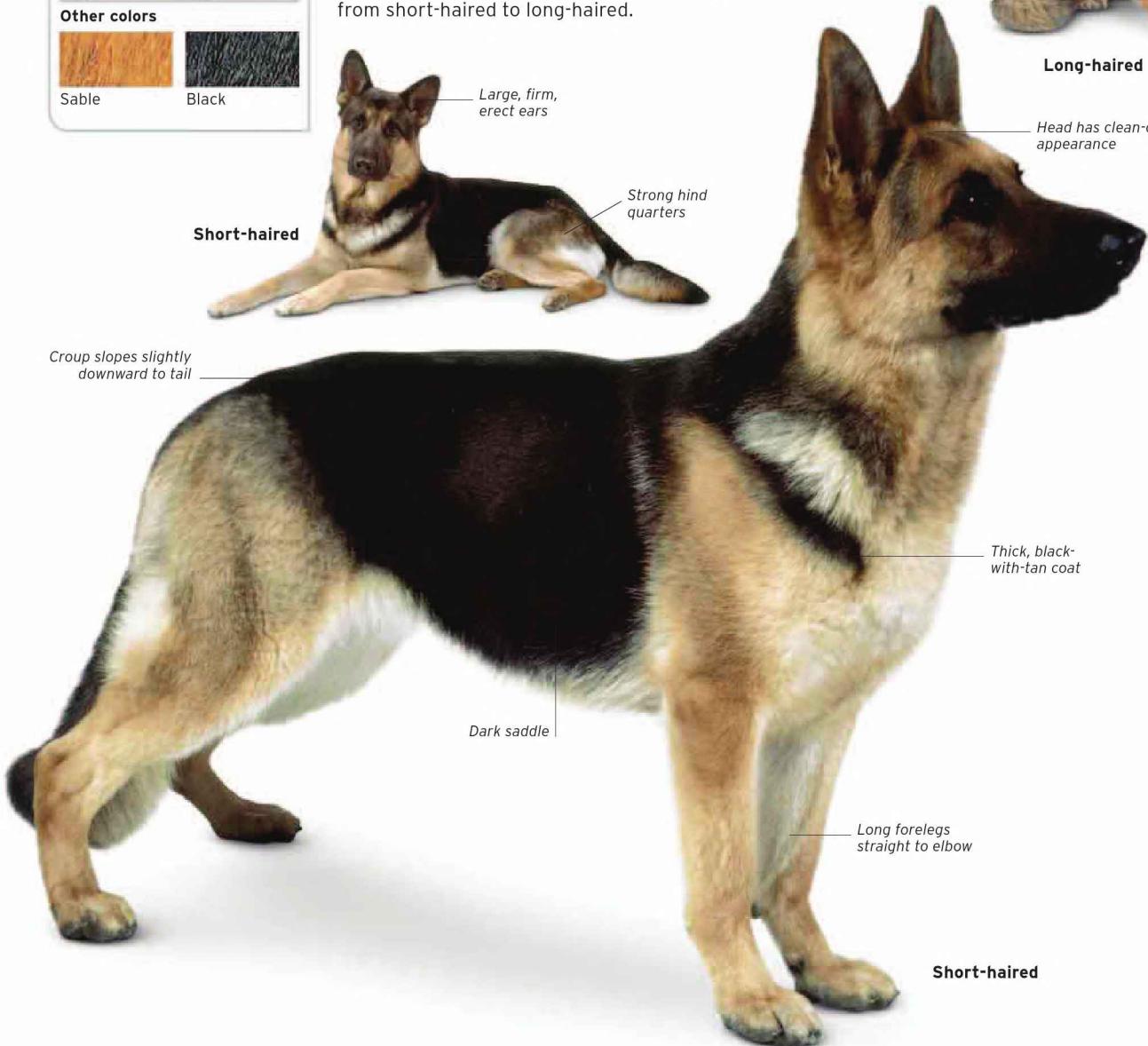
Strong hind quarters

Thick, black-with-tan coat

Dark saddle

Long forelegs straight to elbow

Short-haired



# KING SHEPHERD

EASY TO TRAIN, THIS DOG IS RELIABLE WITH CHILDREN AND OTHER PETS

**Height range**  
25–29in (64–74cm)

**Weight range**  
90–145lb (41–66kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



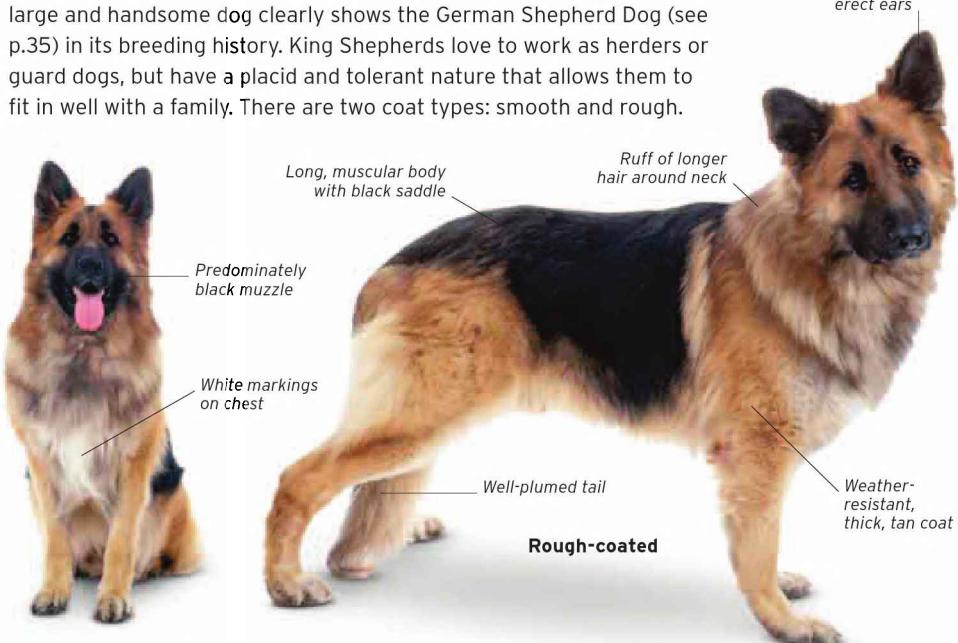
Black



Sable with  
black markings

Black dogs may have red, gold,  
or cream markings.

**Developed in the United States** and recognized since the late 1990s, this large and handsome dog clearly shows the German Shepherd Dog (see p.35) in its breeding history. King Shepherds love to work as herders or guard dogs, but have a placid and tolerant nature that allows them to fit in well with a family. There are two coat types: smooth and rough.



# PICARDY SHEEPDOG

THIS DOG ADORES LONG WALKS AND IS GENTLE WITH CHILDREN, BUT DISLIKES BEING LEFT ALONE

**Height range**  
22–26in (55–65cm)

**Weight range**  
51–71lb (23–32kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Dark gray



Fawn brindle

May have white markings.

**The history of the Picardy Sheepdog** is uncertain, but this tough-looking breed may have originated over a century ago in the Picardy region of northeastern France. With quiet and patient training, this dog makes a sociable companion and a good playmate for children. The rugged coat is relatively easy to groom.



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# DUTCH SHEPHERD DOG

USED FOR GUARDING, HERDING, AND AGILITY WORK, THIS DOG CAN ALSO MAKE A GOOD PET

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**Height range**  
22-24in (55-62cm)



**Weight range**  
66-68lb (30-31kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



**Not often seen outside the Netherlands**, and relatively uncommon even there, in the last 200 years this breed has become far more than an all-purpose farm dog. The Dutch Shepherd Dog has been used for security and police work, as a guide dog, and in obedience trials. Reliable and affectionate, the breed also makes a good family dog, though it has a natural wariness of strangers. There are three varieties of the Dutch Shepherd Dog: long-haired, short-haired, and rough-haired. The rough-haired type needs to have its coat plucked by a professional dog-groomer about twice a year.



**Short-haired**

Fawn-brindle coat



**Long-haired**



Silver-brindle coat



**Rough-haired**

Feathering  
on underside  
of tail

Shorter hair below  
hock on hind legs

Light feathering  
on back of legs

Coarse  
eyebrows

Harsh, wavy,  
silver-brindle coat

# LAEKENOIS

THIS RARE BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG IS DISTINGUISHED BY ITS UNUSUAL COAT

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**Height range**  
22–26in (56–66cm)



**Weight range**  
55–65lb (25–29kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Belgium



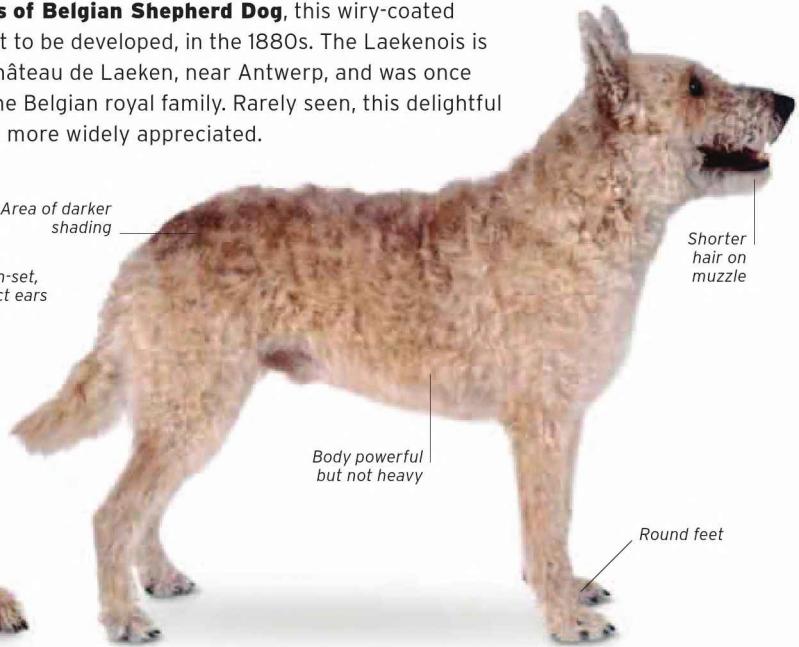
**Of the four breeds of Belgian Shepherd Dog**, this wiry-coated variety was the first to be developed, in the 1880s. The Laekenois is named after the Château de Laeken, near Antwerp, and was once much favored by the Belgian royal family. Rarely seen, this delightful dog deserves to be more widely appreciated.



Area of darker shading

High-set,  
erect ears

Head carried high  
with alert expression



Shorter  
hair on  
muzzle

Body powerful  
but not heavy

Round feet

# BELGIAN SHEEPDOG

THIS BRIGHT AND ACTIVE DOG LOVES OUTDOOR LIFE AND IS FULL OF CURIOSITY

AKC

**Height range**  
22–26in (56–66cm)



**Weight range**  
50–75lb (23–34kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Belgium



**From 1893 black-coated Belgian Shepherd Dogs** were selectively bred at a kennel in the village of Groenendaal, near Brussels. This handsome variety is now extremely popular. Like most dogs formerly used for work, the Belgian Sheepdog needs an owner who understands the importance of early socializing and firm but kindly control.



Long, straight,  
black coat

Slightly  
sloping rump



Finely shaped  
muzzle

Long  
feathering  
on legs

Ruff of  
longer hair  
around neck

# BELGIAN MALINOIS

A VERY HARDY AND ENERGETIC DOG WITH STRONG GUARDING INSTINCTS

AKC

**Height range**  
22–26in (56–66cm)



**Weight range**  
60–65lb (27–29kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Belgium



**Other colors**



Gray

Red

All colors have  
black overlay.

**Believed to have originated in Malines**, in Belgium, the Belgian Malinois is a short-haired variety of the Belgian Shepherd Dog. Like its fellow breeds, it is a natural guard dog. Although its behavior may be unpredictable, with responsible training the Belgian Malinois socializes well and makes a loyal companion.



# BELGIAN TERVUREN

THIS DOG HAS A DOMINANT PERSONALITY AND ENJOYS A GOOD RUN, BUT SHOULD BE SUPERVISED

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**Height range**  
22–26in (56–66cm)



**Weight range**  
40–65lb (18–29kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Belgium



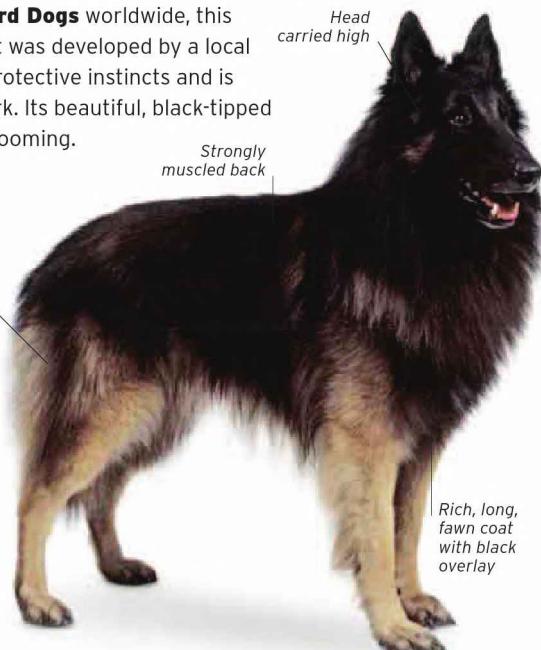
**Other colors**



Gray

All colors have  
black overlay.

**The most popular of the Belgian Shepherd Dogs** worldwide, this variety was named after the village where it was developed by a local breeder. The Belgian Tervuren has strong protective instincts and is frequently used for guarding and police work. Its beautiful, black-tipped coat sheds regularly and needs plenty of grooming.



# MUDI

THIS ACTIVE AND PLAYFUL FAMILY DOG ALSO MAKES A FEARLESS GUARD DOG

FCI

**Height range**  
15–19in (38–47cm)



**Weight range**  
18–29lb (8–13kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** Hungary



**Other colors**



Brown

May have white markings.

**Originally used as a working dog** by Hungarian sheep- and cattle-herders, this rare breed is tough, bold, and energetic. With its friendly and adaptable nature, the Mudi makes a good house dog. It needs plenty of exercise to stay fit and healthy, and responds well to sympathetic training.



# STANDARD SCHNAUZER

LIVELY BUT OBEDIENT, THIS DOG IS GOOD-TEMPERED WITH CHILDREN

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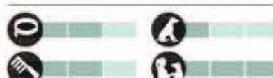
**Height range**  
17–20in (44–50cm)



**Weight range**  
31–44lb (14–20kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Black

**The medium-sized Standard Schnauzer** was established as a breed in the 1880s in southern Germany. Alert and agile, the Standard Schnauzer was used primarily as a versatile farm dog with a formidable reputation for rat-hunting. Placid and affectionate, but with a lively sense of fun, the breed is now popular as a family dog.



# GIANT SCHNAUZER

AN EVEN-TEMPERED, INTELLIGENT, AND EASY-TO-TRAIN DOG

AKC

**Height range**  
24-28in (60-70cm)



**Weight range**  
65-90lb (29-41kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**

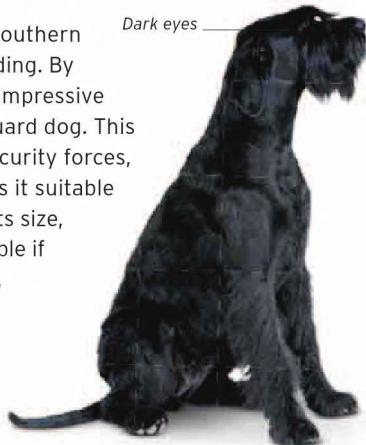


Pepper and salt

**Robust and powerfully built**, the Giant Schnauzer from southern Germany was originally used for farm work and cattle-herding. By the 20th century the breed's intelligence, trainability, and impressive appearance had been recognized as ideal qualities for a guard dog. This

breed is now widely used by police and security forces, but an equable temperament also makes it suitable as a home watchdog and pet. Despite its size, the Giant Schnauzer is easily manageable if given plenty of exercise. Its dense, wiry, double-layered coat needs regular maintenance, with daily grooming and an occasional trim.

Dark eyes



# BOUVIER DES ARDENNES

A RARE DOG WITH A LONG-ESTABLISHED REPUTATION AS A WILLING WORKER

FCI

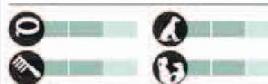
**Height range**  
20-24in (52-62cm)



**Weight range**  
49-77lb (22-35kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Belgium



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**This hardy, active, former cattle-herder** from the Belgian Ardennes is now rarely seen, either as a working dog or a house dog. A handful of enthusiasts have kept the breed in existence, and with its adaptable temperament and zest for life the Bouvier des Ardennes has the potential for future popularity.



Ears slightly darker than body

Body length equals leg length

Black-edged lips

Tousled, fawn coat, dry to touch

Rounded feet

# BOUVIER DES FLANDRES

THIS TOWN OR COUNTRY DOG IS HAIRY BUT NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO GROOM

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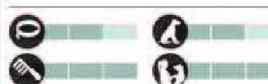
**Height range**  
23-27in (59-68cm)



**Weight range**  
60-88lb (27-40kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Belgium



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

May have small, white star on chest.

**Of the various types of Bouviers** once used in Belgium and France for cattle-herding and guarding, this breed from Flanders is the most commonly encountered. Despite originally being an outdoor dog—with an appropriately weatherproof coat—the Bouvier des Flandres can happily adjust to an urban home.



Dense coat extends over feet



High-set, drop ears

Heavily feathered tail

Long, coarse beard

# CROATIAN SHEPHERD DOG

THIS HERDING AND GUARDING DOG IS MORE SUITED TO WORK THAN DOMESTICITY

FCI

**Height range**  
16-20in (40-50cm)



**Weight range**  
29-44lb (13-20kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** Croatia



**Relatively small and lightly built** for a shepherd dog, this breed is active and alert. Easy to train for work, the Croatian Shepherd Dog may be harder to handle as a house dog because of its natural herding and guarding instincts. Its unusually wavy or curly coat is a distinctive feature.

Short hair on face



Erect, triangular ears, lined with long hair

Wavy, black coat

Shorter hair on lower legs



Narrow muzzle  
Backs of legs slightly feathered

# SARPLANINAC

THIS MAGNIFICENT AND VERY PROTECTIVE WORKING DOG IS HAPPY TO LIVE OUTDOORS

FCI

**Height range**  
Over 23in (over 58cm)



**Weight range**  
66-99lb (30-45kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** Macedonia



**Other colors**



Any solid color

**Formerly known as the Illyrian Shepherd Dog**, this impressive breed is now named after the Sarplanina Mountains of Macedonia where it originated. The Sarplaninac is very much an outdoor, working dog. Although it has a sociable, though protective, temperament, its size and energy levels make it impractical as a family pet.

Broad chest



Broad, slightly rounded top to head

Longer hair forms ruff around neck

Heavily feathered, bushy tail

Long feathering on hind quarters

Long, dense, dark brown coat  
Yellowish gray lower legs



Drop ears

# KARST SHEPHERD DOG

THIS RELIABLE AND DEVOTED DOG NEEDS A SPACIOUS HOME AND CORRECT HANDLING

FCI

**Height range**  
21-25in (54-63cm)



**Weight range**  
55-93lb (25-42kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** Slovenia



**Formerly known as the Illyrian Shepherd**, this dog was separated from another breed of the same name and renamed the Karst, or Istrian, Shepherd Dog in the 1960s. Used for herding and guarding in the alpine Karst region of Slovenia, this excellent working dog can make a good companion with careful training and early socialization.



# ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG

THIS DOG, FOR LARGE HOMES ONLY, CAN LIVE OUTSIDE IF GIVEN SHELTER

KC

**Height range**  
24-28in (62-72cm)



**Weight range**  
77-132lb (35-60kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Portugal



**Other colors**



Wolf-gray      Black brindle  
May have white markings on underside and extremities.

**A livestock-guardian** from the Estrela Mountains of Portugal, this fearless, rugged dog was bred to protect flocks against predators such as wolves. The Estrela Mountain Dog is a loyal and friendly, but strong-willed, companion that needs consistent and patient obedience training. There are long-coated and short-coated varieties of the breed.



# PORTUGUESE WATCHDOG

THIS CALM-NATURED WATCHDOG MAY BE TOO BIG AND STRONG FOR MANY OWNERS

FCI

**Height range**  
25-29in (64-74cm)



**Weight range**  
77-132lb (35-60kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Portugal



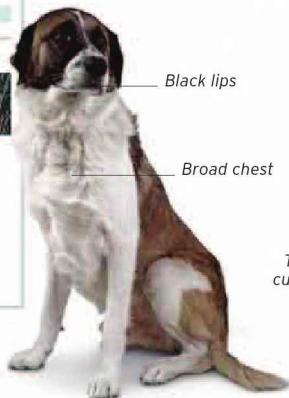
**Other colors**



Wolf-gray      Black

Coat may be brindled and will always have white markings; white coats have patches of one of the colors.

**Possibly descended from the powerful mastiffs** brought into Europe from Asia by nomadic herders, this breed is also known as the Rafeiro de Alentejo, named after the Alentejo region of Portugal. Traditionally used for guarding, the Portuguese Watchdog is vigilant and suspicious of strangers. Formidable in size and strength, though not aggressive, this dog is unsuitable for novice handlers.



Black lips

Broad chest

Tail slightly curved at tip



Straight, dense, fawn coat

White markings on chest and legs

Triangular, drop ears

# CASTRO LABOREIRO DOG

THIS BOLD AND VIGILANT WATCHDOG IS BETTER SUITED TO WORK THAN FAMILY LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
22-25in (55-64cm)



**Weight range**  
55-88lb (25-40kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Portugal



**Other colors**



Wolf-gray

May have a small, white spot on chest.

**Named after its home village** in the mountains of northern Portugal, this dog, sometimes known as the Portuguese Cattle Dog, was bred to work as a livestock-guardian. Its distinctive alarm bark starts low and ends high-pitched. This dog develops a strong bond with family members but may be hostile to strangers.



Almond-shaped eyes

Tail long-haired on underside, usually carried low



Triangular, drop ears

Short, very thick, harsh-textured, "mountain" brindle coat

# PORTEGUESE SHEEPDOG

THIS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT DOG LIKES TO BE ACTIVE

FCI

**Height range**  
17-22in (42-55cm)



**Weight range**  
37-60lb (17-27kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Portugal



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

May have a small amount of white on chest.

**In its native country** this shaggy, agile dog is sometimes known as the "monkey dog." The Portuguese Sheepdog loves to be outdoors, herding. Lively and extremely intelligent, the breed has also gained popularity as a companion and sporting dog in Portugal, although it is little known elsewhere.



Fawn coat



Black, shaggy coat  
resembles goat hair

Long beard and moustache

Tan markings on lower legs

# CATALAN SHEEPDOG

A PLEASANT-NATURED DOG, BUT PROTECTIVE OF HOME AND FAMILY

KC

**Height range**  
18-22in (45-55cm)



**Weight range**  
45-60lb (20-27kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Spain



**Other colors**



Gray      Black and tan

Sable

May have white markings.

**Bred in Catalonia** as a flock-herder and guard, this hardy dog has an attractive weatherproof coat that allows it to work in almost any conditions. With high intelligence, a quiet temperament, and a readiness to please, the Catalan Sheepdog is relatively easy to train and makes an excellent family companion.



Round, dark amber eyes



Crest on top of head

Fringed ears hang close to head

Rough-textured, fawn coat

Long hair extends over feet

# PYRENEAN SHEPHERD

A LIVELY COMPANION, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TIRE OUT, WITH A STRONG HERDING INSTINCT

AKC

**Height range**  
15–19in (38–48cm)



**Weight range**  
15–30lb (7–14kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Blue coats may be merle, slate, or brindle. Unmixed colors are preferred.

**Small and lightly built for a sheepdog**, this breed has long been used for herding flocks in the French Pyrenees. It remained almost unknown beyond its native mountain regions until the beginning of the 20th century. Lithe, energetic, and ready to join in any interesting activity, the Pyrenean Shepherd does well in canine sports such as agility trials. For an active family, the Pyrenean Shepherd is an excellent pet. The breed comes in two coat varieties—long or semi-long—and may have a rough or smooth face.



Semi-long, rough-faced



# BEARDED COLLIE

THIS DOG IS CALM BUT ALERT AND ACTIVE, SO BEST SUITED TO A RURAL HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
20–22in (51–56cm)



**Weight range**  
45–55lb (20–25kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



**Until the middle of the 20th century** the Bearded Collie was familiar only in Scotland and the north of England, where it was valued as a sheepdog. Now widely appreciated for its attractive appearance, compact size, and gentle nature, this breed has great appeal as a pet. However, it is more likely to enjoy the space of a rural home than a compact urban environment.

Arched eyebrows  
do not cover eyes

Long, slate-gray  
outer coat

White collar

Toes hairy  
between pads



# BRIARD

THIS LARGE AND BOISTEROUS DOG NEEDS A FIRM HAND AND PLENTY OF EXERCISE

AKC

**Height range**  
23–27in (58–69cm)



**Weight range**  
77lb (35kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



**In its native country** this large and lively French breed works as a herder and guarder of sheep. Bold and protective, but not aggressive, the Briard is an excellent family companion if given regular exercise and room to run and play. This is not a low-maintenance dog because the Briard's long, thick coat needs a lot of grooming.

Short, high-set,  
long-haired ears

Darker hairs  
blend in with  
main body color



# OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG

THIS GOOD-TEMPERED AND INTELLIGENT DOG NEEDS FREQUENT GROOMING

AKC

**Height range**  
22–24in (56–61cm)



**Weight range**  
60–90lb (27–41kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Gray

Any shade of gray, grizzle, or blue. Body and hind quarters of solid color, with no white patches.

**This breed is considered** to be native to the UK, although it may have its earliest origins in various types of continental sheepdog. It was once the custom to completely dock the tails of Old English Sheepdogs, and the alternative name of Bobtail Sheepdog is still sometimes used. This big, strong dog requires a great deal of exercise and preferably wide open spaces to work off its energy. Its owner should be prepared to devote time and care to daily grooming, to prevent the heavy, shaggy coat from becoming tangled and matted.



Adult and puppy



White markings on head, neck, and chest

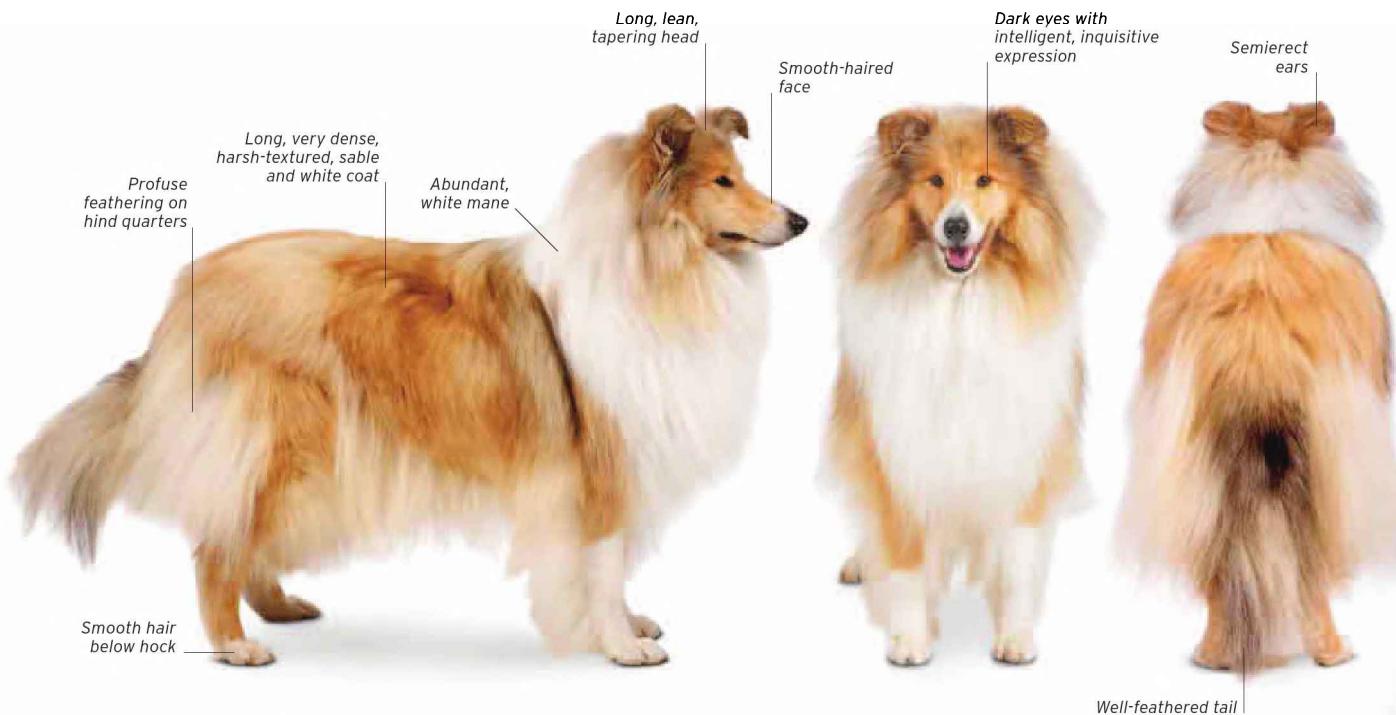
Small ears covered by coat

Deep, relatively short body

Longer coat on hind quarters

Very thick, shaggy, blue coat with white markings





# COLLIE

THIS PROUD AND BEAUTIFUL, SWEET-TEMPERED DOG MAKES A LOVELY FAMILY COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
20-24in (51-61cm)

**Weight range**  
51-75lb (23-34kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Blue merle

Black, tan,  
and white

**This rich-coated breed**, a descendant of the rather less-refined Scottish working shepherd dogs, is much admired today as a pet and in the show ring. The Collie's history may go back as far as Roman Britain, but dogs recognizably of this type did not attract wide attention until the 19th century. Queen Victoria is credited with popularizing the breed both in Europe and the United States. Later, "Lassie," the highly intelligent star of film and television, confirmed the Collie's status as one of the best-loved dogs of all time.

This breed is mild-tempered and tolerant of other dogs and pets. It is highly responsive to training and makes an affectionate and protective companion. However, the people-loving Collie readily accepts visitors to the home and therefore does not make a good guard dog. An athletic breed, it is eager for fun and will take part with brio in canine sports such as agility trials.

The herding instinct has not been entirely bred out of Collies; their sharp awareness of movement may trigger an impulse to "round up" friends and family. Early socializing can prevent this trait from becoming a nuisance.

Like all breeds originally intended as working dogs, the Collie becomes restless when under-exercised or left alone for long periods, and may start to bark excessively. However, given an energetic daily run, it can be kept in a modestly sized house or large apartment.

This dog's long, thick coat needs regular grooming to prevent tangles and matting. More frequent grooming sessions may be needed when the dense undercoat is being shed, which occurs twice a year.



# SMOOTH COLLIE

A SLEEK, ELEGANT COLLIE WITH A FRIENDLY DISPOSITION

KC

**Height range**  
20–24in (51–61cm)



**Weight range**  
40–65lb (18–30kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** UK



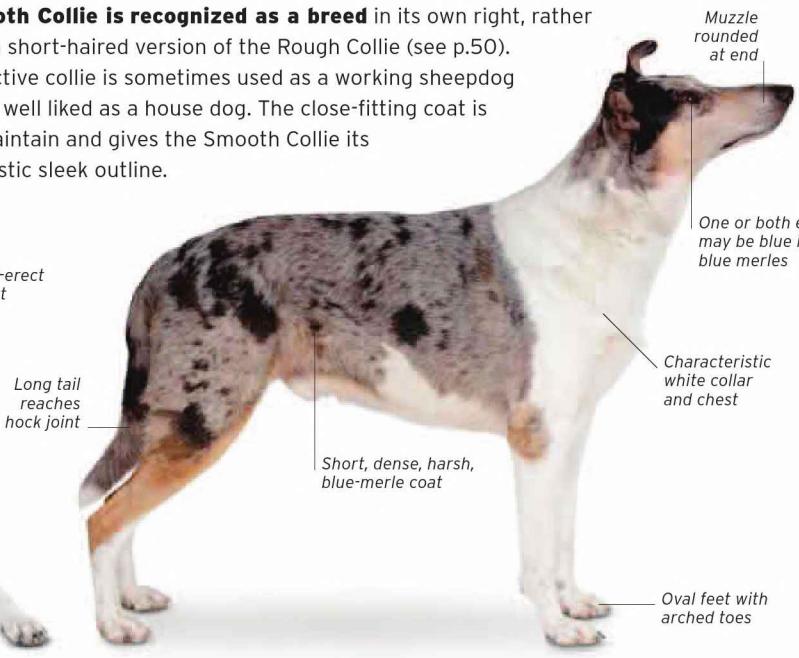
**Other colors**



Tricolor coat



The Smooth Collie is recognized as a breed in its own right, rather than just a short-haired version of the Rough Collie (see p.50). This attractive collie is sometimes used as a working sheepdog but is also well liked as a house dog. The close-fitting coat is easy to maintain and gives the Smooth Collie its characteristic sleek outline.



# SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

A GENTLE-NATURED, FAMILY-FRIENDLY DOG THAT HAS BOUNDLESS ENERGY

AKC

**Height range**  
14–15in (35–38cm)



**Weight range**  
14–37lb (6–17kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



First bred in the rugged Shetland Islands, beyond the northern coast of mainland Scotland, this miniature collie is hardy and resilient. Bursting with energy but easily trained and affectionate, the Shetland Sheepdog adapts well to family life and is a loyal pet. Regular grooming sessions are necessary to maintain the beautiful coat.



# BORDER COLLIE

THIS SUPER-INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE DOG NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
20–21in (50–53cm)



**Weight range**  
26–44lb (12–20kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** UK



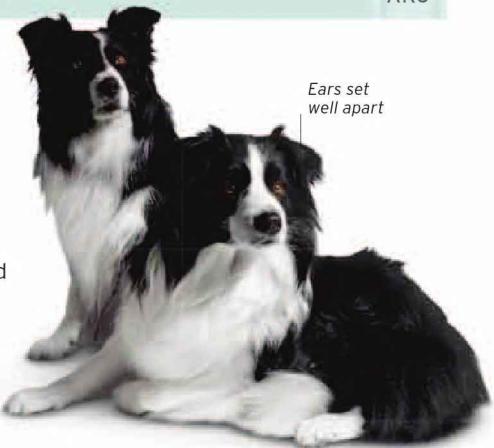
**Other colors**



Variety of colors

## The Border Collie's reputation for intelligence

reaches far beyond the borderland counties of the UK where it originated. Its excellence as a working sheepdog is legendary, and watching it in action at competitive events has become a popular spectator sport. Tireless energy, low boredom threshold, and an independent spirit make it an unsuitable pet for owners with restricted space or a sedentary lifestyle. However, this dog is highly responsive to experienced handling, and will reward commitment to training by becoming a faithful and obedient companion. The Border Collie has two coat varieties: smooth or moderately long.



# POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG

EASY TO TRAIN AS A SHEEPHERDER, GUARD DOG, OR COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
17-20in (42-50cm)



**Weight range**  
31-35lb (14-16kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Poland



**Other colors**



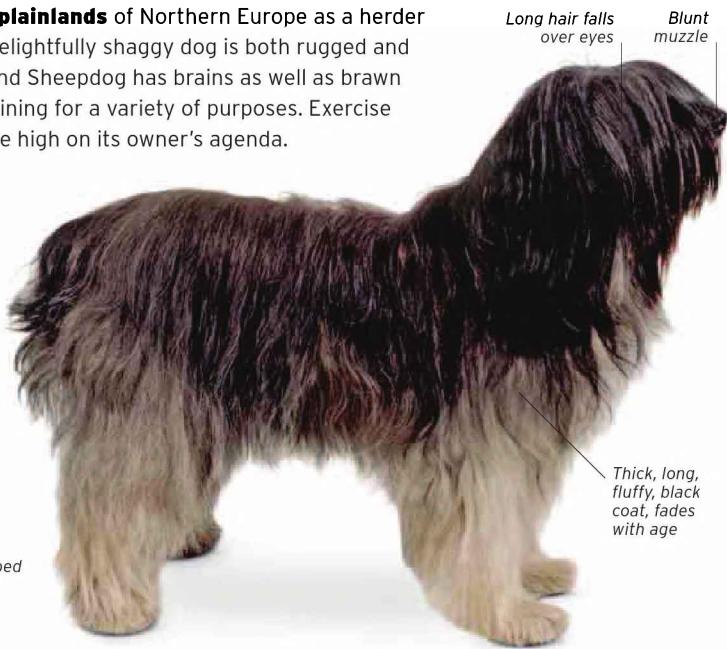
Any color

**Bred to work on the plainlands** of Northern Europe as a herder and a guard dog, this delightfully shaggy dog is both rugged and agile. The Polish Lowland Sheepdog has brains as well as brawn and takes readily to training for a variety of purposes. Exercise and grooming should be high on its owner's agenda.

*Heart-shaped drop  
ears hidden by hair*



*Oval-shaped  
feet*



*Long hair falls  
over eyes*      *Blunt  
muzzle*

*Thick, long,  
fluffy, black  
coat, fades with age*

# DUTCH SCHAPENDOES

THIS LITHE AND AGILE DOG WITH A JOYFUL TEMPERAMENT NEEDS TO BE FULLY OCCUPIED

FCI

**Height range**  
16-20in (40-50cm)



**Weight range**  
26-44lb (12-20kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



**Other colors**



Any color

**Swift, tireless, and intelligent**, this breed is the perfect natural sheepherder. Moving as if on springs, a working Dutch Schapendoes can run at high speed and bound lightly over almost any obstacle in its path. The breed has the temperament to make a good companion but will not thrive without activity.

*Long topknot of hair  
partially covers eyes*



*Well-feathered,  
long tail*

*Full moustache  
and beard*



*Abundant,  
slightly wavy,  
black and white  
coat*

*Well-rounded,  
firm, compact  
feet*

# SOUTH RUSSIAN SHEPHERD DOG

**SAFE ONLY IN EXPERIENCED HANDS, THIS DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF UNDERSTANDING**

FCI

**Height range**  
24–26in (62–65cm)



**Weight range**  
106–110lb (48–50kg)

**Life span** 9–11 years

**Origin** Russia



**Other colors**



**This big sheepdog from the Russian steppes** was bred not to round up flocks but to guard them against fierce predators. Quick to react, naturally dominant, and highly protective, the South Russian Shepherd Dog, also known as the Ovtcharka ("sheepherder" in Russian), needs an owner who can establish authority early on.

Elongated head with broad forehead



# CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI

**A SMALL, STURDY, AND ACTIVE DOG WITH A STRONG PERSONALITY**

AKC

**Height range**  
11–12in (28–31cm)



**Weight range**  
24–37lb (11–17kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



White markings, if present, should not dominate.

**Long, heavy tail**



**The two varieties of Welsh Corgi** were classified as separate breeds in the 1930s. Less popular as a house dog than its relative, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi (see p.56), the Cardigan Welsh Corgi can be distinguished by its larger round ears and longer body. Full of character, it fits well into a small home.

Large, erect ears, rounded at tips



# PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI

A SHARP AND CONFIDENT WATCHDOG WITH A BIG BARK FOR ITS SIZE

AKC

**Height range**  
10-12in (25-30cm)



**Weight range**  
20-26lb (9-12kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Tail carried low

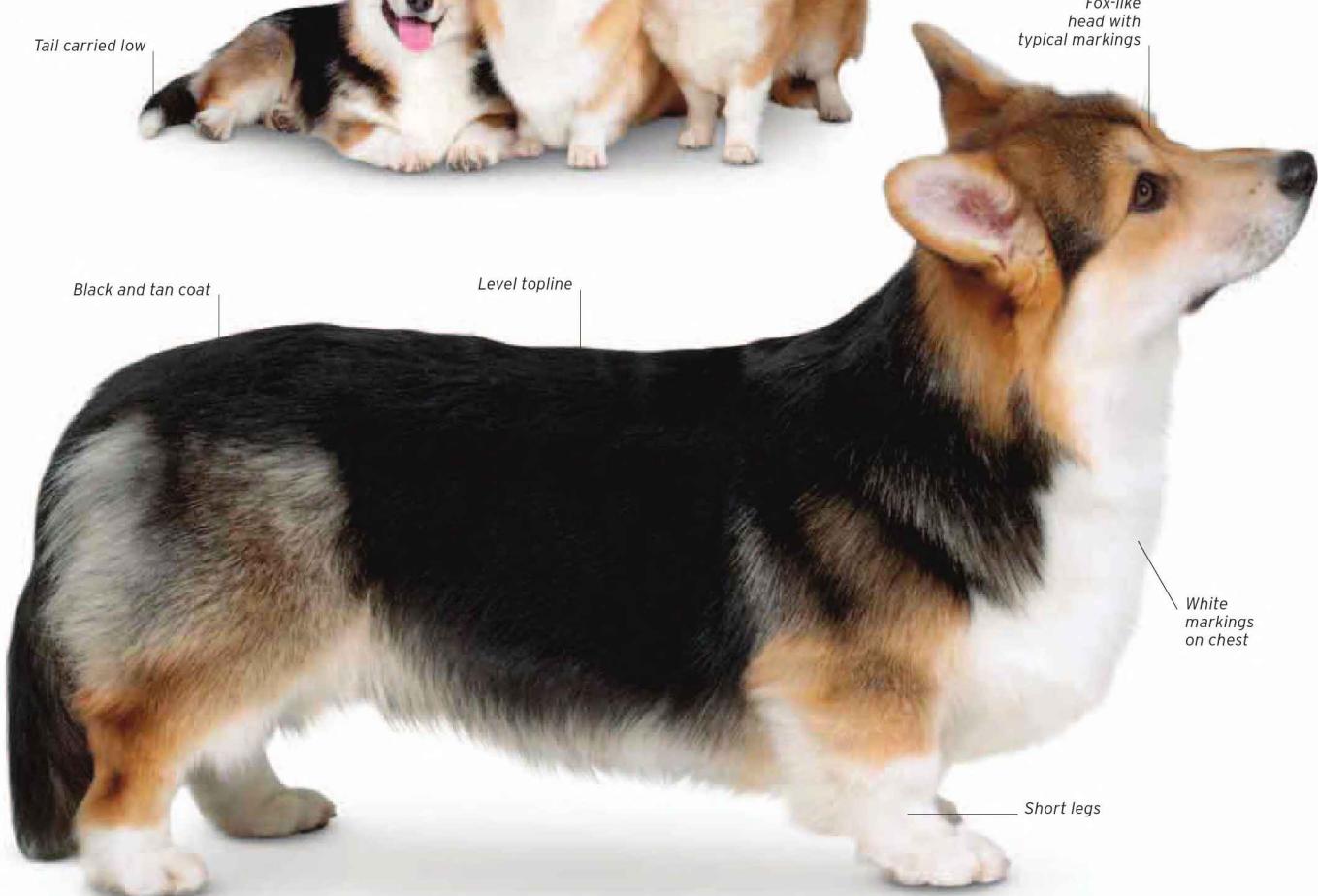
The two breeds of Welsh Corgi have a long history as cattle-herders and guard dogs in Wales. The more widely known of the two breeds, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi, is distinguishable from the Cardigan Welsh Corgi (see p.55) by its slightly smaller ears and shorter tail. This alert and energetic little dog makes an excellent watchdog and enjoys family life. Their tendency to occasionally revert to their herding instincts and nip ankles can be minimized by early training. Pembroke Welsh Corgis tend to put on weight easily, so need a well-regulated regime of diet and exercise.



Erect ears,  
rounded at tips

Red coat  
with white  
markings

Fox-like  
head with  
typical markings



Black and tan coat

Level topline

White  
markings  
on chest

Short legs

# SWEDISH VALLHUND

THIS UNUSUAL BREED IS ALERT, FRIENDLY, AND WILLING TO PLEASE

AKC

**Height range**  
12-14in (31-35cm)



**Weight range**  
26-35lb (12-16kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Sweden

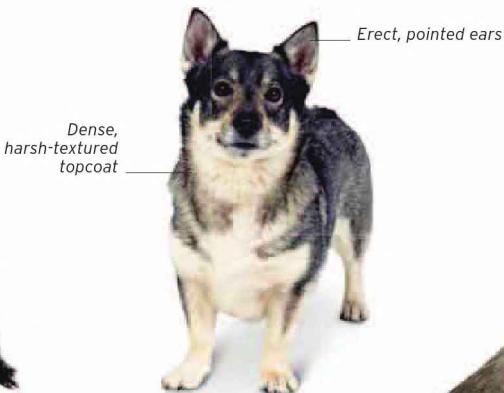
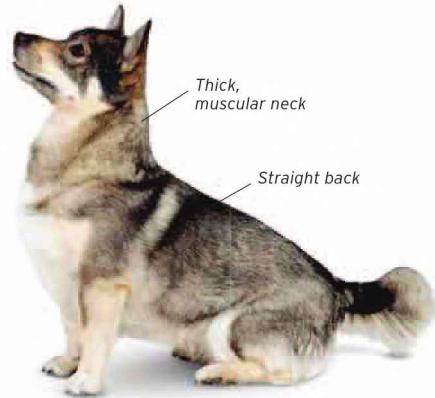


**Other colors**



Steel-gray      Red  
Red and gray coats may be mixed with brown or yellow.

**Like the Welsh Corgis** (opposite and p.55), which at first glance it closely resembles, the Swedish Vallhund has been used for centuries as a cattle-herding dog. This tough and workmanlike breed continues to make itself useful on Swedish farms. The Swedish Vallhund is uncommon as a house dog but is gradually becoming more widely known and appreciated for its happy personality. It is lively and companionable, always alert, and eager to respond to its owner's demands. Kept active and occupied, the Swedish Vallhund is likely to enjoy robust health and a long lifespan.



# NEW ZEALAND HUNTAWAY

THIS INTELLIGENT AND FRIENDLY DOG BARKS READILY

**Height range**  
20-24in (50-61cm)



**Weight range**  
40-65lb (18-30kg)

Bright-eyed,  
alert expression

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** New Zealand

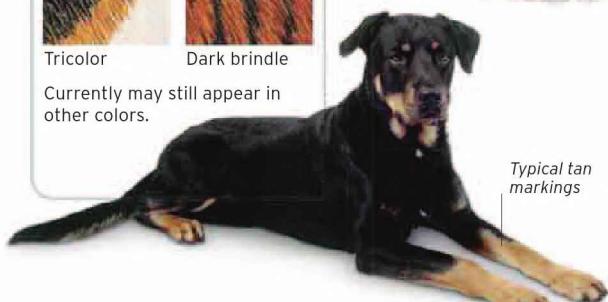


**Other colors**



Tricolor      Dark brindle  
Currently may still appear in other colors.

The New Zealand Huntaway lacks a breed standard and is not recognized by any kennel club due to its mixed breeding, which may include German Shepherd Dog (see p.35), Rottweiler (see p.81), and Border Collie (see p.53). Developed in New Zealand to be a working sheepdog, it is an excellent worker and is also gaining popularity as a house dog.



# AUSTRALIAN KELPIE

A TOUGH, HARDY, AND TIRELESS DOG WITH A STRONG NATURAL HERDING INSTINCT

FCI

**Height range**  
17-20in (43-51cm)



**Weight range**  
24-44lb (11-20kg)

Pointed,  
erect ears

**Life span** 10-14 years

**Origin** Australia



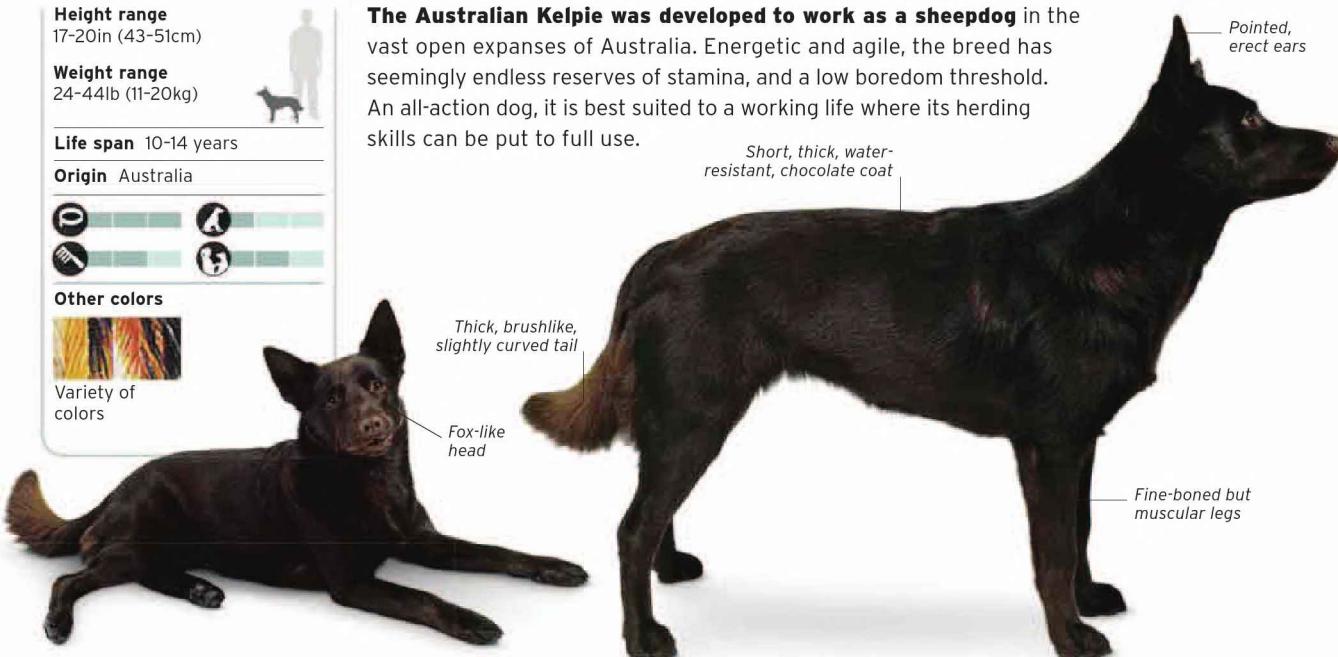
**Other colors**



Variety of colors

The Australian Kelpie was developed to work as a sheepdog in the vast open expanses of Australia. Energetic and agile, the breed has seemingly endless reserves of stamina, and a low boredom threshold. An all-action dog, it is best suited to a working life where its herding skills can be put to full use.

Short, thick, water-resistant, chocolate coat



# AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG

**STRONG AND WORKMANLIKE, THIS TRUSTWORTHY DOG IS A LITTLE WARY OF STRANGERS**

**Height range**  
17-20in (43-51cm)



**Weight range**  
30-40lb (14-18kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Australia



**Once widely used for cattle-droving** and guarding, this breed, also called the Australian Heeler, is little known outside its native country. It has many merits as a family dog, being hardy, alert, companionable, and loyal and devoted to its owner. However, an ancestry that includes the dingo (the wild dog of Australia) has made the Australian Cattle Dog naturally suspicious of strangers. Bred to work strenuous days and cover long distances, no exercise is too much for this energetic dog. Training is not difficult, because the dog is highly intelligent and willing to please.

AKC



Puppy

Coat longer and thicker on neck



Red, speckled coat

Low-set tail hangs in a slight curve

Long, broad, muscular hind quarters

Blue coat

Tan markings on throat



Tan markings on legs

Round feet with strong, arched toes

# LANCASHIRE HEELER

THIS EXUBERANT DOG LOVES TO PLAY AND RARELY HAS HEALTH PROBLEMS

KC

**Height range**  
10-12in (25-30cm)



**Weight range**  
9-15lb (4-7kg)

**Life span** 15 years

**Origin** UK



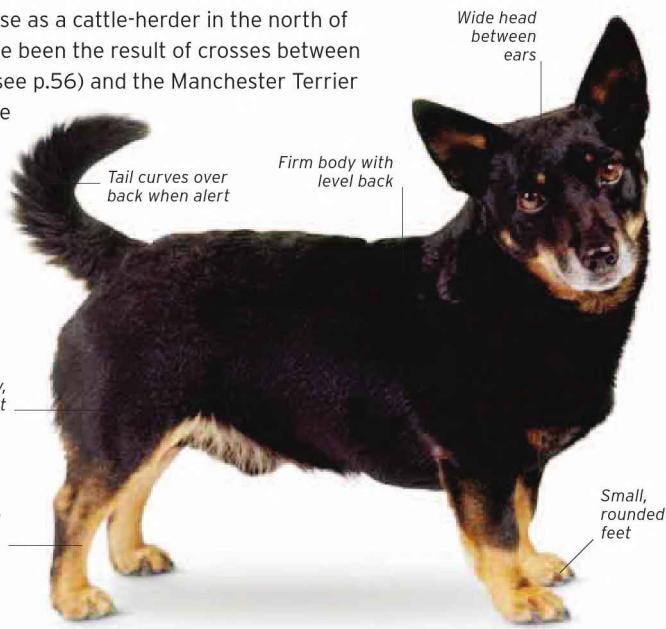
**Other colors**



Liver  
and tan



**Intelligent, tough, and workmanlike**, the Lancashire Heeler is well suited to its original use as a cattle-herder in the north of England. The breed may have been the result of crosses between the Pembroke Welsh Corgi (see p.56) and the Manchester Terrier (see p.211). Less inclined to be "nippy" than other heelers, this smart-looking little dog is good with families if trained carefully.



# PUMI

THIS HERDING DOG HAS ADAPTED TO HOME LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
15-19in (38-47cm)



**Weight range**  
18-33lb (8-15kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Hungary



**Other colors**



Cream

Gray

Gold

Small, white markings may occur on chest and toes.

**The Pumi was developed in Hungary** during the 18th century as a cross between the Puli (opposite) and terrier-type dogs from Germany and France. An excellent herder of livestock and a good all-around farm dog, the Pumi has proved to be equally successful as a house dog. Bold and restless, this breed thrives on action.



# KOMONDOR

**NOT FOR NOVICES, THIS DOG NEEDS TACTFUL HANDLING AND SPECIAL GROOMING**

AKC

**Height range**  
24–31in (60–80cm)



**Weight range**  
79–135lb (36–61kg)

**Life span** Under 10 years

**Origin** Hungary



Dark eyes  
partially  
obscured  
by coat



The Komondor was bred to protect livestock, and has strong natural guarding instincts. This characteristic, combined with considerable size and strength, means that ownership should be considered only by those with plenty of dog-handling experience and space. Daily grooming is essential to maintain the Komondor's extraordinary tasseled coat.



# PULI

**HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND EAGER TO PLEASE, THIS DOG NEEDS TIME AND ATTENTION**

AKC

**Height range**  
14–17in (36–44cm)



**Weight range**  
22–33lb (10–15kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Hungary



**Other colors**

White

Gray

Fawn

May have small, white  
marks on chest and feet.

Thought to have been brought into Central Europe by the nomadic Magyar tribes of Asia, the Puli was traditionally used as a herding dog. Affectionate and quick to learn, it makes a good family pet but gets bored easily without fun and company. Its corded coat needs special attention.



Eyes covered by  
long-corded, black coat

Profusely  
coated tail  
curls over back

Black coat forms  
long cords



Small, black nose

Straight,  
muscular back

Short,  
round  
feet

# BERGAMASCO

THIS OUTDOOR DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF SPACE AND GROOMING

KC

**Height range**  
21-24in (54-62cm)



**Weight range**  
57-84lb (26-38kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



Light fawn (Isabella)      Black  
May have white markings.

**A sheepdog and guard dog**, the powerful Bergamasco was bred for a tough, outdoor life in the northern Italian mountains. Its weatherproof coat is thick, greasy to the touch, and easily becomes matted, but once the coat becomes flocked, grooming time is greatly reduced. The Bergamasco is companionable and loyal but needs firm control.



# AIDI

PROTECTIVE AND LOVING WITH OWNERS, BUT NOT AN IDEAL HOUSE DOG

FCI

**Height range**  
21-24in (53-61cm)



**Weight range**  
51-55lb (23-25kg)

**Life span** About 12 years

**Origin** North Africa



**Other colors**



Fawn      Brown



Black

Fawn, brown, and black coats may be spotted with white.

**Also known as the Atlas Mountain Dog**, this type of dog has been used for centuries as a guard dog by the nomadic peoples of Morocco. The Aidi is faithful, fearless, and always on the alert to protect its owners and their possessions. But its strong guarding instincts mean that this dog is not always suited to a domestic lifestyle.



# AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

THIS EVEN-TEMPERED, INTELLIGENT DOG IS ADAPTABLE TO FAMILY LIFE

AKC

**Height range**  
18-23in (46-58cm)



**Weight range**  
40-64lb (18-29kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



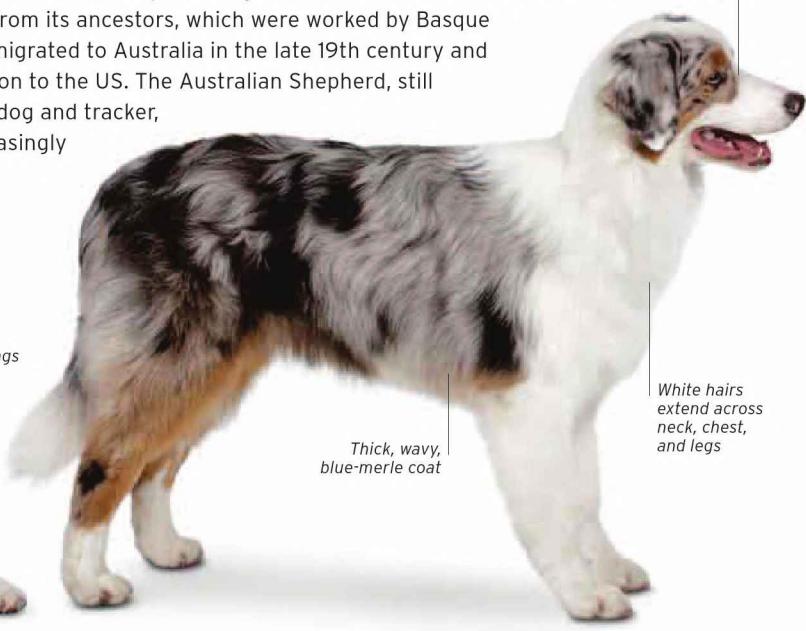
Red, red merle    Black

All coats may have tan markings.

**Not an "Aussie" at all,** this shepherd dog was bred in the United States.

Its name derives from its ancestors, which were worked by Basque shepherds who emigrated to Australia in the late 19th century and then later moved on to the US. The Australian Shepherd, still useful as a ranch dog and tracker, is becoming increasingly valued as a pet.

Pronounced stop



# MAREMMA SHEEPDOG

POWERFUL, PROTECTIVE, AND VERY MUCH AN OUTDOOR DOG

KC

**Height range**  
24-29in (60-73cm)



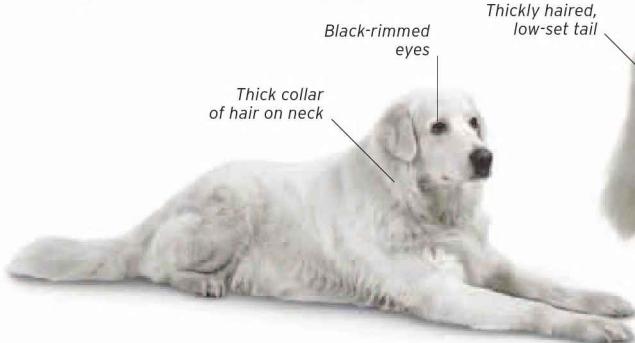
**Weight range**  
66-99lb (30-45kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Italy



**The sheepherders of the central Italian plains** have long used the Maremma Sheepdog to guard their flocks. With an imposing stance and a magnificent, thick, white coat, this handsome dog has obvious attractions but needs expert handling. Like many dogs bred for outdoor work, this sheepdog is not the ideal choice for the home.



# HELLENIC SHEPHERD DOG

THIS STRONG-WILLED BREED IS FRIENDLY WITH THOSE IT KNOWS BUT WARY OF STRANGERS

**Height range**  
24-30in (60-75cm)

**Weight range**  
71-110lb (32-50kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Greece



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

The ancestors of this breed, which is also known as the Greek Sheepdog, may have been the sheepdogs brought into Greece many centuries ago by Turkish migrants. Tough, brave, and a natural guardian and flock leader, the Hellenic Shepherd Dog has excellent qualities for a working dog, but is too dominant in temperament to make a reliable family companion.

There are two coat types: long-haired and short-haired.



# CURSINU

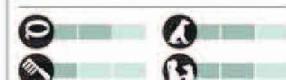
THIS LOYAL AND INTELLIGENT DOG IS ENERGETIC OUTDOORS BUT CALM IN THE HOUSE

**Height range**  
18-23in (46-58cm)

**Weight range**  
Not known

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** France



Dogs of this type have existed on the island of Corsica for over a hundred years, although the Cursinu has only been recognized in France since 2003. Energetic, fast-moving, and versatile, it is used for both hunting and herding and although it can adapt to home life, it is probably at its best as a working dog.



# ROMANIAN SHEPHERD DOGS

THESE WATCHFUL AND COURAGEOUS DOGS NEED SPACE AND FREEDOM TO RUN

**Height range**  
23–31in (59–78cm)



**Weight range**  
77–154lb (35–70kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Romania



**Other colors**



Bucovina only may appear as white, white-beige, black, or ashen-gray and may have patches of color.

## In the mountainous Carpathian region of Romania,

shepherds rely on large, robust dogs to guard their flocks in all weathers. Regional breeding has resulted in several distinct types: the Carpatin, the Bucovina, and the Mioritic. All are better suited to outdoor rather than indoor life, and none is widely known as a companion dog. With strong watchdog instincts, Romanian Shepherd Dogs are highly territorial and suspicious of strangers. They need plenty of physical and mental activity, as well as early socialization and firm training.



Coat longer than other Romanian Shepherd Dogs

White coat with light fawn and gray markings

**Mioritic**

Blaze extends to muzzle

Black nose

**Carpatin**

Rough, slightly wavy hair

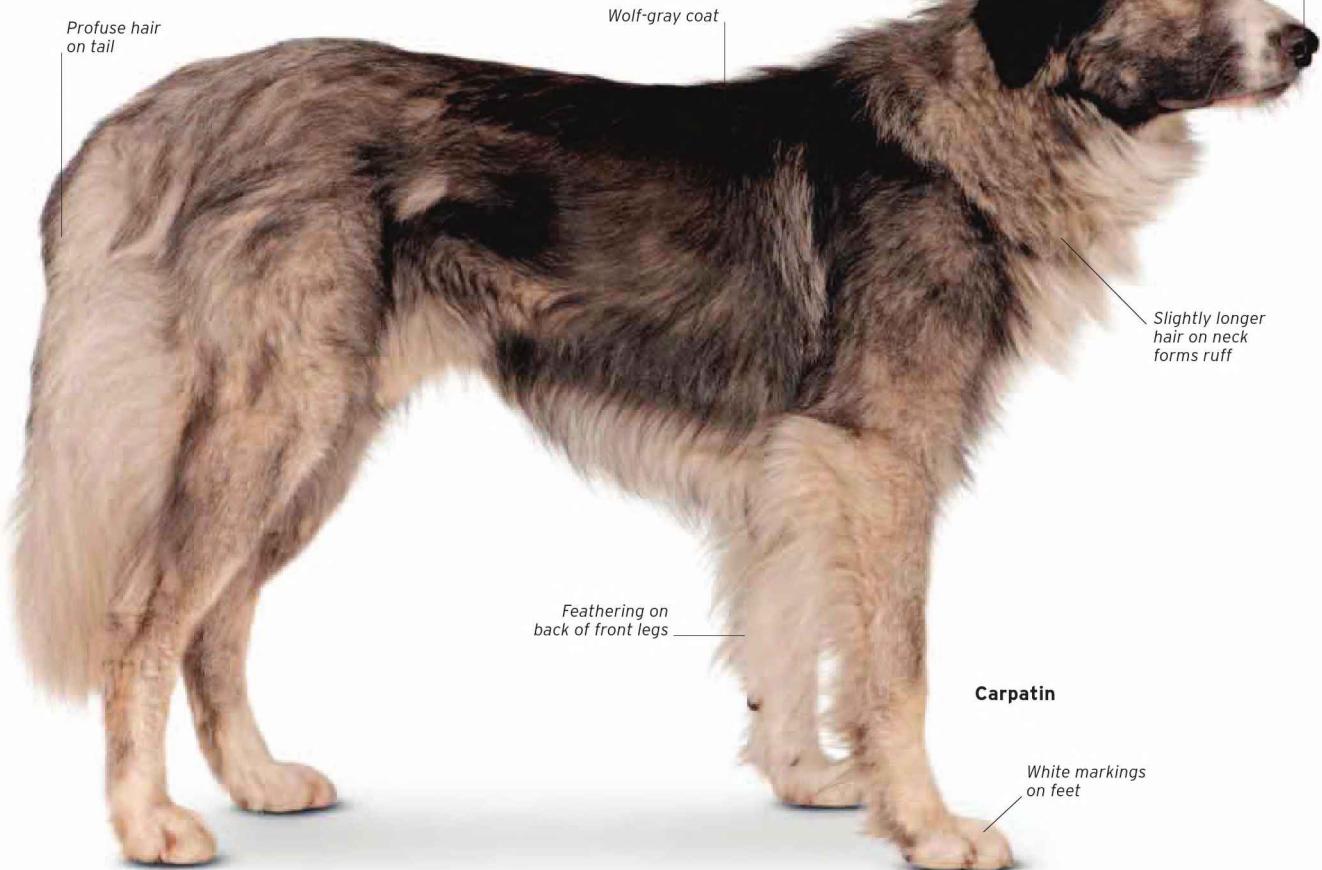
Wolf-gray coat

Slightly longer hair on neck forms ruff

Feathering on back of front legs

**Carpatin**

White markings on feet



# APPENZELL CATTLE DOG

THIS VERSATILE DOG IS WILLING TO WORK BUT ALSO ENJOYS FAMILY LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
20-22in (50-56cm)



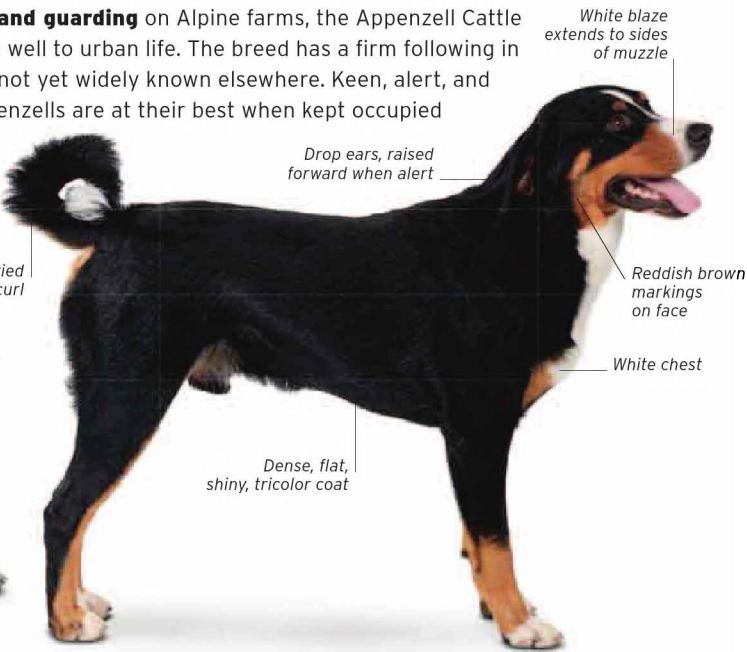
**Weight range**  
49-71lb (22-32kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Switzerland



**Bred for herding and guarding** on Alpine farms, the Appenzell Cattle Dog has also taken well to urban life. The breed has a firm following in Switzerland but is not yet widely known elsewhere. Keen, alert, and full of energy, Appenzells are at their best when kept occupied and interested.



# ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG

SMART IN APPEARANCE, THIS FAMILY DOG IS FULL OF HIGH SPIRITS

AKC

**Height range**  
17-20in (42-50cm)



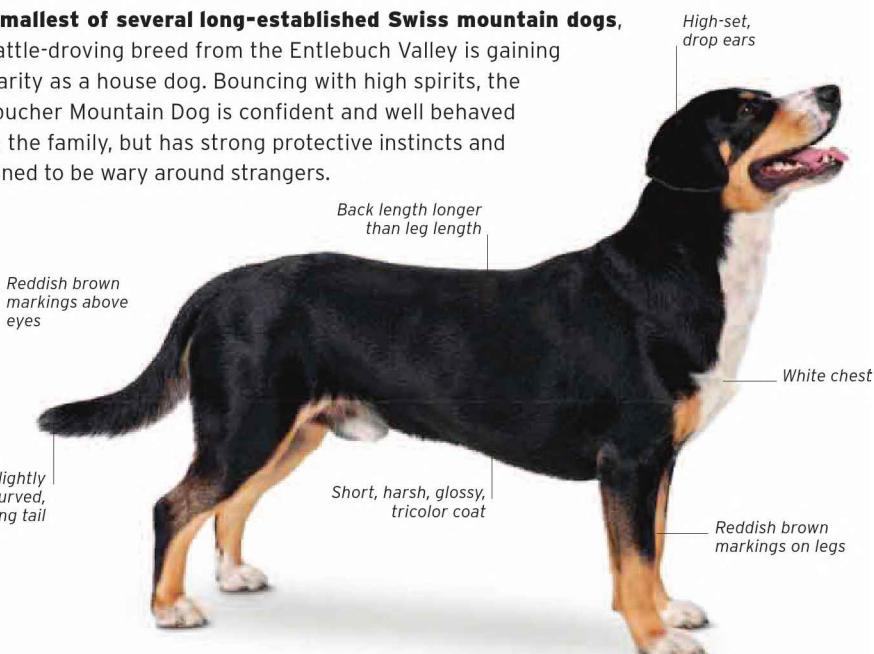
**Weight range**  
47-62lb (21-28kg)

**Life span** 11-15 years

**Origin** Switzerland



**The smallest of several long-established Swiss mountain dogs,** this cattle-droving breed from the Entlebuch Valley is gaining popularity as a house dog. Bouncing with high spirits, the Entlebucher Mountain Dog is confident and well behaved within the family, but has strong protective instincts and is inclined to be wary around strangers.



# BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG

A BEAUTIFULLY MARKED BREED WITH AN ATTRACTIVE PERSONALITY AND KIND NATURE

AKC

**Height range**  
23–28in (58–70cm)



**Weight range**  
71–120lb (32–54kg)

**Life span** Under 10 years

**Origin** Switzerland



**This lovely dog takes its name from the Swiss canton** of Berne, where it traditionally worked as a haulage dog for basket-weavers. It is attractive not just in looks but also in temperament, and has become deservedly popular as a family dog. Although large and strong, the Bernese Mountain Dog is highly trainable and has gentle ways that are easy to live with. Generally, the breed is affectionate and reliable with children. The eye-catching tricolor coat needs plenty of grooming to maintain its silky texture and characteristic soft sheen.



# GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG

THIS LARGE, POWERFUL, AND KIND DOG IS GOOD WITH CHILDREN AND OTHER PETS

AKC

**Height range**  
24-28in (60-72cm)



**Weight range**  
80-130lb (36-59kg)

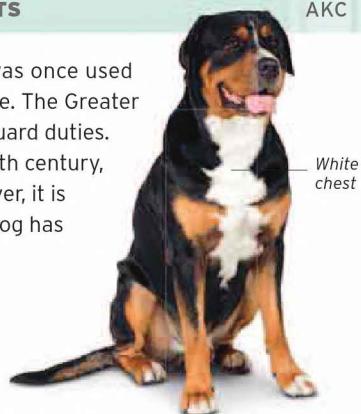


**Life span** 8-11 years

**Origin** Switzerland



**Bred in the Swiss Alps**, this huge, strong, striking dog was once used to haul wagons loaded with milk, cheese, and other produce. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog was also used for cattle-herding and guard duties. The dog had all but disappeared by the beginning of the 20th century, but breeding by enthusiasts saved it from extinction; however, it is still rare. A true working dog, the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog has an agreeable temperament that makes it a sociable family companion for those with room to spare.



**Triangular ears hang close to head**

**Broad, flattened skull**

**Tan spots over eyes**

**Dark eyes with kind expression**

**Tricolor coat has symmetrical pattern**

**Strong, muscular body**



# WHITE SWISS SHEPHERD DOG

THIS FAMILY-FRIENDLY DOG LIKES CHILDREN BUT CAN BE WARY OF STRANGERS

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**Height range**  
21-26in (53-66cm)



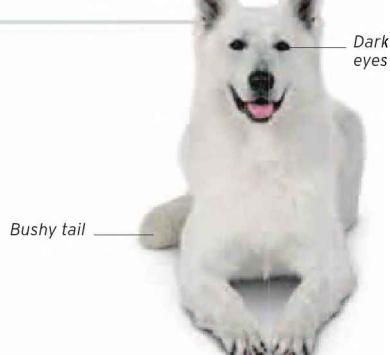
**Weight range**  
55-88lb (25-40kg)

**Life span** 8-11 years

**Origin** Switzerland



**Pure white shepherd dogs** were first brought into Switzerland from North America in the 1970s. Developed over the next two decades, it was recognized in Switzerland as a breed in 1991. Good-tempered and intelligent, it is suitable for both work and companionship. There are two coat types: medium-haired and long-haired.



# ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG

THIS PROTECTIVE AND LOYAL DOG NEEDS SUPERVISION WITH CHILDREN AND STRANGERS

AKC

**Height range**  
28-32in (71-81cm)



**Weight range**  
90-141lb (41-64kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Turkey



**Other colors**



Any color

**After a long history as a livestock-guardian**, this hardy and powerful breed is still used in Turkey as a working dog. Bred for its courage and independence of spirit, the Anatolian Shepherd Dog respects the authority of a firm and loving owner. If kept as a companion dog, training and socializing should begin early.



# AKBASH

THIS HIGHLY PROTECTIVE DOG NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED OWNER

**Height range**  
27-31in (69-79cm)



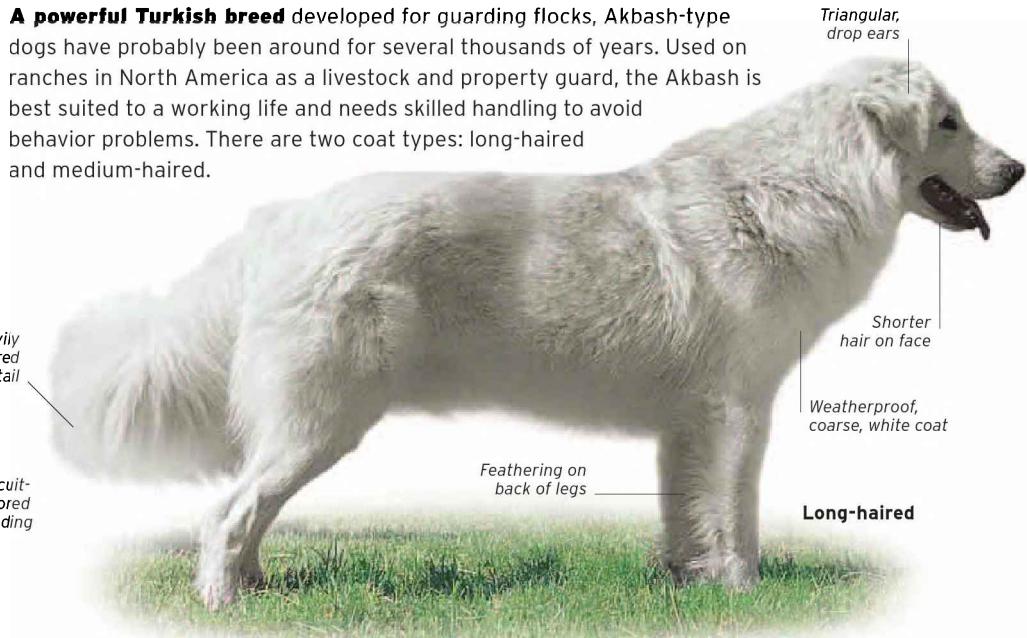
**Weight range**  
75-130lb (34-59kg)

**Life span** 10-11 years

**Origin** Turkey



**A powerful Turkish breed** developed for guarding flocks, Akbash-type dogs have probably been around for several thousands of years. Used on ranches in North America as a livestock and property guard, the Akbash is best suited to a working life and needs skilled handling to avoid behavior problems. There are two coat types: long-haired and medium-haired.



# CENTRAL ASIAN SHEPHERD DOG

NOT AN IDEAL FAMILY DOG, THIS BREED NEEDS A PATIENT AND STRONG-WILLED OWNER

**Height range**  
26-31in (65-78cm)



**Weight range**  
88-174lb (40-79kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Central Asian Republics



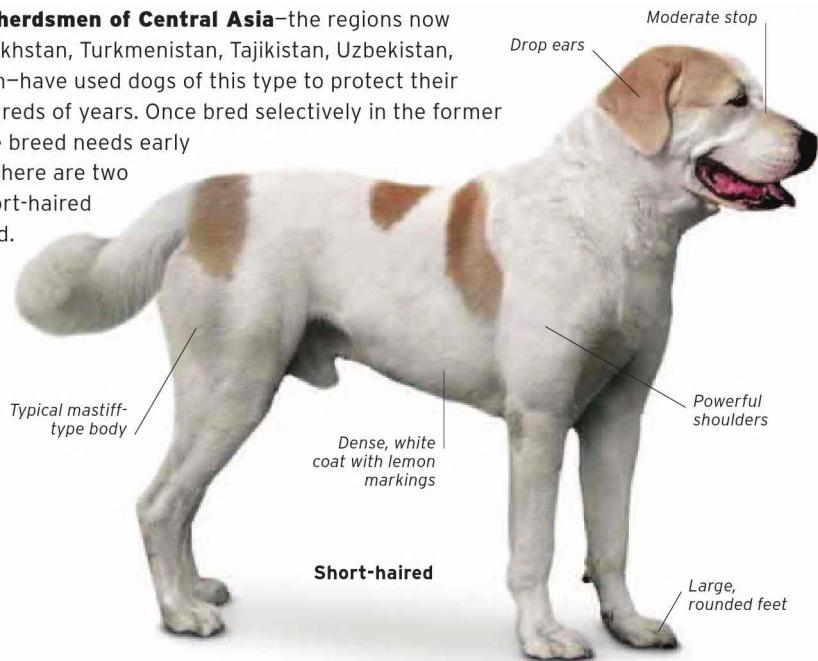
**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**The nomadic herdsmen of Central Asia**—the regions now known as Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan—have used dogs of this type to protect their flocks for hundreds of years. Once bred selectively in the former USSR, this rare breed needs early socialization. There are two coat types: short-haired and long-haired.

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# CAUCASIAN SHEPHERD DOG

THIS FIERCELY PROTECTIVE DOG DOES NOT MAKE AN IDEAL PET

**Height range**  
26–30in (67–75cm)



**Weight range**  
99–154lb (45–70kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

**Origin** Russia



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Developed from various large dogs**, this shepherd dog was once used to guard flocks in the Caucasian regions. In the 1920s selective breeding of this dog began in the former USSR and continued later in Germany. An excellent watchdog, it needs careful handling if it is to be a good companion.



Puppy  
Darker muzzle



Massive head

Triangular,  
drop ears with  
rounded tips

FCI

# LEONBERGER

THIS EXCELLENT FAMILY DOG IS GOOD-TEMPERED, CALM, AND FRIENDLY

**Height range**  
28–31in (72–80cm)



**Weight range**  
99–170lb (45–77kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Sandy Red  
May have white markings.

**Named after the Bavarian town of Leonberg**, the Leonberger was developed in the mid-19th century as a result of cross-breeding between the Saint Bernard (see p.72) and the Newfoundland (see p.74). After the two World Wars Leonbergers had almost disappeared, but the breed has recovered well and gained wide popularity for its splendid looks and friendly nature.

AKC



Black mask

Broad  
chest

Feathered tail,  
lighter on  
underside



Feathered,  
high-set ears

Black tips  
to some  
hair

Mane on  
neck and  
chest

Thick, fairly long,  
lion-gold coat

Slightly tucked-  
up belly

Feathered forelegs

# SAINT BERNARD

ALMOST UNRIValed FOR SIZE, THIS KINDLY GIANT HAS A DELIGHTFUL TEMPERAMENT

AKC

**Height range**  
28-30in (70-75cm)



**Weight range**  
130-180lb (59-81kg)



**Life span** 8-10 years

**Origin** Switzerland



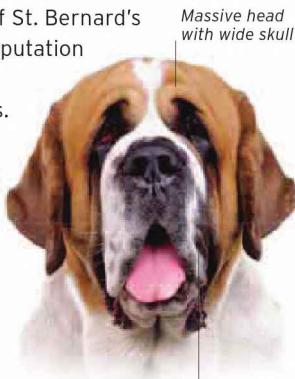
**Other colors**



Brindle

**Originally crossbred from mastiff-type dogs** by the monks of St. Bernard's Hospice in the Swiss Alps, this breed's sometimes exaggerated reputation as a mountain rescue dog extends worldwide. Affectionate and utterly trustworthy, the Saint Bernard has many virtues.

It is calm-natured, taking life at a moderate pace. The Saint Bernard is comparatively rare as a house dog due to its colossal size, and the amount of space needed to accommodate its sheer bulk can hardly be over-estimated; food bills are another major consideration. There are two coat types: smooth and rough.



Typical  
black shading

White markings  
on face



Slightly  
pendulous flews

Characteristic  
white markings  
on legs

Broad,  
straight back

White collar

Flat, deep  
cheeks

Long, thick neck  
with pronounced  
dewlap

Smooth,  
orange and  
white coat



# TATRA SHEPHERD DOG

ALTHOUGH CALM WITH THE FAMILY, THIS DOG DOES NOT TAKE KINDLY TO STRANGERS

FCI

**Height range**  
24-28in (60-70cm)



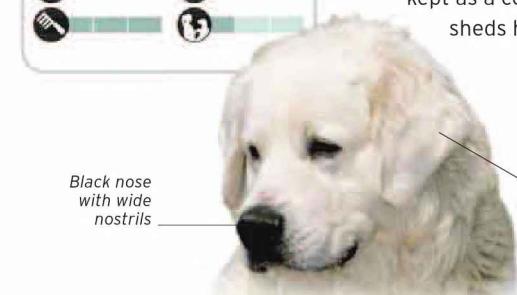
**Weight range**  
79-130lb (36-59kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Poland



**Still used for protecting and herding flocks** in the high Tatra mountains of Poland, this huge and handsome dog takes its duties just as seriously when guarding home and household. Usually gentle and well-mannered with those it knows, the Tatra Shepherd Dog is a force to be reckoned with if it perceives a threat. Firm and fair handling by an experienced owner, and a watchful eye for potential aggression, are essential if this breed is to be kept as a companion. The dog's extremely thick coat sheds heavily and requires frequent grooming.



Black nose  
with wide nostrils

Triangular drop ears  
with rounded tips

Massively built body



Long tail  
reaches hocks

Dense, slightly  
wavy, white coat

Lips and  
eyes have  
dark edges

Deep mane  
around neck

Hair shorter on  
lower legs and paws

# NEWFOUNDLAND

A COLOSSAL BUT GENTLE AND FRIENDLY DOG WITH A LOVE OF SWIMMING

AKC

**Height range**  
26–28in (66–71cm)



**Weight range**  
110–152lb (50–69kg)

**Life span** 9–11 years

**Origin** Canada



**Other colors**



Dark brown

**Although the Newfoundland** is associated with the Canadian province of the same name, the dog's true origins are uncertain. Historically used by fishermen to retrieve nets, today it is sometimes used for sea rescues. The breed has a protective nature and is renowned for being gentle with children. Its large size rules this dog out as a pet for a small home.



Small, white markings on chest



Bushy tail

Massive head

Dense, coarse, slightly oily, black coat

Feathered forelegs

Large feet

# LANDSEER

A BLACK AND WHITE NEWFOUNDLAND MADE FAMOUS BY AN ARTIST

FCI

**Height range**  
26–28in (66–71cm)



**Weight range**  
110–152lb (50–69kg)

**Life span** 9–11 years

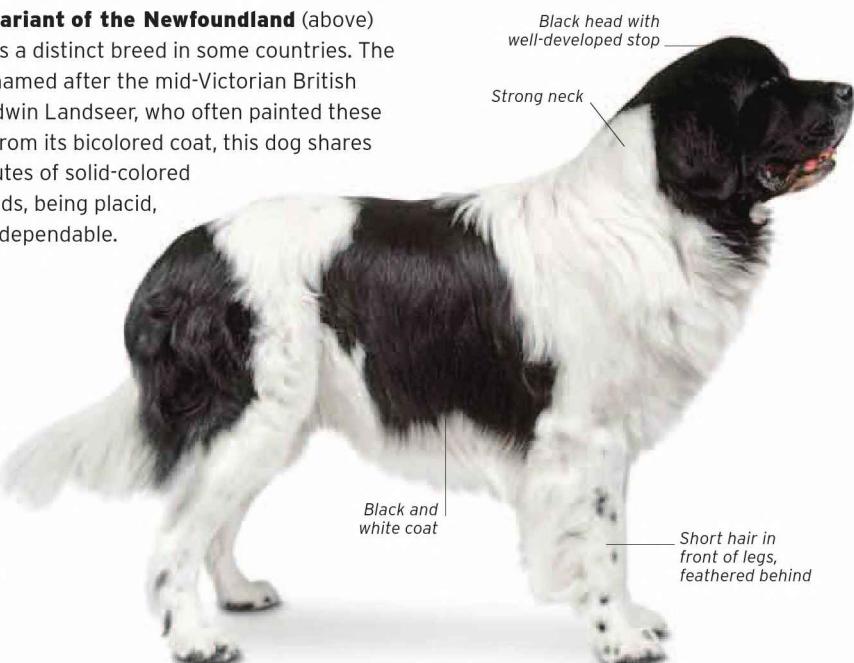
**Origin** Canada



**This color variant of the Newfoundland** (above) is regarded as a distinct breed in some countries. The Landseer is named after the mid-Victorian British painter Sir Edwin Landseer, who often painted these dogs. Apart from its bicoloored coat, this dog shares all the attributes of solid-colored Newfoundlands, being placid, friendly, and dependable.



Distinctive, black saddle



Black head with well-developed stop

Strong neck

Black and white coat

Short hair in front of legs, feathered behind

# PYRENEAN MOUNTAIN DOG

THIS GIANT-SIZED DOG IS SATISFIED WITH MODERATE EXERCISE AND LOVES FAMILY LIFE

KC

**Height range**  
26–28in (65–70cm)



**Weight range**  
88–110lb (40–50kg)

**Life span** 9–11 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Pure white

**One of the most imposing of all dogs**, this breed comes from the French Pyrenees, where its traditional role was as a guarder of flocks. Thoroughly assimilated into modern family life, the Pyrenean Mountain Dog is calm-natured and unaggressive, reliable in the home, and good with children.

Despite the dog's huge size and strength, it does not need an excessive amount of exercise and can be quite content with a gentle stroll. However, owners should be prepared to put their energies into grooming to keep the dog's thick coat looking its best.



Tan patches  
on head

Smallish,  
triangular ears



Heavy mane  
around neck  
and shoulders

Dense, wavy,  
white coat

Dark amber-colored  
eyes with black rims



Tan patch  
on rump

Double dewclaws  
on hind legs,  
hidden by hair

# PYRENEAN MASTIFF

A GENERALLY GOOD-NATURED DOG WITH A NOBLE ATTITUDE, BUT SUSPICIOUS OF STRANGERS

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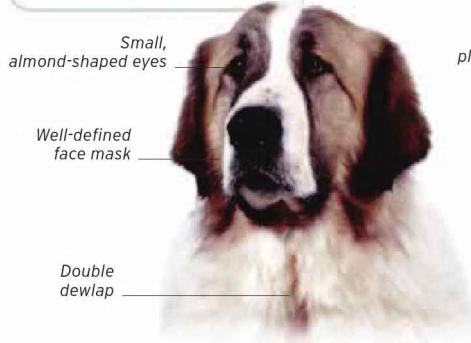
**Height range**  
28-32in (72-81cm)



**Weight range**  
120-155lb (54-70kg)

**Life span** 10 years

**Origin** Spain



**A native of Spain**, the Pyrenean Mastiff was originally kept for guarding mountain flocks. Large and courageous enough to take on a bear or a wolf, this breed is now often used as a house guard. Intelligent and calm, with the right training it can also be a good companion dog.



# TIBETAN KYI APSO

A RARE MOUNTAIN DOG, POSSESSIVE OF HOME AND FAMILY

**Height range**  
22-28in (56-71cm)



**Weight range**  
68-84lb (31-38kg)

**Life span** 7-10 years

**Origin** Tibet



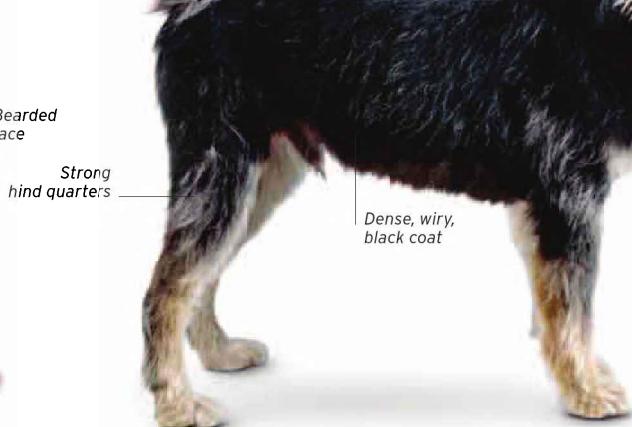
**Other colors**



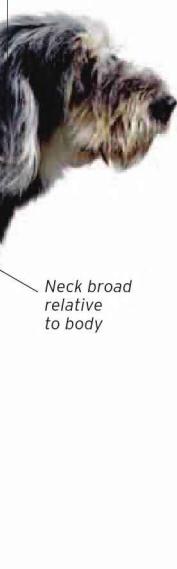
Any color



**Only a handful of Kyi Apsos** have appeared outside Tibet and the breed is elusive even in its own country. Traditionally, this dog is a guard of flocks and homes. The Tibetan Kyi Apsos has a characteristic springy gait, and is agile and capable of rapid bursts of speed.



**Low-set, pendant ears**



# TIBETAN MASTIFF

ONE OF THE SMALLER MASTIFFS, THIS DOG MAY TAKE TIME TO TRAIN AND SOCALIZE

AKC

**Height range**  
24–26in (61–66cm)



**Weight range**  
185–309lb (84–140kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Tibet



**Other colors**



Black and gray dogs may have tan markings.

**With a history of guarding** the livestock of nomadic shepherds in the Himalayas, the Tibetan Mastiff has strong protective instincts. In its native country, it can still be a dog to approach with caution. However, in the West, over a hundred years of selective breeding has greatly reduced the Tibetan Mastiff's tendency to be aggressive. It has become an acceptable house dog and a good companion, although not overtly affectionate. The Tibetan Mastiff takes time to reach full maturity, and needs a patient owner to give it a thorough and steady training.



# SLOVAKIAN CHUVACH

THIS TOUGH AND FEARLESS DOG MAKES AN EXCELLENT HOUSE DOG GIVEN THE RIGHT TRAINING

FCI

**Height range**  
23–28in (59–70cm)



**Weight range**  
68–97lb (31–44kg)

**Life span** 11–13 years

**Origin** Slovakia



**Originally a shepherd's guard dog** from the Slovakian Alps, the Slovakian Chuvach has been developed successfully into a good house dog. This large, powerful breed retains the exceptional alertness and watchfulness that made it a superb defender of farms and livestock. Tactful training is needed to achieve the best results with this breed.



Profusely feathered,  
low-set tail

High-set,  
drop ears



Slightly wavy,  
white coat

Short hair  
on face

# KUVASZ

CAN BE AFFECTIONATE, BUT THIS DOG MAY TURN AGGRESSIVE WHEN DEFENDING

AKC

**Height range**  
26–30in (66–75cm)



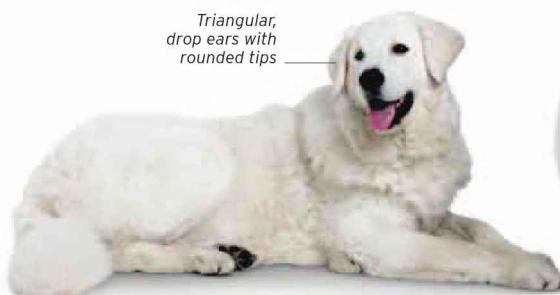
**Weight range**  
70–115lb (32–52kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** Hungary



**Probably the oldest and best known of Hungary's breeds**, the Kuvasz was once used as a shepherd's guard dog. The breed's naturally protective instincts may lead to aggressiveness, and this dog has the potential to become a liability in inexperienced hands. It takes firm training to make the Kuvasz an acceptable house dog.



Coarse, wavy,  
white coat



Broad head with  
minimal stop

Muscular  
neck

Long, extremely  
muscular thighs

Triangular,  
drop ears with  
rounded tips

# HOVAWART

THIS VERY HARDY, FAITHFUL COMPANION MAY TRY TO DOMINATE OTHER DOGS

KC

**Height range**  
23–28in (58–70cm)



**Weight range**  
62–99lb (28–45kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** Germany



**Little known as a companion dog** but growing in popularity, the Hovawart has a very long history—its forerunners are thought to have been used as farm dogs in the 13th century. The modern breed was developed in Germany in the first half of the 20th century. The Hovawart is very hardy, ready to go outdoors whatever the weather, and is a friendly and faithful house dog within a family. Although it has a strong-willed personality, the Hovawart is not difficult to train but may need careful handling in the presence of other dogs.



Black and gold coat



Medium-length, blonde coat

Bushy tail,  
may show a  
few white hairs

Triangular,  
drop ears

Skull and muzzle  
equal in length



Dense,  
black coat

Feathering on  
forelegs may  
be very long

Oval feet with  
arched toes

# BEAUCERON

THIS ACTIVE DOG LOVES WORK BUT NEEDS CAREFUL SOCIALIZATION

AKC

**Height range**  
25-28in (63-70cm)

**Weight range**  
65-85lb (29-39kg)

**Life span** 10-15 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Gray, black,  
and tan

May have a few  
white chest hairs.



A **herding and guard dog** from the flatlands of the Beauce region in Central France, the Beauceron is an excellent worker and, in the right situation, a gentle family companion. This big, strong dog can be intolerant of other dogs; early training is needed to minimize potential problems.



# MAJORCA SHEPHERD DOG

MUCH VALUED IN ITS NATIVE COUNTRY, THIS BREED IS LITTLE KNOWN ELSEWHERE

FCI

**Height range**  
24-29in (62-73cm)

**Weight range**  
77-88lb (35-40kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** Spain



**Comparatively rare worldwide**, the Majorca Shepherd Dog is regarded with pride in Majorca, where it was once widely used as a shepherd dog, and is now popular as a show dog. Although usually willing to obey, this breed has strong herding instincts and can be defensive with strangers and other dogs.



# ROTTWEILER

A BIG AND BURLY DOG SUITED TO FIRM AND RESPONSIBLE OWNERS

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**Height range**  
23–27in (58–69cm)



**Weight range**  
84–130lb (38–59kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

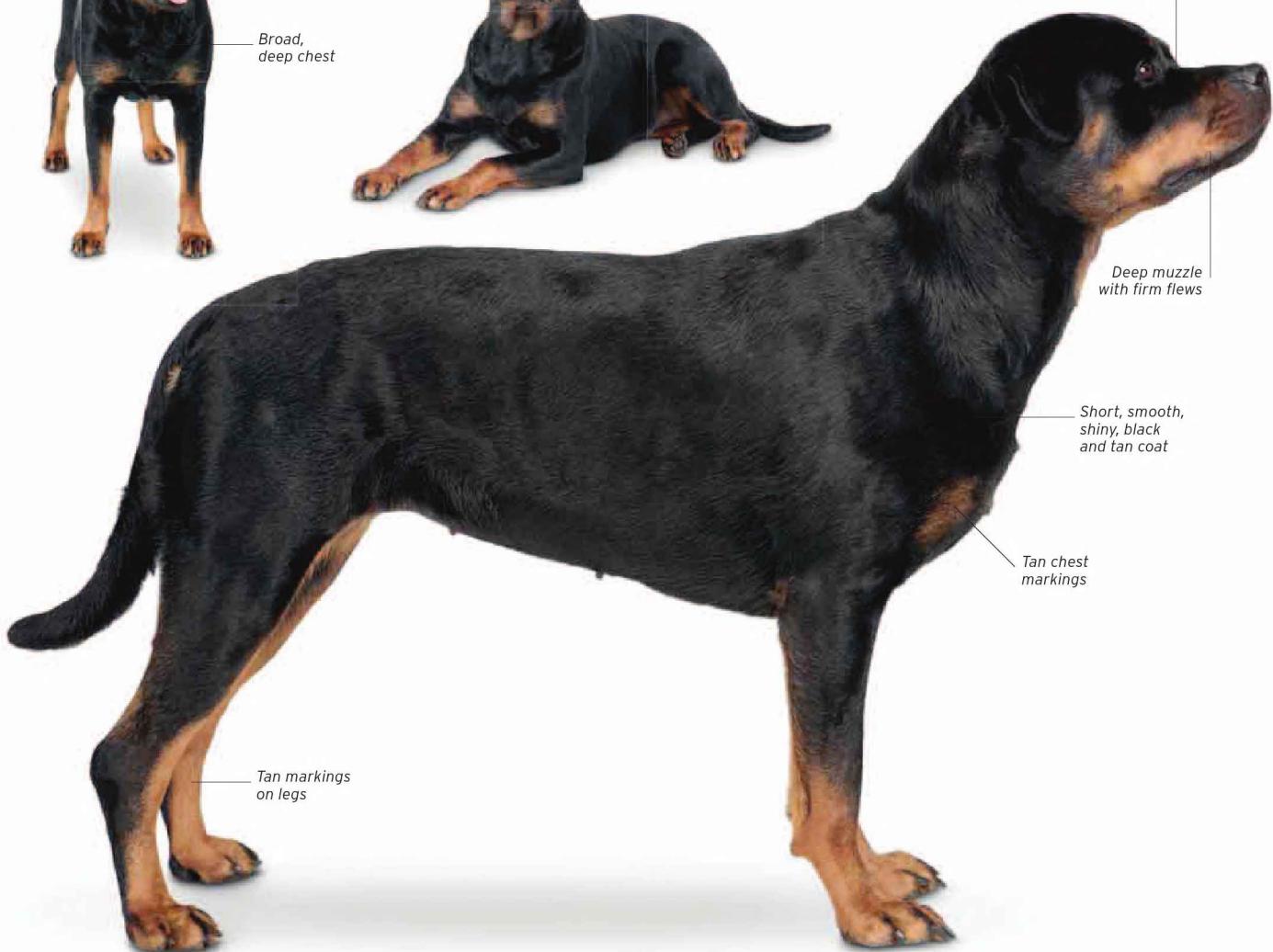
**Origin** Germany



Broad, deep chest



Small, drop ears



**Once used in southern Germany as a cattle dog,** the Rottweiler has acquired an unfortunate image as a vicious guard dog and an intimidating status symbol. However, despite the breed's great strength, impressive swagger, and easily aroused protective responses, the Rottweiler is not naturally ill-tempered. With thoughtful training from a firm and experienced owner, who is alert to potential triggers of aggression, this dog makes a calm and obedient companion. Rottweilers are more agile than their size and sturdy build might suggest, and appreciate plenty of vigorous exercise.

# CHINESE SHAR PEI

A GENERALLY FRIENDLY TEMPERAMENT IS HIDDEN BEHIND THIS DOG'S SCOWLING FACE

AKC

**Height range**  
18-20in (46-51cm)



**Weight range**  
40-55lb (18-25kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** China



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

The early uses of this native Chinese breed included herding and guarding livestock, hunting, and fighting. However, the Chinese Shar Pei's amiable nature and relatively compact size make it suitable as a pet for a town or country home. The dog's distinctive appearance has huge popular appeal and, at least for a while, owning one was a fashion statement. Some breeders sought to increase the Chinese Shar Pei's wrinkly

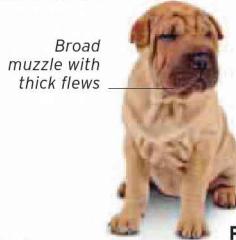
looks by producing dogs with excessively loose and folded facial skin. However, this resulted in eye problems, and the practice is now largely discredited.



Square, sturdily built body



Loose skin on back and legs wrinkles when dog is seated



Puppy

Back dips slightly behind withers



Wrinkles on forehead give frowning expression

Wrinkled skin over shoulders and neck

Short, velvety, fawn coat

# TAIWAN DOG

THIS BREED NEEDS WIDE OPEN SPACES AND IS INCLINED TO CHASE SMALL ANIMALS

**Height range**  
17-20in (43-52cm)



**Weight range**  
26-40lb (12-18kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Taiwan

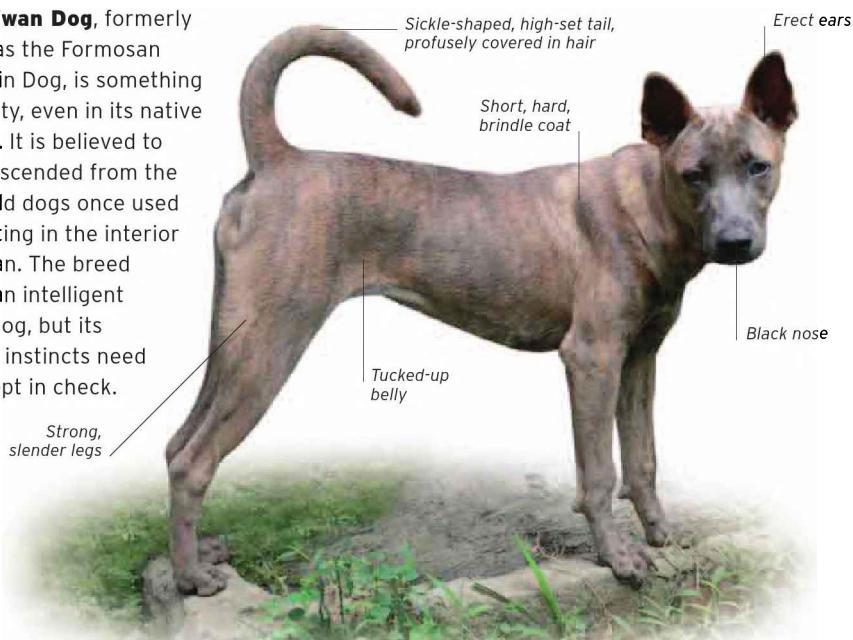


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**The Taiwan Dog**, formerly known as the Formosan Mountain Dog, is something of a rarity, even in its native country. It is believed to have descended from the semi-wild dogs once used for hunting in the interior of Taiwan. The breed makes an intelligent family dog, but its hunting instincts need to be kept in check.



# MALLORCA MASTIFF

THIS SUPERB WATCHDOG COMBINES COURAGE WITH A CALM TEMPERAMENT

FCI

**Height range**  
20-23in (52-58cm)



**Weight range**  
66-84lb (30-38kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Spain



**Other colors**

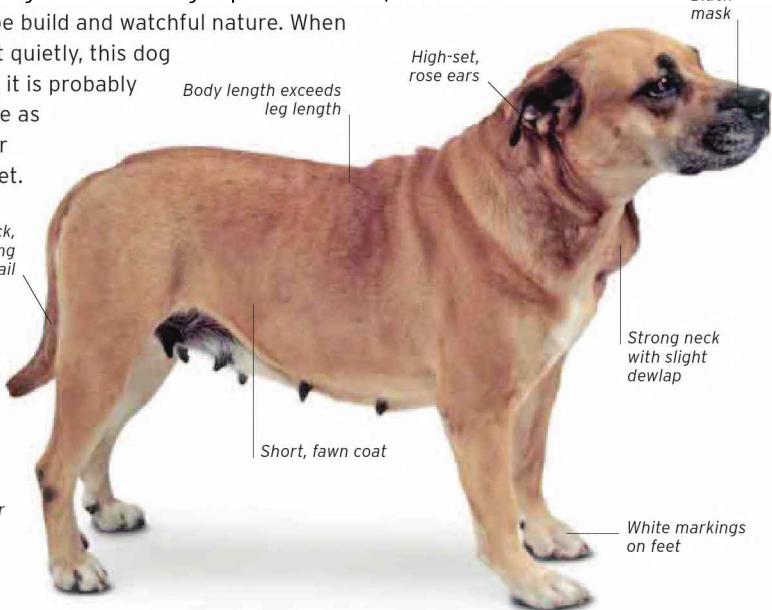


Black

**The Mallorca Mastiff**, also known as the Ca de Bou, has a background that includes fighting and bull-baiting. A powerful breed, it has the typical mastiff-type build and watchful nature. When handled firmly but quietly, this dog socializes well but it is probably better suited to life as a guard dog rather than as a family pet.



Lower jaw  
slightly longer  
than upper  
(undershot)



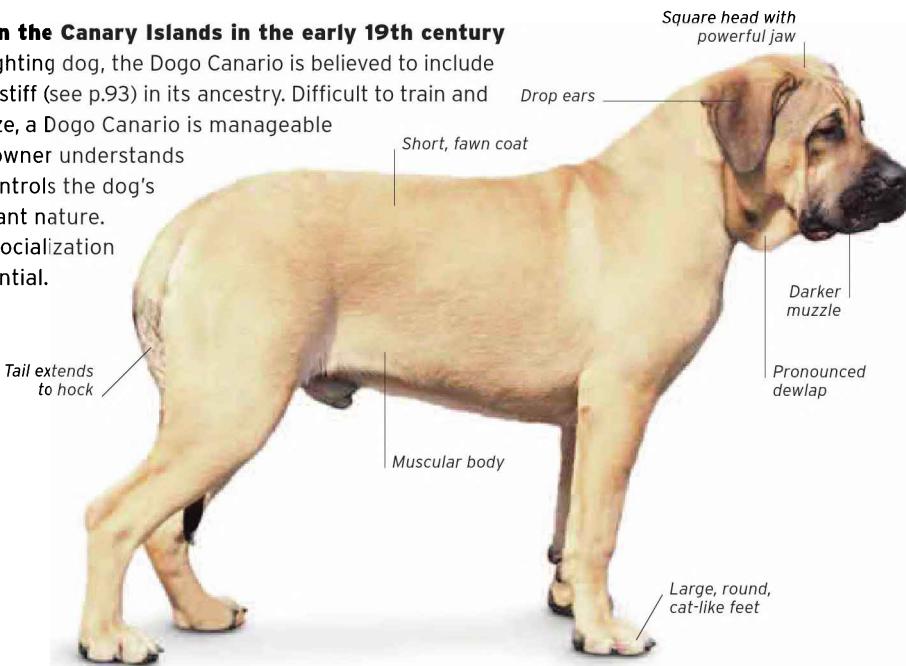
# DOGO CANARIO

LARGE, POWERFUL, AND VERY STRONG-WILLED, THIS DOG IS NOT FOR NOVICE OWNERS

<b>Height range</b>	22–26in (56–66cm)
<b>Weight range</b>	88–143lb (40–65kg)
<b>Life span</b>	9–11 years
<b>Origin</b>	Spain
<b>Other colors</b>	
Brindle	
May have white markings.	

## Bred in the Canary Islands in the early 19th century

as a fighting dog, the Dogo Canario is believed to include the Mastiff (see p.93) in its ancestry. Difficult to train and socialize, a Dogo Canario is manageable if the owner understands and controls the dog's dominant nature. Early socialization is essential.



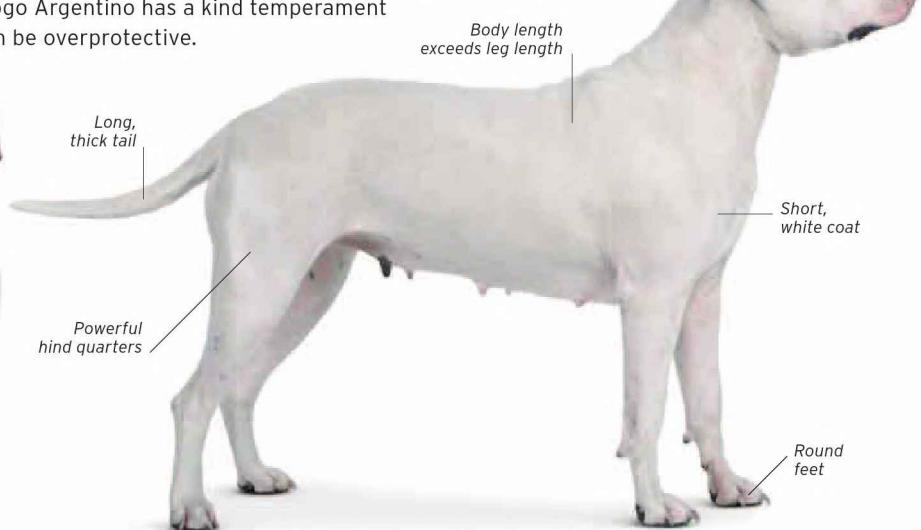
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# DOGO ARGENTINO

BRED FOR HUNTING, THIS IS A GOOD-NATURED DOG IF SOCIALIZED WELL

<b>Height range</b>	24–27in (60–68cm)
<b>Weight range</b>	79–99lb (36–45kg)
<b>Life span</b>	10–12 years
<b>Origin</b>	Argentina

**Originating in the 1920s in Cordoba, Argentina,** the Dogo Argentino was the creation of a local doctor who wanted a dog for hunting large game. Breeding from old fighting dogs such as mastiffs and the Bulldog (see p.94) produced this new dog. The Dogo Argentino has a kind temperament but can be overprotective.



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# FILA BRASILEIRO

THIS COURAGEOUS AND SELF-CONFIDENT DOG CAN BE WARY OF STRANGERS

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**Height range**  
24-30in (60-75cm)



**Weight range**  
Over 88lb (over 40kg)

**Life span** 9-11 years

**Origin** Brazil

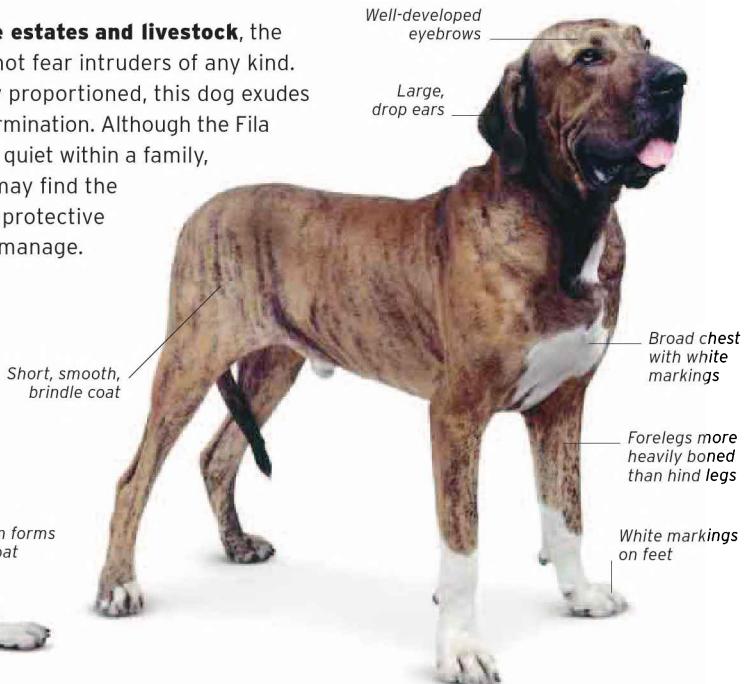
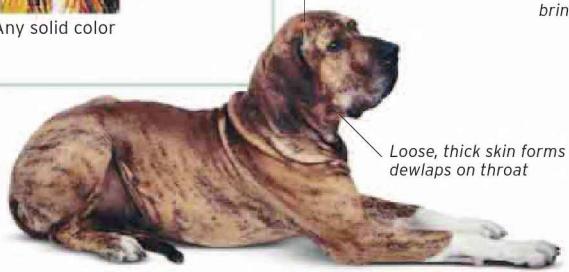


**Other colors**



Any solid color

**Bred to guard large estates and livestock,** the Fila Brasileiro does not fear intruders of any kind. Huge but beautifully proportioned, this dog exudes confidence and determination. Although the Fila Brasileiro is kind and quiet within a family, the average owner may find the breed's hunting and protective instincts difficult to manage.



# URUGUAYAN CIMARRON

THIS INTELLIGENT AND AGILE DOG NEEDS EARLY SOCIALIZING BUT MAKES A GOOD GUARD DOG

**Height range**  
22-24in (55-61cm)



**Weight range**  
73-99lb (33-45kg)

**Life span** 10-13 years

**Origin** Uruguay

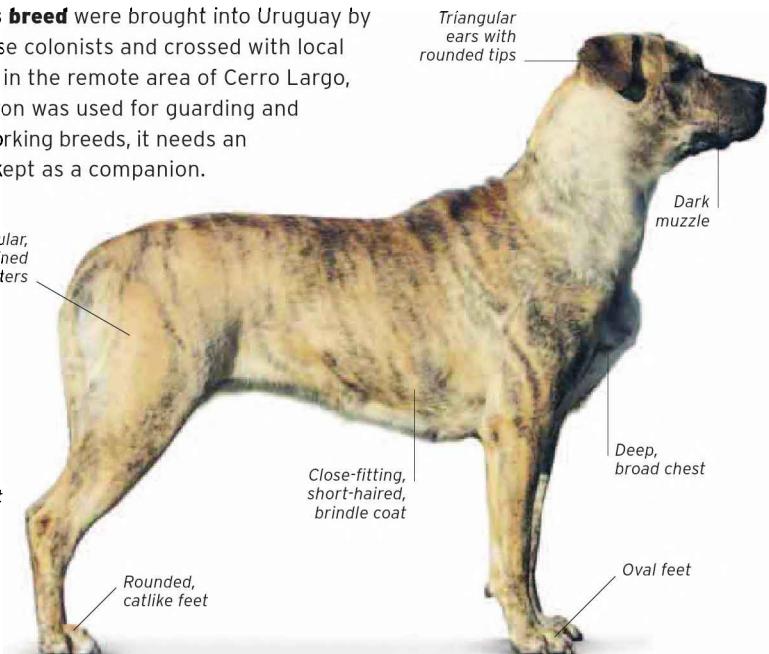
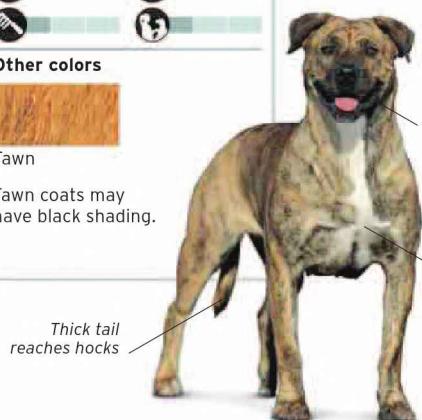


**Other colors**



Fawn coats may have black shading.

**The ancestors of this breed** were brought into Uruguay by Spanish and Portuguese colonists and crossed with local dogs. Bred by farmers in the remote area of Cerro Largo, the Uruguayan Cimarron was used for guarding and herding. Like many working breeds, it needs an experienced owner if kept as a companion.



# ALAPAH BLUE BLOOD BULLDOG

IF GIVEN REGULAR EXERCISE, THIS IS A GOOD DOG IN THE HOME BUT NEEDS CAREFUL TRAINING

**Height range**  
18-24in (46-61cm)



**Weight range**  
55-90lb (25-41kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



White

Dogs may have patches  
of any color.

## Bulldog-type dogs were once commonly used as guards

in the plantations of southern Georgia. By the early 19th century such dogs were almost extinct, but dedicated breeding over the next 200 years regenerated the type and produced the Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog. This dog is still rare and not widely known outside the United States. Muscular and intrepid, an Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog has strong protective instincts, but it is easy to train to be a well-behaved and affectionate companion. Energetic outdoors, this dog is happiest when given plenty of exercise.



Short muzzle  
with well-defined stop



Broad, flat head



Wide-set, triangular,  
drop ears

Blue eyes

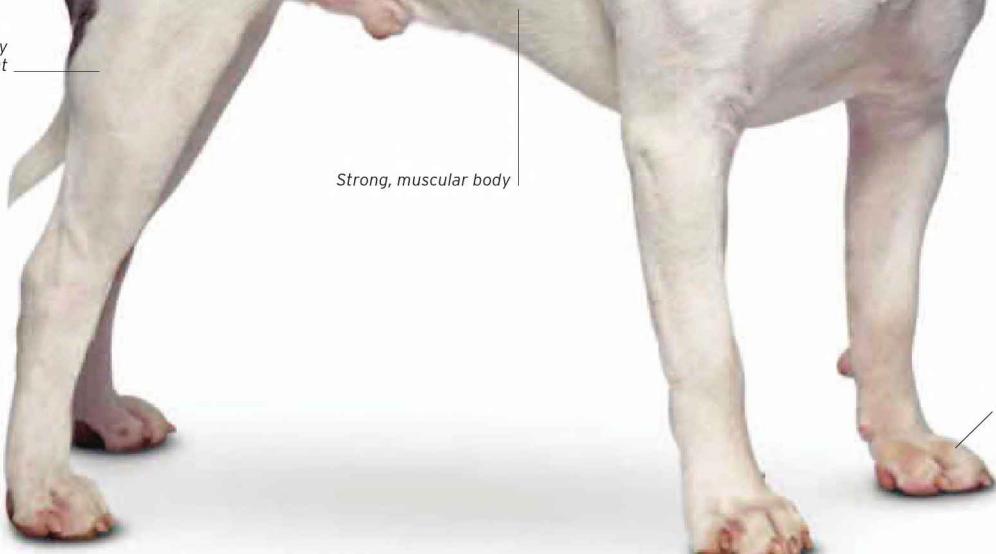
Loose flews

Broad chest

Predominantly white coat



Strong, muscular body



Catlike feet

# BOERBOEL

THIS DOG LOVES FAMILY BUT NOT STRANGERS AND REQUIRES RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

**Height range**  
22–26in (55–66cm)



**Weight range**  
165–198lb (75–90kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** South Africa



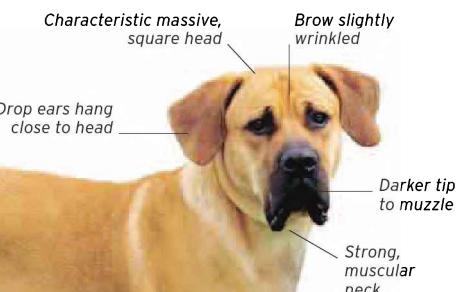
**Other colors**



Variety of colors

May have darker face mask.

**The Boerboel was developed** from the large, mastiff-type dogs brought by settlers to the Cape area of South Africa from the 17th century onward. Affectionate with family and friends, the Boerboel is a formidable guard dog of huge size and strength. An experienced owner and early socialization are very important.



# SPANISH MASTIFF

A HEAVYWEIGHT DEFENDER OF HOME AND FAMILY, THIS TERRITORIAL MASTIFF NEEDS EXPERT HANDLING

FCI

**Height range**  
28–31in (72–80cm)



**Weight range**  
115–221lb (52–100kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

**Origin** Spain

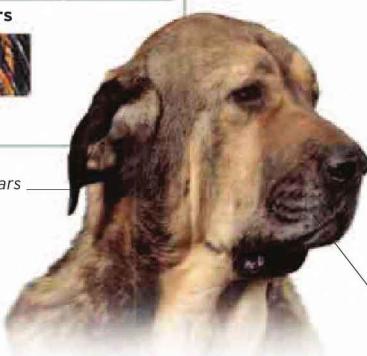


**Other colors**



Any color

Drop ears



**Once used for guarding livestock and homes** in Spain, the Spanish Mastiff still carries out its traditional duties. The breed is also popular in its native country as a companion dog. Kind and loyal within the family, this breed can be aggressive with strangers and other dogs.

Almond-shaped eyes, small in proportion to head

Loose-fitting skin

Double dewlap

Fawn coat with some sable

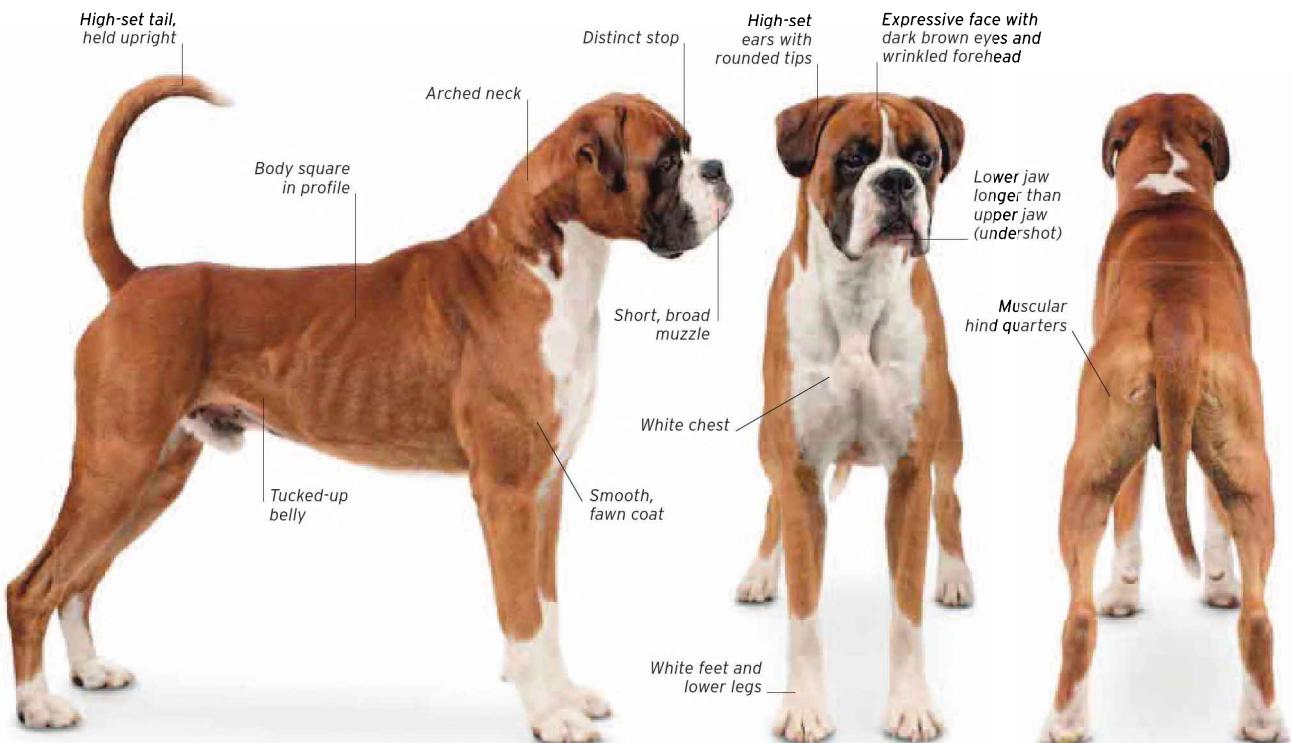
Massively built but agile body

Large, catlike feet

Long, bushy tail

Upper lip overhangs lower lip





# BOXER

THIS CLEVER, LOYAL, EXUBERANT, AND FUN-LOVING DOG IS IDEAL FOR AN ENERGETIC OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
21–25in (53–63cm)



**Weight range**  
55–71lb (25–32kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Black brindle

White markings should not exceed a third of the coat color.

**Once a Boxer-owner,** always a Boxer-owner—this German breed is so big on personality that few who live with it ever look at another type of dog. The Boxer in its modern form was developed in the 19th century and its ancestry is thought to include mastiff-type dogs such as the Great Dane (see p.95) and the Bulldog (see p.94). Powerful and athletic, it was bred primarily for fighting and bull-baiting, but was also used for farm work, haulage, and for hunting and holding down large game such as wild boar. Because of its endurance and courage, the breed is used today as a police and military search-and-rescue dog and for guard work.

The Boxer's history, its proud, upstanding attitude, and forward-thrusting jaw give the impression of an intimidating dog, and it can certainly be protective of home and family, but it makes a wonderful companion. It is

loyal, affectionate, endearingly attention-seeking, and a boisterous but tolerant friend for children. This energetic breed suits fit, active owners as it retains its high spirits and playfulness into late maturity. Almost any sort of fun keeps a Boxer happy but, ideally, it requires a good two-hour walk every day with plenty of scope for romping around in the open. At home, given its stamina and curiosity, a Boxer enjoys a large yard where it has space to roam and interesting corners to explore.

This highly intelligent dog can be a handful to train but is obedient provided it receives calm and consistent commands and clear leadership. With early socializing, a Boxer is likely to get on well with any other pets in the family, although out on walks its hunting instincts may be aroused if there are birds or small animals to chase.



# ST. MIGUEL CATTLE DOG

DEFENSIVE WITH STRANGERS, THIS GUARD DOG NEEDS AN OUTDOOR WORKING LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
19-24in (48-60cm)



**Weight range**  
44-77lb (20-35kg)

**Life span** About 15 years

**Origin** Portugal



**Other colors**



Gray brindle

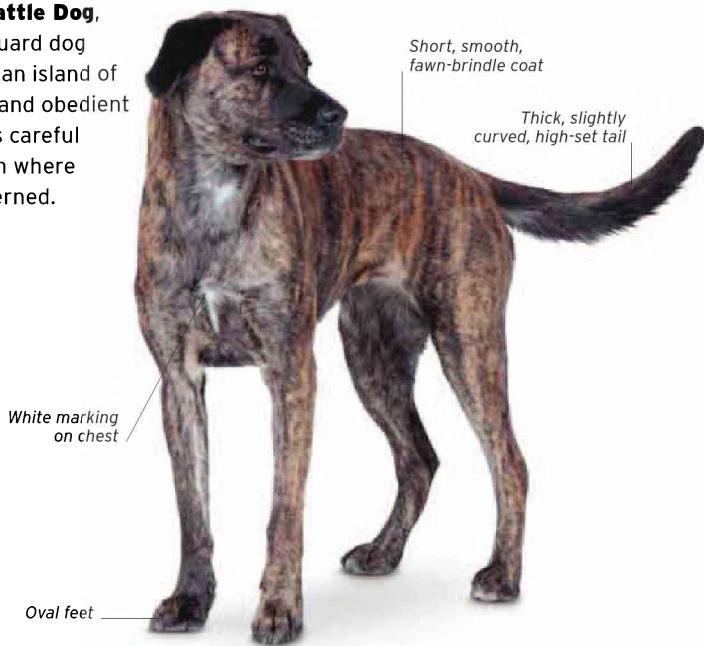
**Also known as the Azores Cattle Dog,**

this robust cattle-herder and guard dog originally came from the Azorean island of São Miguel. The breed is quiet and obedient with a trusted owner but needs careful handling and early socialization where children or strangers are concerned.



Triangular, drop ears

Wide mouth with powerful jaws



Short, smooth, fawn-brindle coat

Thick, slightly curved, high-set tail

White marking on chest

Oval feet

# CANE CORSO

THIS POWERFUL BUT GRACEFUL DOG NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED HANDLER

AKC

**Height range**  
24-27in (60-68cm)



**Weight range**  
88-110lb (40-50kg)

**Life span** 10-11 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



Gray



Stag-red

Brindle

May have white markings.

**Descended from Roman fighting dogs,** the Cane Corso is now used mainly for guarding and tracking. More graceful in build than many types of mastiff, this is nonetheless an extremely strong and robust breed.

It can make a good house dog, but experienced and responsible ownership is essential.

Typical mastiff-shaped head

Short, glossy, black coat

Loose hanging flews

Powerful body

Fawn coat

Puppy

Dark muzzle



# NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF

THIS CANINE HEAVYWEIGHT MAKES A LOYAL COMPANION FOR A RESPONSIBLE OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
24-30in (60-75cm)



**Weight range**  
110-154lb (50-70kg)

**Life span** Up to 10 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Deep muzzle with pendulous flews



**Said to have descended from the Molossus** fighting dogs used in the Roman amphitheater, the Neapolitan Mastiff has an intimidating appearance: huge, heavy-headed, and with a stern expression. The breed has mainly been used as a guard dog and by the police and armed forces. It needs a confident and capable owner.



# DOGUE DE BORDEAUX

THIS NON-AGGRESSIVE GUARD DOG IS MORE AGILE THAN ITS SIZE SUGGESTS

AKC

**Height range**  
23-27in (58-68cm)



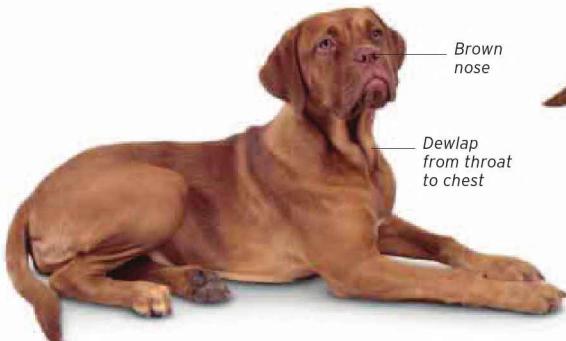
**Weight range**  
99-110lb (45-50kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

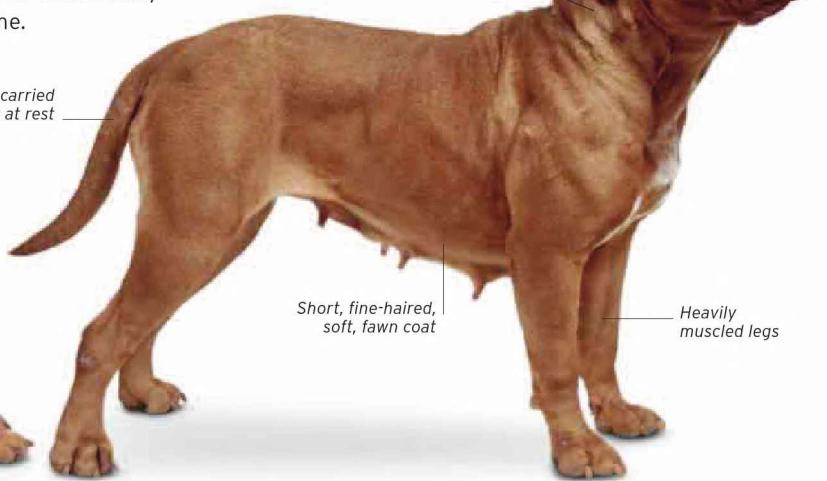
**Origin** France



**This old French breed** was once used for hunting and fighting. The Dogue de Bordeaux's instincts make it a natural guard dog but, lacking aggression, it is easier to train and socialize than some mastiff types. Experienced handling is still necessary, however, if this powerful and athletic dog is to fit comfortably into a family home.



Thick tail carried low at rest



# BROHOLMER

THIS LARGE MOLOSSUS DOG IS BOTH STRONG AND CALM

FCI

**Height range**  
28-30in (70-75cm)



**Weight range**  
88-154lb (40-70kg)

**Life span** 6-11 years

**Origin** Denmark



**Other colors**

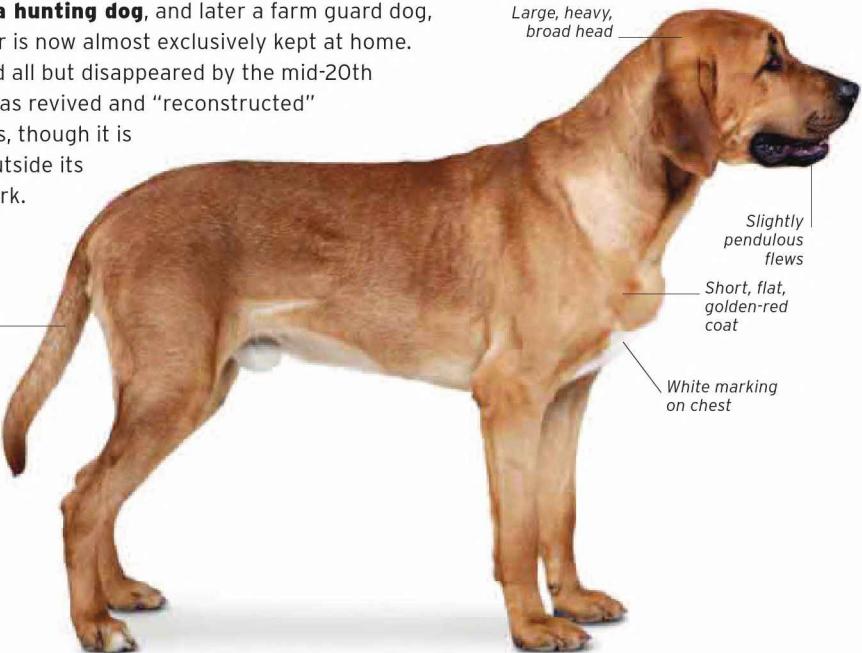


Black

**Historically a hunting dog**, and later a farm guard dog, the Broholmer is now almost exclusively kept at home. The breed had all but disappeared by the mid-20th century but was revived and "reconstructed" by enthusiasts, though it is rarely seen outside its native Denmark.



Low-set,  
broad tail



# BULLMASTIFF

HIGH SPIRITS AND A CHEERFUL TEMPERAMENT UNDERLIE THIS IMPOSING DOG

AKC

**Height range**  
24-27in (61-69cm)



**Weight range**  
90-130lb (41-59kg)

**Life span** Under 10 years

**Origin** UK



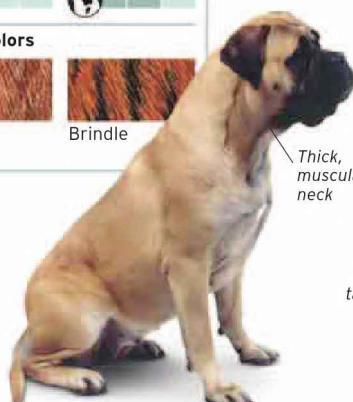
**Other colors**



Red

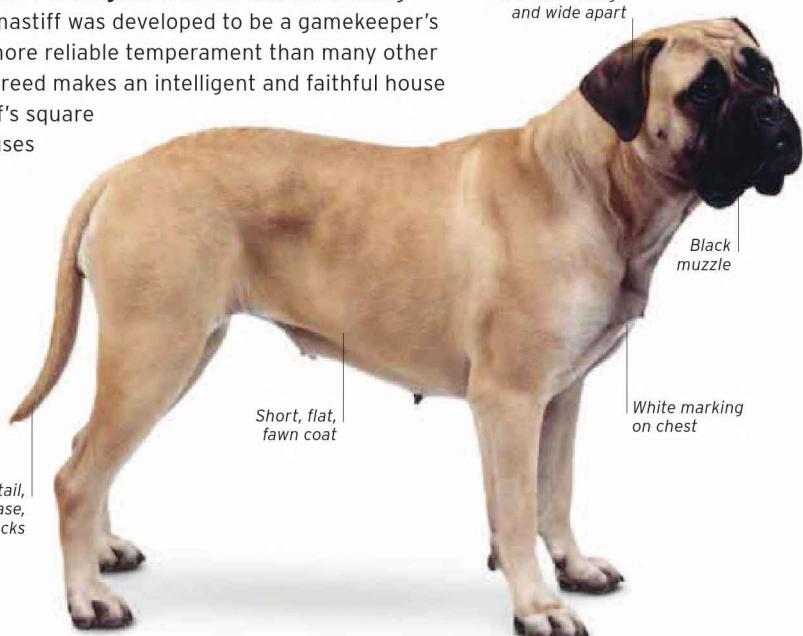
Brindle

**A cross between the Old English Mastiff and the Bulldog** (see p.94), the Bullmastiff was developed to be a gamekeeper's guard dog. With a more reliable temperament than many other mastiff types, this breed makes an intelligent and faithful house dog. The Bullmastiff's square and solid frame houses a lively spirit and boundless energy.



Thick,  
muscular  
neck

High-set tail,  
broad at base,  
tapers to hocks



Dark ears set high  
and wide apart

Black  
muzzle

White marking  
on chest

# MASTIFF

THIS CALM, AFFECTIONATE DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF HUMAN COMPANY

AKC

**Height range**  
28–30in (70–77cm)



**Weight range**  
175–190lb (79–86kg)

**Life span** Under 10 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Apricot      Black brindle  
May have areas of white on body, chest, and feet.

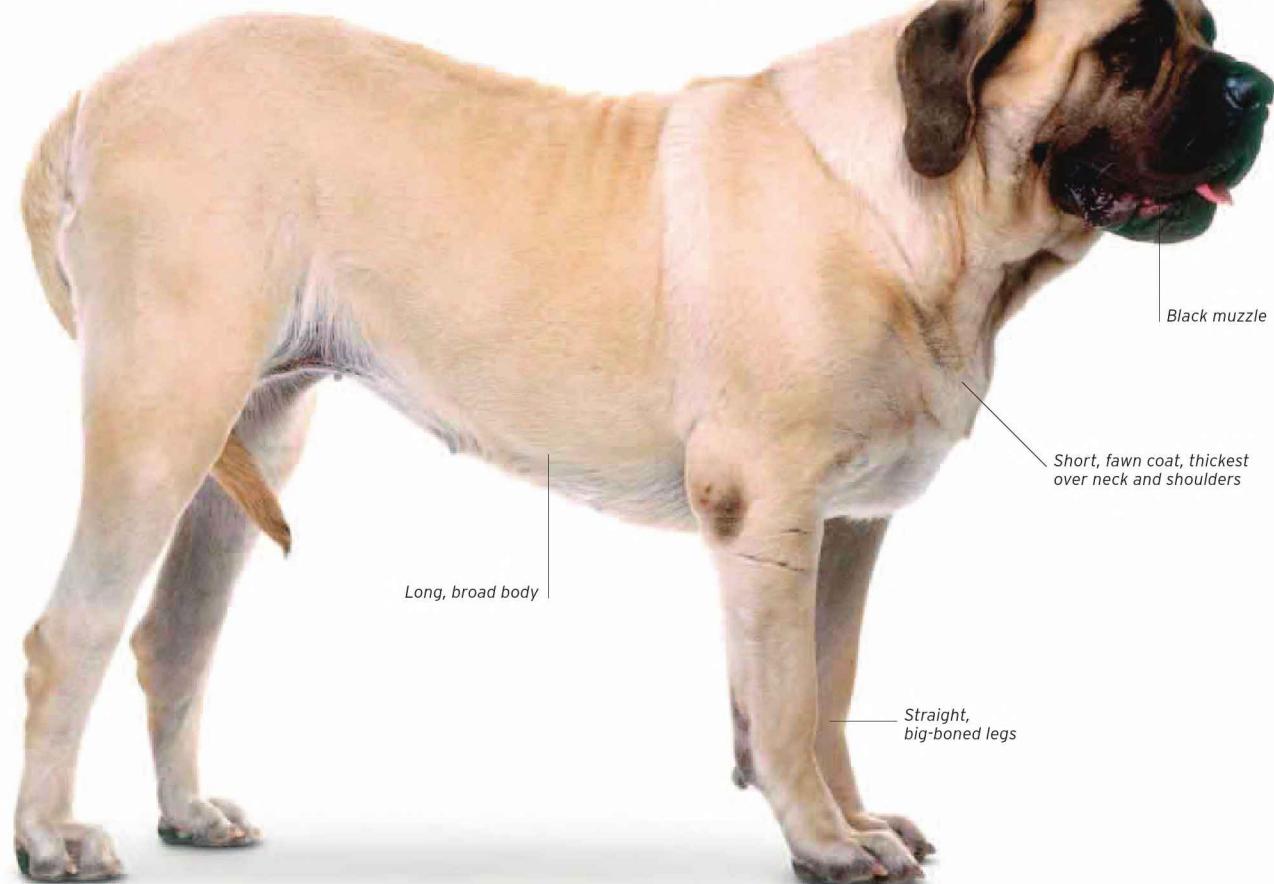
**With a history of guarding**, fighting, and even bear-baiting, the Mastiff is surprisingly even-tempered and easy to get on with. Sheer size is probably the most serious drawback to housing, feeding, and exercising this enormous breed. A Mastiff likes company, preferably human, and is ready to offer loyalty and affection. It is intelligent and trainable but needs an owner with both the experience and physical strength to exert firm control and ensure that its guarding instinct does not get out of hand.



Wide-set,  
small eyes

Forehead wrinkles  
when alert

Pendulous flews



Long, broad body

Black muzzle

Short, fawn coat, thickest  
over neck and shoulders

Straight,  
big-boned legs

# BULLDOG

FULL OF CHARACTER, THIS DOG IS A SYMBOL OF COURAGE, DETERMINATION, AND TENACITY

AKC

**Height range**  
15–16in (38–40cm)



**Weight range**  
51–55lb (23–25kg)

**Life span** Under 10 years

**Origin** UK

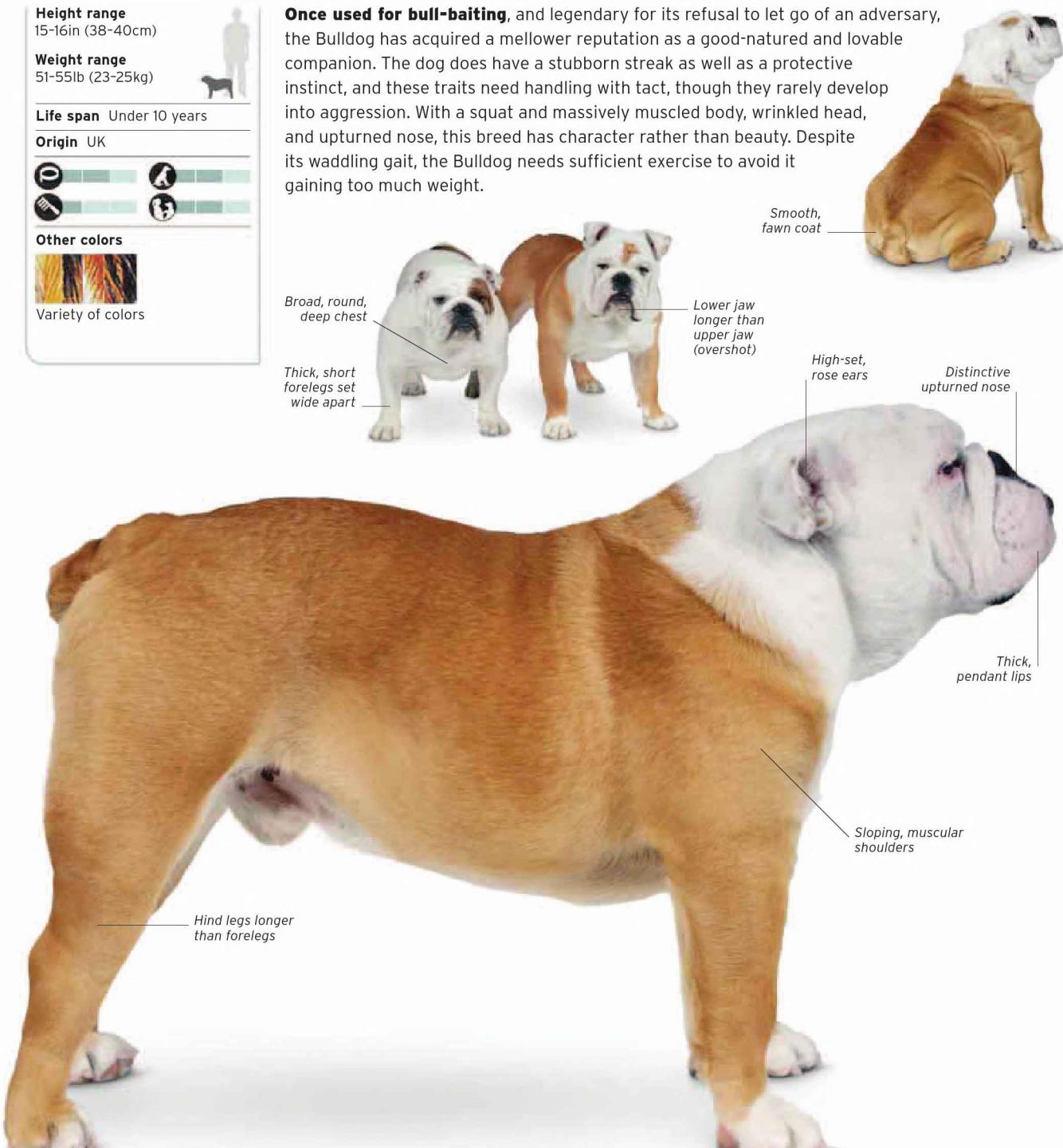


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Once used for bull-baiting**, and legendary for its refusal to let go of an adversary, the Bulldog has acquired a milder reputation as a good-natured and lovable companion. The dog does have a stubborn streak as well as a protective instinct, and these traits need handling with tact, though they rarely develop into aggression. With a squat and massively muscled body, wrinkled head, and upturned nose, this breed has character rather than beauty. Despite its waddling gait, the Bulldog needs sufficient exercise to avoid it gaining too much weight.



# GREAT DANE

GENTLE AND EASY TO MAINTAIN, THIS DOG TAKES UP A LOT OF ROOM

AKC

**Height range**  
28-30in (71-76cm)



**Weight range**  
101-119lb (46-54kg)

**Life span** Under 10 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Blue      Black

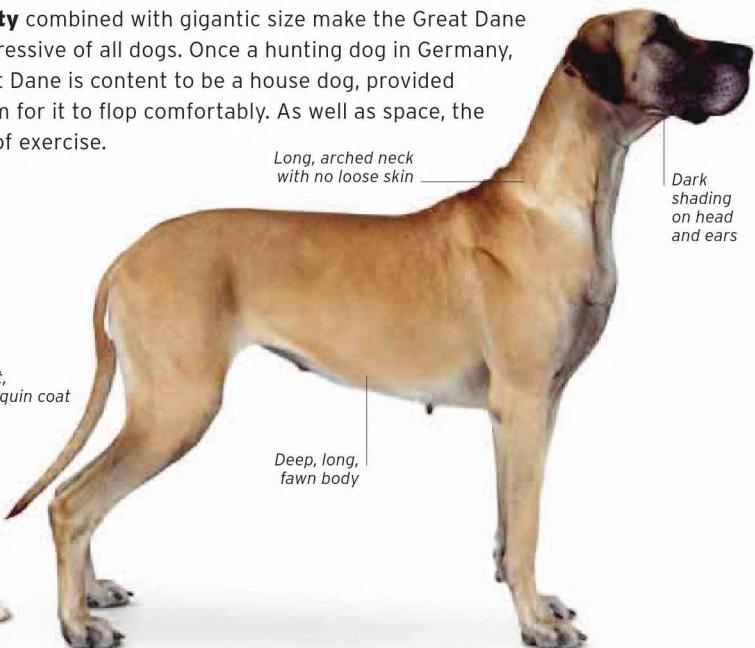


Brindle

**Elegance and dignity** combined with gigantic size make the Great Dane one of the most impressive of all dogs. Once a hunting dog in Germany, the easy-going Great Dane is content to be a house dog, provided there is enough room for it to flop comfortably. As well as space, the breed needs plenty of exercise.



Short, harlequin coat



Long, arched neck  
with no loose skin

Dark shading  
on head  
and ears

Deep, long,  
fawn body

# TOSA

FORMERLY BREED AS A FIGHTING DOG, THIS BREED NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED HANDLER

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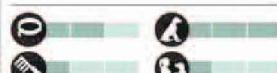
**Height range**  
22-24in (55-60cm)



**Weight range**  
82-198lb (37-90kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Japan



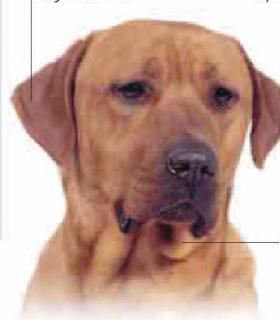
**Other colors**



Fawn      Black

Brindle

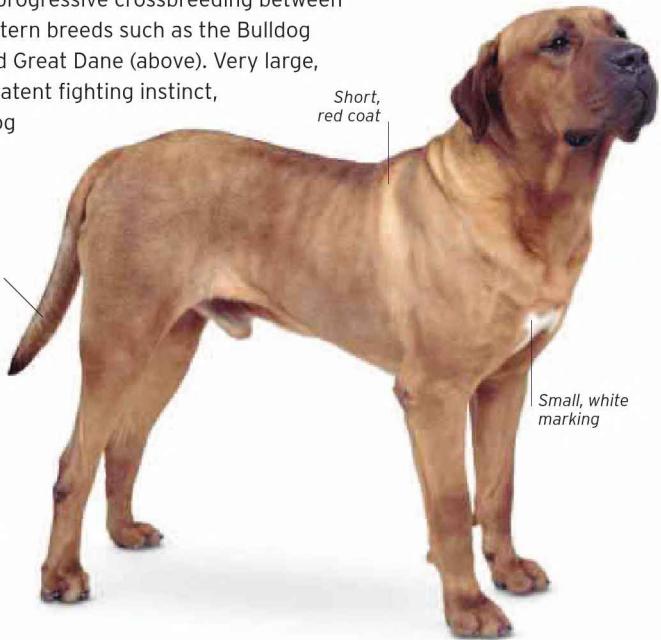
**The Tosa was developed** from progressive crossbreeding between Japanese fighting dogs and Western breeds such as the Bulldog (opposite), Mastiff (see p.93), and Great Dane (above). Very large, strongly built, and possessing a latent fighting instinct, the Tosa is considered to be a dog that should only be owned by expert handlers.



Smallish,  
high-set ears

Thick,  
tapering tail

Dewlap  
on neck



Short,  
red coat

Small, white  
marking

### PULLING TOGETHER

A team of Siberian Huskies plows effortlessly through deep snow. With an experienced handler, these hardy and tireless dogs work superbly together.





# SPITZ-TYPE DOGS

**A team of huskies** pulling a sled over icy wastelands epitomizes the type of dog known as a Spitz. In fact, this group has diverse uses, including herding, hunting, and guarding; many smaller types are kept solely as pets. Descent from wolves is apparent in most Spitz dogs: the shape of the head, the typical wolf coloring, and an alert expression.



The smiling-faced Samoyed originated in Siberia

Many of the modern Spitz breeds seen today originated centuries ago in Arctic regions, though a number, including the Chow Chow and Akita, come from East Asia. The more ancient history of the Spitz group remains uncertain. One theory currently being explored is that Spitz-type dogs all have their earliest origins in Asia, some migrating alongside tribal movements into Africa and others across the Bering Strait to North America.

Breeds such as the Greenland Dog and Siberian Husky were used most famously for sled-hauling by the polar explorers of the 19th and early 20th centuries. These tough dogs worked in appalling weather conditions, often on a diet of poor food, and not infrequently ended up being eaten themselves when their owners ran out of rations. Such Spitz-type sled dogs were also once widely used by North American hunters and fur-trappers. Today the sled-

hauling Spitz breeds are popular for endurance racing and with tourists who want to try their hand at dog-driving. Other Spitz dogs have been bred for hunting large game such as wolf and bear, and for herding reindeer. The Akita, originally from Japan, was developed as a fighter and bear-hunter and now often works as a guard dog. Among the small, nonworking Spitz dogs are the Pomeranian, selectively bred down in size from a larger type of dog, and the newly created Alaskan Klee Kai, a miniature husky.

Spitz dogs, both large and small, have the characteristics of animals bred specifically for living in extremely cold climates. Typically, they have a very thick double coat, which varies in length and density according to the origin of a breed. Other features for preventing heat loss in low temperatures are small, pointed, furry ears, and well-furred feet. An attractive

addition to many breeds is the distinctive "spitz" tail that curls upward over the back.

As house dogs, most Spitz breeds are happy with family life, but they are not the easiest of dogs to train. Without sufficient exercise and amusement they can resort to disruptive behavior such as digging holes and barking.

## SMALLEST SPITZ

*The tiny Pomeranian is the smallest of the Spitz-type breeds. Although it was bred as a pet, this dog has a strong character and is full of indomitable Spitz spirit.*



### EX-FIGHTER

*The burly Akita was once a fighting dog in its native Japan.*



# CANADIAN ESKIMO DOG

THIS FRIENDLY DOG NEEDS A FIRM HAND BUT IS HAPPY BELONGING TO A HUMAN "PACK"

KC

**Height range**  
20-28in (50-70cm)



**Weight range**  
40-88lb (18-40kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Canada



**Other colors**



Any color

**One of the oldest breeds of sled dog** in the world, the Canadian Eskimo Dog, or Inuit Dog, is built for survival in the harshest conditions. This breed has a natural instinct for running with a pack and likes company, either canine or human. Training should be firm, ideally with plenty of fun.



# GREENLAND DOG

THIS DOG HAS GREAT STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE AND LOVES OUTDOOR ACTION

KC

**Height range**  
20-27in (51-68cm)



**Weight range**  
60-106lb (27-48kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Greenland



**Other colors**



Any color

**The classic sled dog of polar expeditions**, the Greenland Dog was used by Arctic peoples for hunting and transportation long before European and American explorers discovered its worth. Powerful, strong-willed, and stubborn, though generally happy-natured, this dog needs patient training and does best in the hands of an expert.

Small, wide-set ears

Muscular, compact body



Hair forms long "breeches" on hind quarters



# SIBERIAN HUSKY

THIS VERSATILE AND SOCIALE DOG FINDS CHASING SMALL ANIMALS IRRESISTIBLE

AKC

**Height range**  
20-24in (51-60cm)



**Weight range**  
35-60lb (16-27kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Siberia



**Other colors**



Any color

**Long used as a sled dog** by the indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia, the Siberian Husky has great endurance, an appetite for work, and resistance to extreme cold. The breed is still popular in the Arctic, particularly in sports such as dogsled-racing. Siberian Huskies make peaceable and lovable companions but need vigorous exercise to burn off some of their energy.

They have a strong pack instinct, and are unlikely to be happy living in isolation. A Siberian Husky tends to see small animals as natural prey, so caution is needed if other pets are kept.

Triangular, erect,  
high-set ears

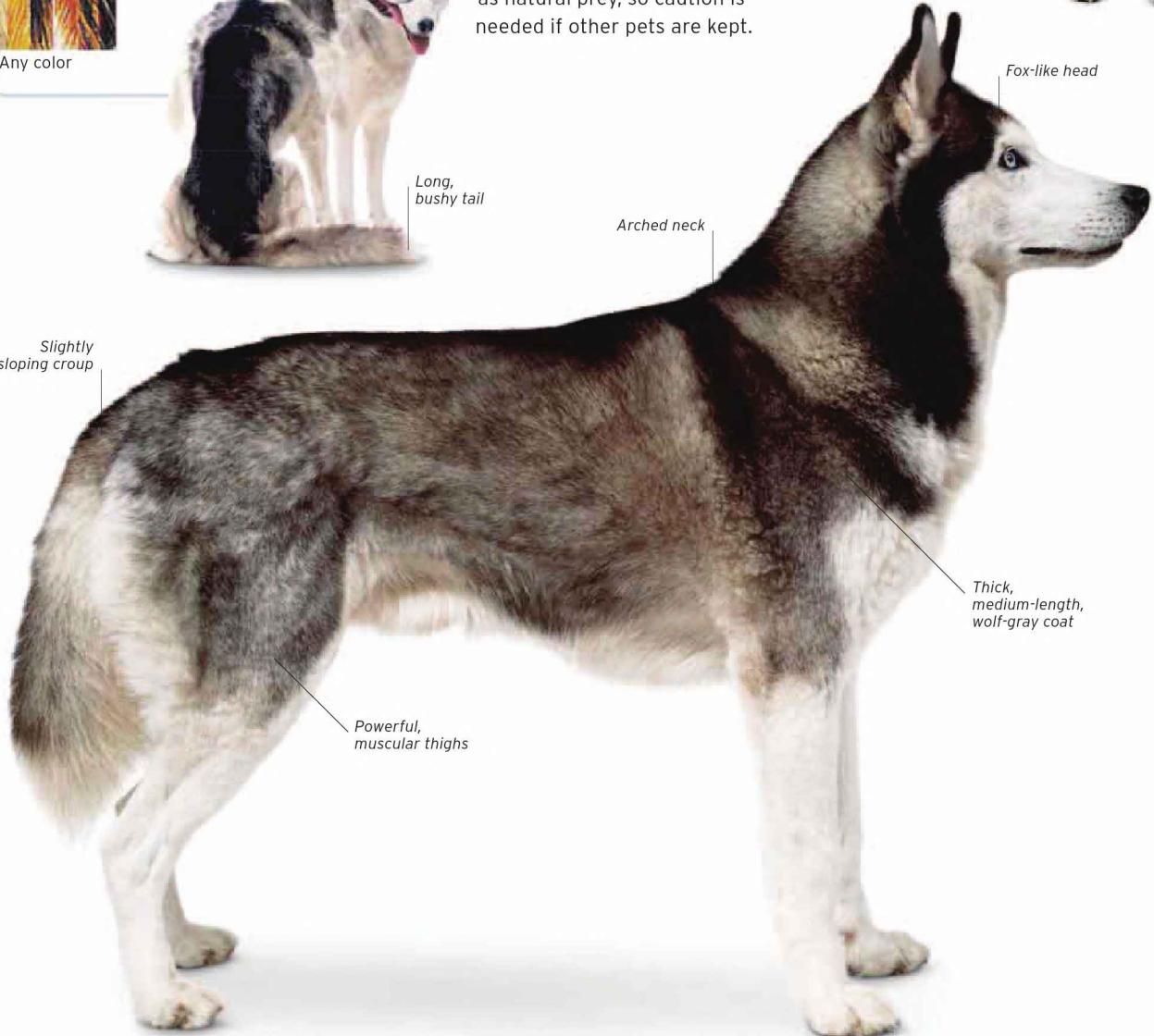


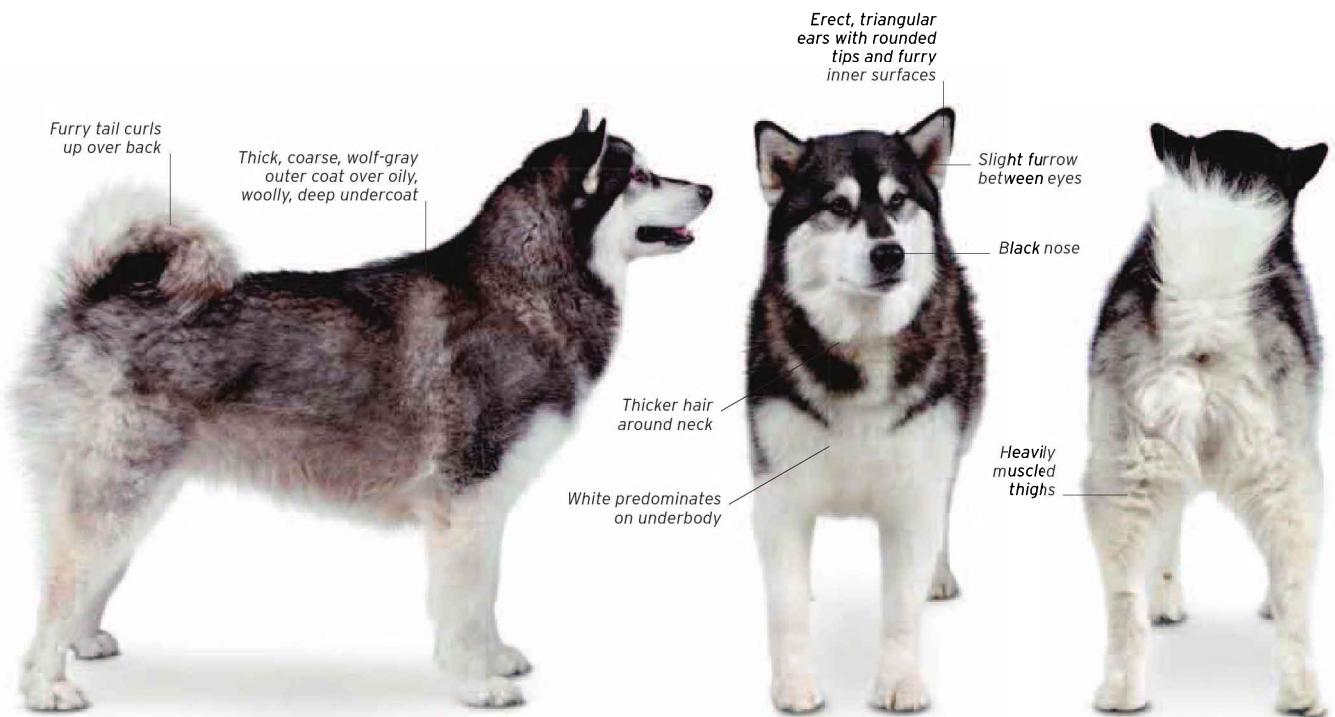
Long,  
bushy tail

Slightly  
sloping croup

Arched neck

Fox-like head





# ALASKAN MALAMUTE

A LARGE, SLED-PULLING DOG THAT CAN ADAPT WELL TO FAMILY LIFE

AKC

**Height range**  
23–28in (58–71cm)



**Weight range**  
84–123lb (38–56kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

All dogs have white underparts.

**The wolflike Alaskan Malamute** is named after the Native American Mahlemut people, who bred these dogs to pull heavy loads and travel great distances across the snow when sleds were the only mode of transport. Today it is still used to haul freight in remote North American locations, and successfully takes part in sled-racing competitions. Also used on polar expeditions, this breed has staggering amounts of stamina, strength, and tenacity combined with highly tuned senses of direction and smell.

For all its toughness, the Alaskan Malamute is a friendly dog, at least toward people, which means that it cannot be relied on as a guard dog. It likes children but is too big and boisterous to be left alone with a small child. The Alaskan Malamute, especially the male, tends to be intolerant of strange dogs, and without thorough socializing can quickly

become aggressive. The breed also has a strong chasing instinct and can disappear far and fast in pursuit of small animals that it sees as prey. Owners should be cautious about where and when to exercise this dog off leash. A quick learner, the Alaskan Malamute has a strong will, so needs firm handling and training in good habits right from the start.

The Alaskan Malamute settles well into domestic life as long as it has at least two hours of exercise each day and outdoor space to roam in. A bored dog, with energy to spare, can be destructive if left at home without supervision. Although its thick coat sheds in spring, there is a risk of overheating if the dog is overexercised in hot weather, and it needs access to shade. The hardy Alaskan Malamute is happy to sleep outdoors, provided it has a companion.



# ALASKAN KLEE KAI

THIS ENERGETIC MINI HUSKY IS CONFIDENT WITH OWNERS BUT WARY OF STRANGERS

#### Height range

##### Toy:

Up to 13in (Up to 33cm)

##### Miniature:

13-15in (33-38cm)

##### Standard:

15-17in (38-44cm)



#### Weight range

##### Toy:

Up to 9lb (Up to 4kg)

##### Miniature:

9-15lb (4-7kg)

##### Standard:

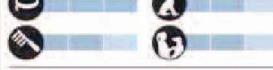
15-22lb (7-10kg)

#### Life span

Over 10 years

#### Origin

USA



#### Other colors



Any color

**This miniature version of the Alaskan Malamute** (see p.100), was developed to be a house dog and is found in three sizes: toy, miniature, and standard. It fits well in a modestly-sized home but, like its larger relative, has a great deal of energy and needs plenty of exercise to stay in good physical and mental health. Typical of husky-type breeds, the Alaskan Klee Kai appreciates company and likes to be treated as a pack member within a family. Reserved with strangers, this dog needs careful training and early socializing.

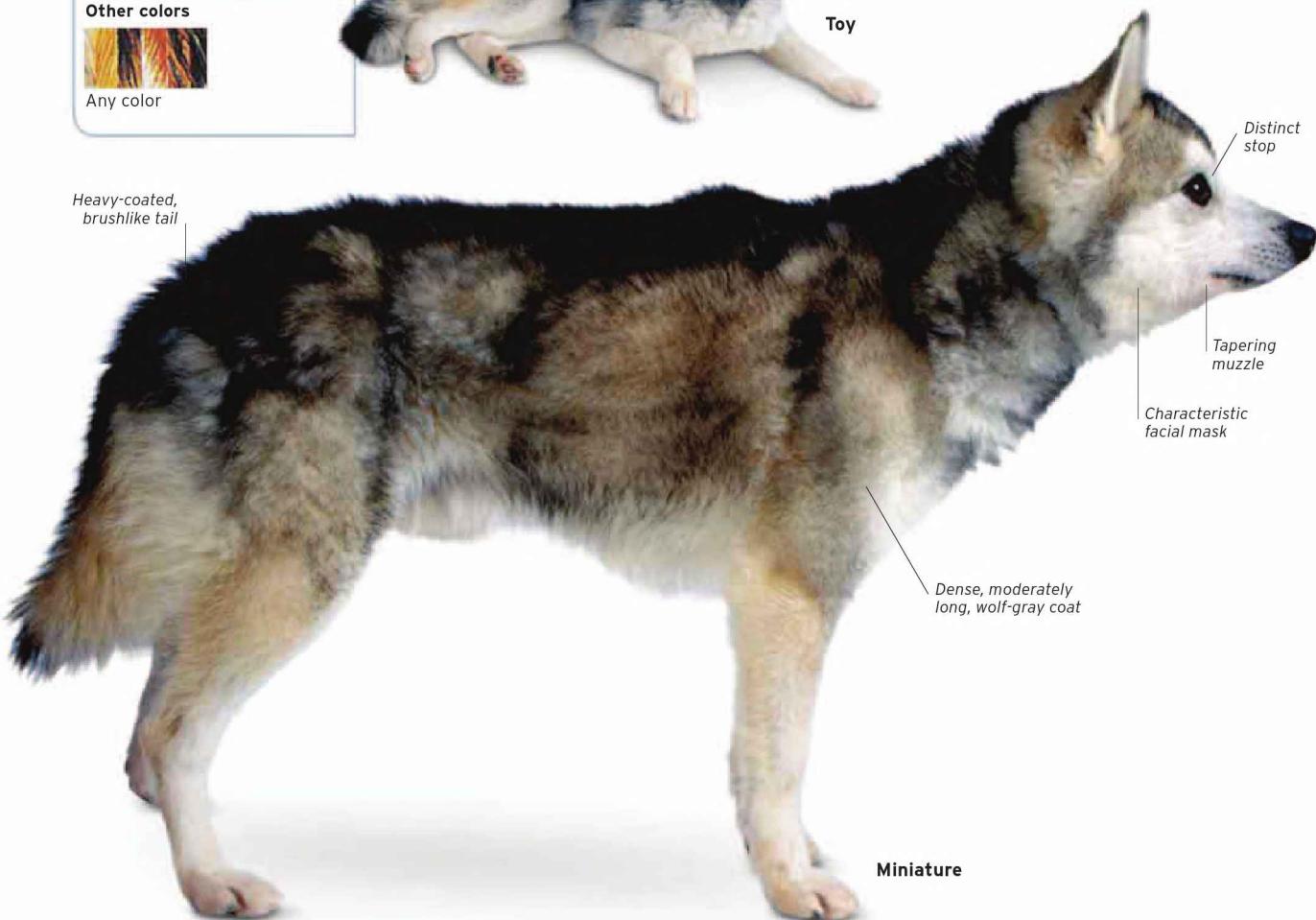


Eyes are different colors



Toy

Standard



Miniature

Heavy-coated, brushlike tail

Distinct stop

Tapering muzzle

Characteristic facial mask

Dense, moderately long, wolf-gray coat

Miniature

# CHINOOK

ALWAYS WILLING TO WORK OR PLAY, THIS DOG IS GOOD WITH CHILDREN

**Height range**  
22–26in (55–66cm)



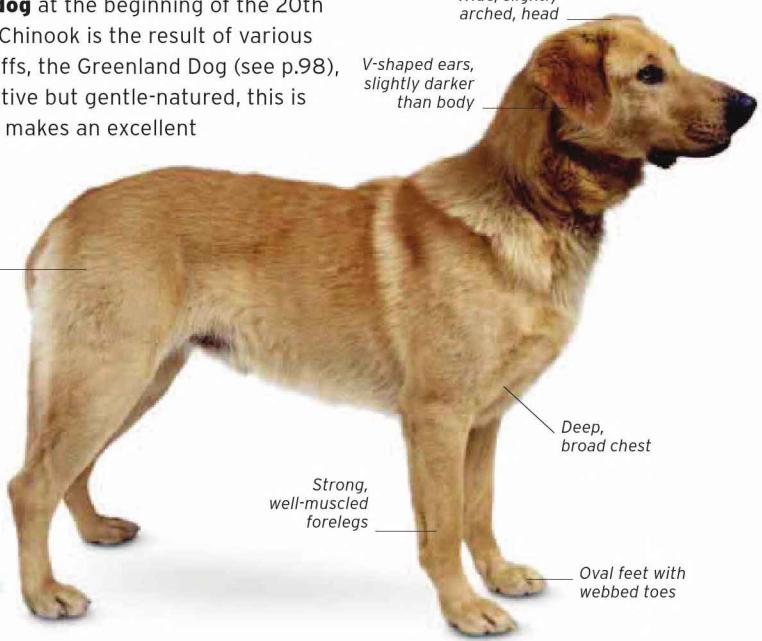
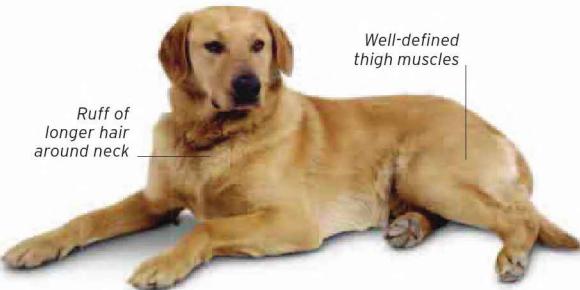
**Weight range**  
55–71lb (25–32kg)

**Life span** 10–15 years

**Origin** USA



**Developed as a sled dog** at the beginning of the 20th century in the US, the Chinook is the result of various crosses between mastiffs, the Greenland Dog (see p.98), and shepherd dogs. Active but gentle-natured, this is a fun-loving breed and makes an excellent all-around family dog.



# KARELIAN BEAR DOG

THIS BOLD, ASSERTIVE BREED IS NOT AGGRESSIVE WITH PEOPLE BUT MAY RESENT OTHER DOGS

FCI

**Height range**  
20–22in (52–57cm)



**Weight range**  
44–51lb (20–23kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** Finland



**Developed in Finland**, this fearless hunting dog was bred to challenge big game, particularly bear and elk. The Karelian Bear Dog has a strong fighting instinct, which does not turn into aggression against people but may cause trouble with other dogs.

This breed is unlikely to settle well into domestic life.



# WEST SIBERIAN LAIKA

AN INTELLIGENT AND ALERT DOG WITH A KEEN NOSE AND STRONG HUNTING INSTINCT

FCI

**Height range**  
20-24in (51-62cm)



**Weight range**  
40-50lb (18-22kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Russia

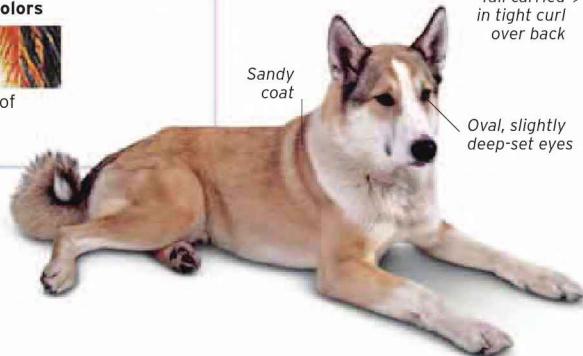


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Bred for hunting in the forests of Siberia**, this handsome dog is very popular in its native country. The breed is strong and confident, and eager to follow game, either large or small. Although the West Siberian Laika has a steady temperament, its readiness to hunt makes it unsuitable as a house dog for most families.



# EAST SIBERIAN LAIKA

BORN TO HUNT, THIS DOG IS CALM AND EASY-GOING WITH PEOPLE

FCI

**Height range**  
21-25in (53-64cm)



**Weight range**  
40-51lb (18-23kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Russia



**Other colors**



White



Karamis

Piebald

**The popularity of this Russian hunting dog** is widespread in its own country and also reaches into Scandinavia. Bred for work, the East Siberian Laika is tough, active, and confident. Although it has a strong instinct for following big game, it is controllable, steady-tempered, and friendly with people.



# RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN LAIKA

A STRONG AND WORKMANLIKE BREED, NOT SUITED TO FAMILY LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
19-23in (48-58cm)



**Weight range**  
44-51lb (20-23kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Russia



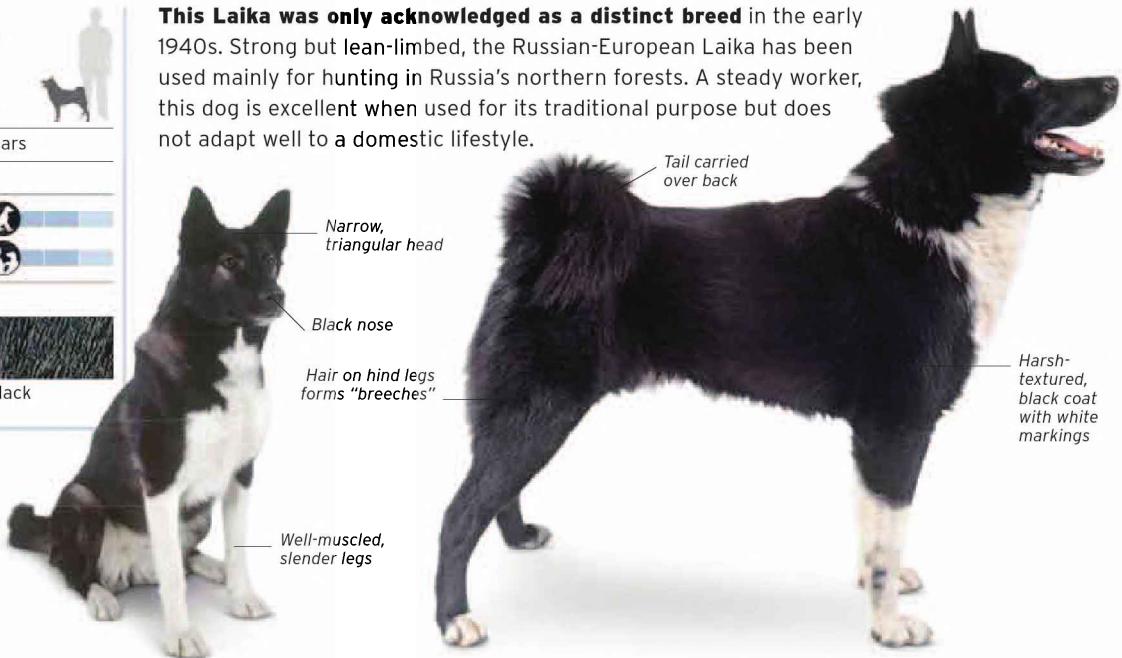
**Other colors**



White

Black

**This Laika was only acknowledged as a distinct breed** in the early 1940s. Strong but lean-limbed, the Russian-European Laika has been used mainly for hunting in Russia's northern forests. A steady worker, this dog is excellent when used for its traditional purpose but does not adapt well to a domestic lifestyle.



# FINNISH SPITZ

BRISK AND JAUNTY, THIS DOG ENJOYS FAMILY FUN AND IS USUALLY PATIENT WITH CHILDREN

AKC

**Height range**  
15-20in (39-50cm)



**Weight range**  
31-35lb (14-16kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

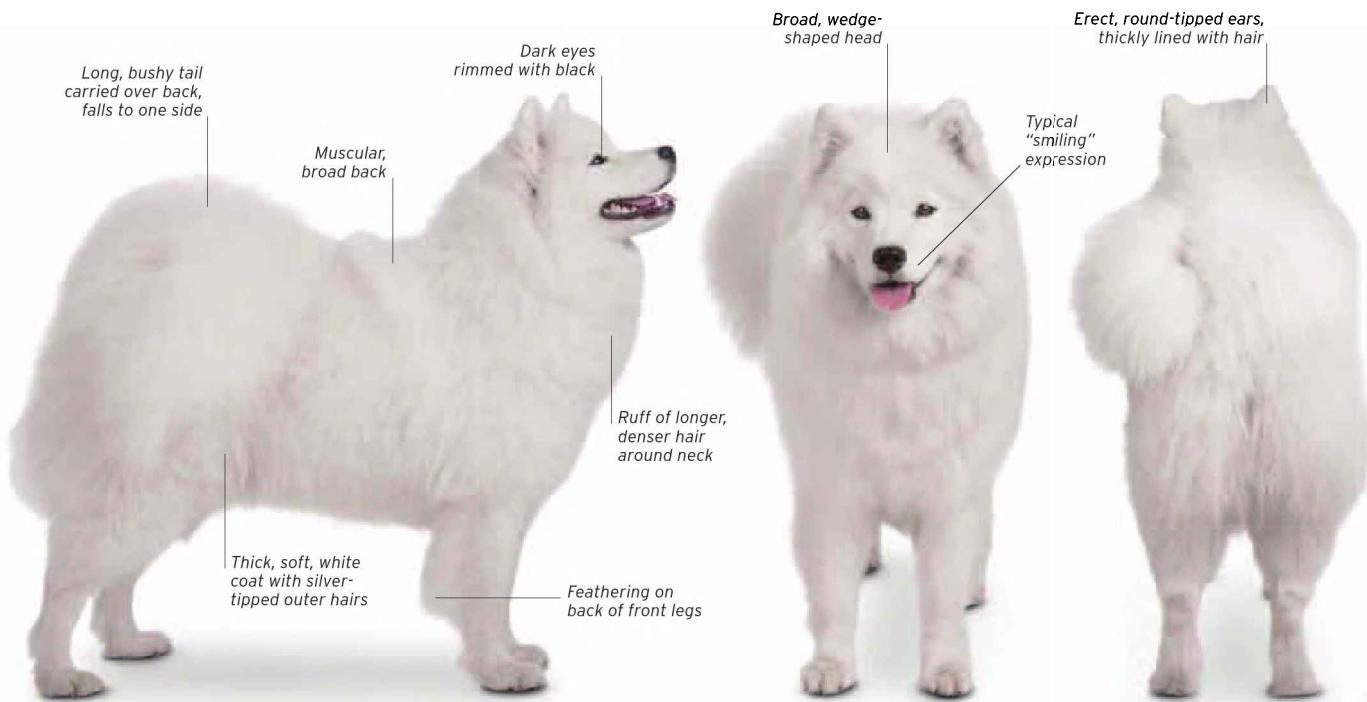
**Origin** Finland



**Finland's national dog** was bred for hunting small game and is still used for sport in Scandinavia. With its pert, fox-like appearance, luxuriant coat, and enthusiasm for play, the Finnish Spitz makes an appealing family pet. The breed has a tendency to bark a great deal; this should be discouraged at an early age.

Small, pointed ears





# SAMOYED

THIS STRIKINGLY ATTRACTIVE DOG MAKES AN EXCELLENT FAMILY PET

AKC

**Height range**  
18–22in (46–56cm)

**Weight range**  
35–66lb (16–30kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Russia



**Developed centuries ago** by the nomadic Samoyede people of Siberia, this beautiful dog was used for herding and guarding reindeer and for sled-hauling. This tough, outdoor worker was also very much a family dog, taking its place in its owner's tent and enjoying human companionship. These dogs were brought to England in the 1800s and were first seen in the United States around a decade later. Numerous myths and unsubstantiated stories link the Samoyeds to the polar expeditions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but it appears likely that this breed was included among sled teams taken to the Antarctic during the heyday of polar exploration.

The modern Samoyed retains the sociable and easy-going temperament that made it so valued as part of a nomadic family. Behind the "smiling" expression characteristic of the breed is an affectionate nature and a desire

to be friends with everyone. However, the Samoyed retains the watchdog instincts for which it was bred. Although never aggressive, it will bark at anything that arouses its suspicion. This dog craves company and likes to be kept occupied mentally and physically. Intelligent and spirited, a bored or lonely Samoyed will resort to mischief—whether it is digging holes or finding a way to escape through a fence. The breed responds well to thoughtful handling, but training requires patience and persistence on the part of its owner.

Daily grooming is essential to keep the Samoyed's magnificent, stand-out coat in order and maintain its distinctive silvery sheen. Seasonal shedding of the undercoat can be very heavy but, except in very warm conditions, normally occurs only once a year.



# FINNISH LAPPHUND

THIS FRIENDLY AND LOYAL DOG, WITH SOME HERDING INSTINCTS, IS QUICK TO LEARN

AKC

**Height range**  
17-19in (44-49cm)



**Weight range**  
33-53lb (15-24kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Finland



**Other colors**



Any color

**Developed from the dogs used as reindeer-herders** and guards by the Sami people of Lapland, the Finnish Lapphund is enjoying growing popularity, both in Finland and elsewhere. Affectionate and faithful, this adaptable breed is willing to work, but is equally happy as a family pet and watchdog.



# LAPPOIAN HERDER

BRED FOR HERDING, THIS DOG HAS A DOCILE TEMPERAMENT AND PLENTY OF ENERGY

FCI

**Height range**  
18-20in (46-51cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 66lb (up to 30kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** Finland



Tan markings on face

Dark brown coat



**Originally bred from Finnish Lapphunds** (above), German Shepherd Dogs (see p.35), and working collies, this dog was recognized as a separate breed in the 1960s. The Lapponian Herder, or Lapinporokoiraa, is still kept for work by reindeer-hunters, and sometimes as a house dog. This breed has a calm and friendly nature.



# SWEDISH LAPPHUND

FRIENDLY BUT NEEDING FIRM CONTROL, THIS DOG CAN BE NOISY AND RESTLESS IF LEFT ALONE

KC

**Height range**  
16–20in (40–51cm)



**Weight range**  
42–46lb (19–21kg)

**Life span** 9–15 years

**Origin** Sweden



**Other colors**



Brown  
Black and brown  
May have white mark on chest, feet, and tip of tail.

**Similar to the Finnish Lapphund** (opposite) in all but color, the Swedish Lapphund was once used as a reindeer-herder by the nomadic Sami people. This breed is popular in Sweden as a house dog but remains uncommon elsewhere. It enjoys company and tends to bark if left alone for long periods of time.



# SWEDISH ELKHOUND

THIS POWERFUL AND AGILE DOG IS NOT SUITABLE FOR AN URBAN LIFESTYLE

FCI

**Height range**  
20–26in (52–65cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 66lb (up to 30kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Sweden



Brown eyes with keen expression

Characteristic lighter markings



**Developed in Sweden's northern forest regions**, this large upstanding dog, also known as the Jämtländsk hund, was once kept for hunting elk, bear, and lynx. Popular with Sweden's military forces, this breed is the country's national dog. Although good with families, the Swedish Elkhound needs careful handling when around other dogs or pets.



# NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND

THIS CALM DOG IS GOOD WITH CHILDREN, BUT MAY BARK AT STRANGERS

AKC

**Height range**  
19-20in (49-52cm)



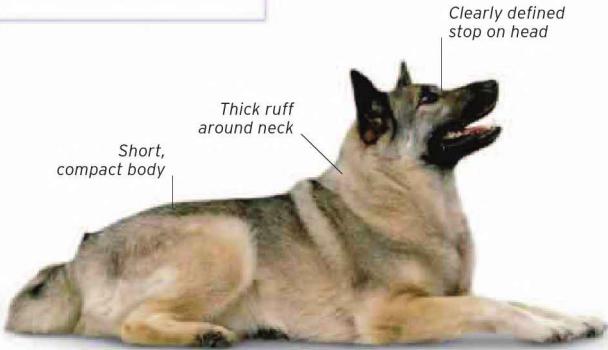
**Weight range**  
44-51lb (20-23kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Norway



**Believed to have existed in Scandinavia** for many hundreds of years, the Norwegian Elkhound was once used for tracking game, and is sturdy enough for sled hauling. Impervious to cold and wet weather, this dog likes to be outdoors. The breed has a strong hunting instinct and needs patient training.



# BLACK NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND

THIS DOG FORMS STRONG FAMILY BONDS, BUT MAY BE A LITTLE STUBBORN TO TRAIN

FCI

**Height range**  
17-19in (43-49cm)



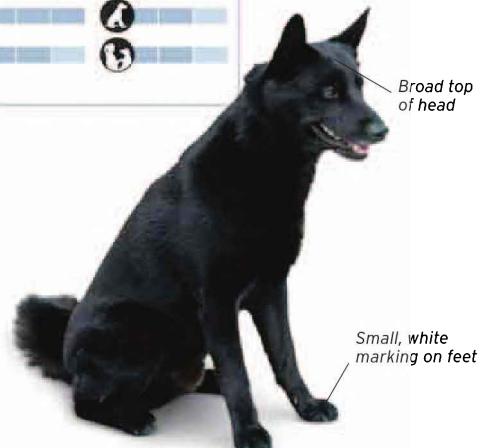
**Weight range**  
40-60lb (18-27kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Norway



**This breed is a smaller, rarer version** of the gray-coated Norwegian Elkhound (above). Originally bred for tracking game, it is versatile enough to be a sled dog, herder, watchdog, or family companion. It tends to bark readily but can be taught to stop on command.



# HOKKAIDO DOG

FEARLESS YET GENTLE AT HOME, THIS DOG NEEDS SUPERVISION WITH OTHER ANIMALS

FCI

**Height range**  
18-20in (46-52cm)



**Weight range**  
44-66lb (20-30kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** Japan



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Dogs of this type** were brought to the Japanese island of Hokkaido by the migrating Ainu people (Ainu Dog is the breed's alternative name). Although medium-sized, the Hokkaido Dog was bold and tough enough to hunt bears. Careful training and socializing can make this dog a good companion and home guardian.



Smallish, dark, triangular eyes

Harsh, straight, sesame-colored coat



Strong, straight back

Muscular neck

# SHIKOKU

THIS BREED RESPONDS READILY TO AFFECTION, BUT SHOULD NOT BE TRUSTED WITH SMALL PETS

FCI

**Height range**  
18-20in (46-52cm)



**Weight range**  
35-57lb (16-26kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Japan



**Other colors**



Sesame and black sesame

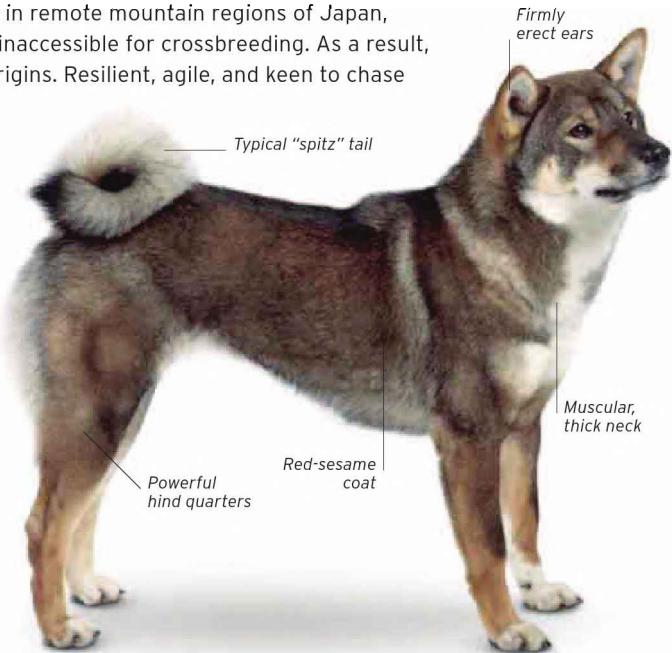
**Once used as a boar-hunter** in remote mountain regions of Japan, the Shikoku remained largely inaccessible for crossbreeding. As a result, this breed is very true to its origins. Resilient, agile, and keen to chase other animals, the Shikoku is challenging to train but forms a close bond with people it loves and trusts.



Dark eyes have keen expression

Moderately long, wedge-shaped muzzle

Deep chest



Firmly erect ears

Typical "spitz" tail

Muscular, thick neck

Red-sesame coat

Powerful hind quarters

# AKITA

THIS DOG HAS VARIABLE TEMPERAMENT AND REQUIRES EXPERIENCED HANDLING

#### Height range

**American:**  
24-28in (61-71cm)



**Japanese:**

23-28in (58-70cm)

#### Weight range

**American:**  
65-115lb (29-52kg)

**Japanese:**  
78-99lb (34-45kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Japan



#### Other colors



Any color

**This breed was first developed in 19th-century Japan** as a fighting dog, before breeders in the US took an interest. Sometimes referred to as the American Akita, this substantial and strikingly handsome dog has a quiet dignity but also a tendency to be domineering with other dogs. Without an experienced owner to set the rules at a young age, this breed may become wayward or aggressive. A smaller dog, the Japanese Akita Inu, shares a common early ancestry with its American cousin and in many countries is now regarded as a separate breed.

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Distinctive,  
red-fawn coat

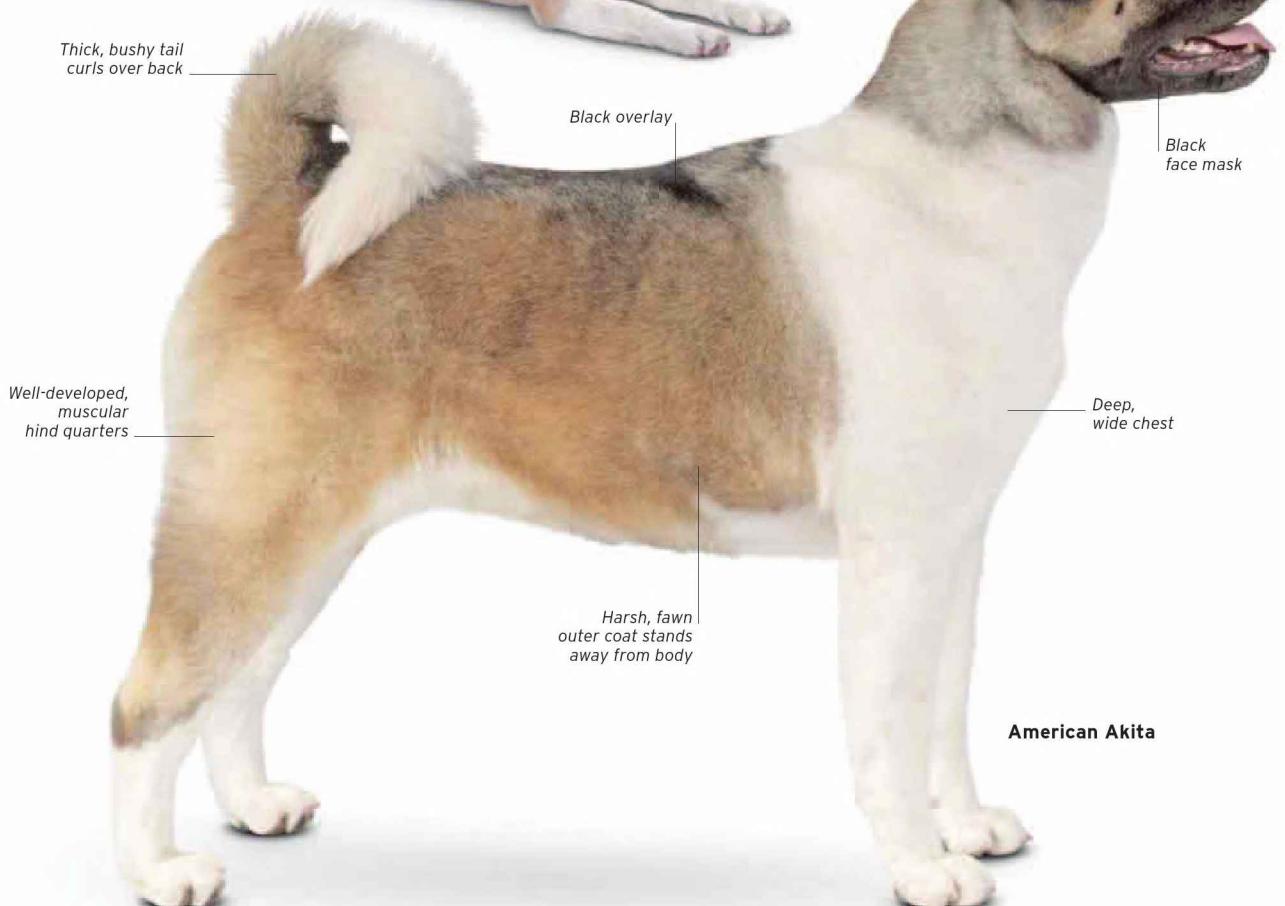
White markings

White chest markings  
extend down to legs

Japanese Akita Inu

Triangular,  
erect ears

Black  
face mask



# CHOW CHOW

THIS DOG IS LOYAL TO ITS OWNER BUT STANDOFFISH WITH STRANGERS

AKC

**Height range**  
18-22in (46-56cm)



**Weight range**  
46-71lb (21-32kg)

**Life span** 8-12 years

**Origin** China



**Other colors**



Blue

**Although not seen in the West until the 19th century**, dogs of this type have been known in China for around 2,000 years. The breed's original uses included guarding and hunting, and it may possibly have been a source of meat and fur. No other dog looks quite like this breed, with its stocky build, scowling face, and unique blue-black tongue. The Chow Chow is very independent and may have a stubborn streak, so needs firm training and early socializing. There are two varieties: rough-coated with an immensely thick, standout coat; and smooth-coated with short, dense hair.



Characteristic  
scowling expression



Unique blue-black tongue

Tail carried over back



Small, thick,  
rounded ears

Distinctive stop

Profuse, red  
coat stands  
out from body

Lighter hair on  
back of legs

Rough-coated

Small, round feet

# KOREAN JINDO

THIS INDEPENDENT DOG HAS A STRONG HUNTING INSTINCT AND NEEDS EARLY SOCIALIZING

KC

**Height range**  
18-21in (46-53cm)



**Weight range**  
20-50lb (9-23kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Korea



**Other colors**



**Named after the Korean island of Jindo where it originated**, the breed is popular in Korea but something of a rarity elsewhere. Used to hunt game, both large and small, the Korean Jindo's keen instinct for chasing other animals may be difficult to curb.



# SHIBA INU

THIS KEEN, PERKY, FAST-MOVING DOG HAS A STRONG URGE TO HUNT

AKC

**Height range**  
15-16in (37-40cm)



**Weight range**  
15-24lb (7-11kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Japan



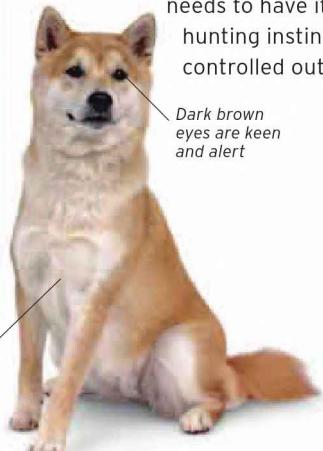
**Other colors**



Red dogs may have a black overlay (red sesame).

**Japan's smallest hunting dog**, the Shiba Inu is a "national treasure" and has been known in its native country for hundreds of years. Bold and lively, the Shiba Inu makes a happy family dog.

However, it can be unreliable with other pets, if not socialized early on, and needs to have its hunting instinct controlled outdoors.



# KAI

THIS ONE-MAN DOG IS GOOD AT GUARDING BUT IS BEST KEPT ON A LEASH OUTDOORS

FCI

**Height range**  
19-21in (48-53cm)



**Weight range**  
25-55lb (11-25kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Japan



**Other colors**



Range of red  
brindles

**One of the oldest** and purest of Japan's native dog breeds, the Kai was given the status of "national treasure" in 1934. An active and athletic hunter, used to running in packs, this dog may settle reasonably well into being a home companion but is not recommended for a novice owner.



Erect ears incline slightly forward

Head broad with well-defined stop and tapering muzzle



High-set tail carried curved over back

Strong, thick neck

Black coat changes from solid color to brindle as dog matures

# KISHU

THIS NATURAL HUNTER IS GOOD WITH OTHER DOGS BUT CAN BE SELF-WILLED

FCI

**Height range**  
18-20in (46-52cm)



**Weight range**  
29-60lb (13-27kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** Japan



**Now rare but much prized**, the Kishu was possibly bred hundreds of years ago for hunting large game in Japan's mountainous Kyushu region. A "national treasure," this dog is quiet and faithful but can be a handful as a companion because of its strong instinct to chase.



Dense,  
white coat

Dark brown eyes

Thick, fringed tail carried in curl over back



Erect ears incline forward

Some longer,  
black hairs

Short, straight,  
well-muscled back

Short, straight,  
coarse, red coat

White markings on  
feet and lower legs

# JAPANESE SPITZ

SUITABLE FOR SMALL HOMES, THIS SOCIABLE AND CONFIDENT SPITZ LOVES EXERCISE

KC

**Height range**  
12–15in (30–37cm)



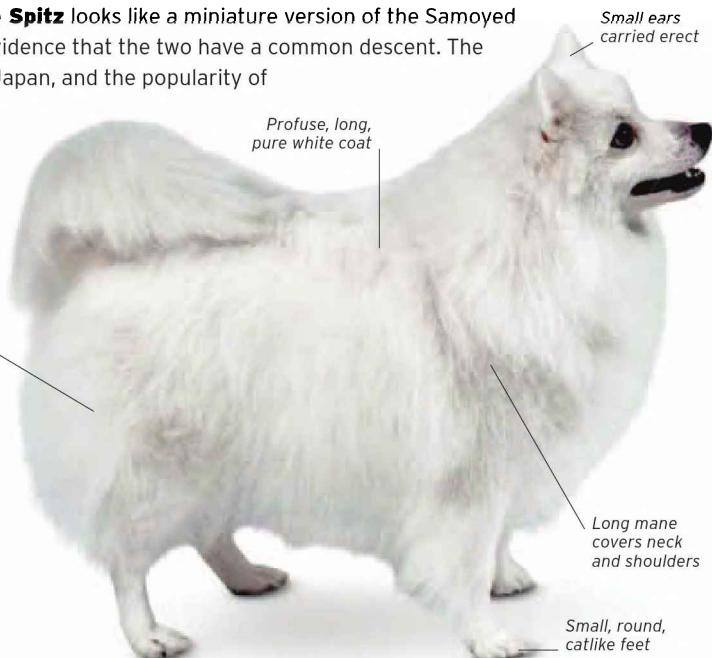
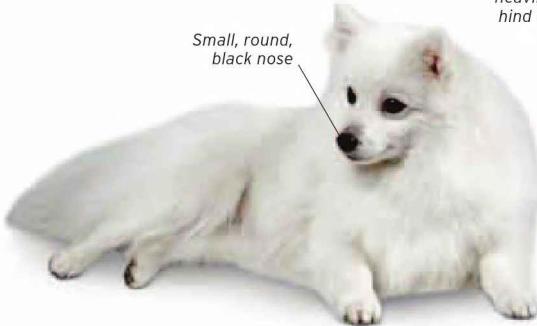
**Weight range**  
11–22lb (5–10kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Japan



**Although the Japanese Spitz** looks like a miniature version of the Samoyed (see p.106), there is no evidence that the two have a common descent. The breed was developed in Japan, and the popularity of this bright and energetic little dog has spread worldwide. Persistent barking is characteristic but can be controlled with training.



# EURASIER

THIS FAMILY-LOVING DOG IS A LITTLE RESERVED WITH STRANGERS BUT NOT EASILY PROVOKED

KC

**Height range**  
19–24in (48–60cm)



**Weight range**  
40–71lb (18–32kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



All colors

Coat should not be all white, liver, or with white patches.

Dark face mask



**A modern and still rare breed**, the Eurasier was created in Germany in the 1960s from crossing the Chow Chow (see p.113), German Wolfspitz (see p.118), and Russian Samoyed (see p.106). A good companion dog, it is even-tempered and calm but watchful. It readily forms close family bonds.

# ITALIAN VOLPINO

SMALL BUT INTREPID, THIS ALERT DOG HAS A BRIGHT AND PLAYFUL PERSONALITY

FCI

**Height range**  
10-12in (25-30cm)



**Weight range**  
9-11lb (4-5kg)

**Life span** Up to 16 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



Red

**A favorite in Italy for over a century**, this appealing little dog was kept by nobility as a pampered pet, and by farmers as a watchdog. Quick to bark at strangers, the Italian Volpino alerted bigger guard dogs to potential trouble. Lively and fun-loving, the breed is suitable for almost any type of home.

Short muzzle

Long-haired tail carried in curl

Thick collar of hair around neck

Well-feathered hind quarters

Long, dense, white coat

Round eyes



# SCHIPPERKE

THIS SHARP, INQUISITIVE DOG IS PROTECTIVE DESPITE ITS SMALL SIZE

AKC

**Height range**  
10-13in (25-33cm)



**Weight range**  
13-18lb (6-8kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Belgium



**Other Colors**



Variety of colors

Distinctive mane and cape around neck and shoulders

**Sometimes called the Belgian Barge Dog**, this breed was once used by Flemish river-boatmen to guard their barges and keep down rat populations. In the house, the Schipperke has lost none of its watchful instincts and is wary of strangers. A dog with a lively and likeable personality, it is an entertaining companion.



Tail naturally very short

Long "culottes" on back of thighs

Small, triangular ears

Wedge-shaped, fox-like head

Dense, black coat

Thickset body



# KEESHOND

THIS NON-AGGRESSIVE WATCHDOG IS EASY TO TRAIN, AFFECTIONATE, AND SOCIALE

AKC

**Height range**  
17-18in (43-46cm)



**Weight range**  
33-44lb (15-20kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



The Keeshond was used in the 18th century by the river-boatmen and farmers of Holland as a watchdog. Not aggressive, this intelligent and outgoing breed has an amiable nature that makes it a much-loved companion dog. The Keeshond is willing to learn, and mixes well with people and other pets.

High-set tail  
curls over back



Shorter cream-colored hair  
on lower legs  
and feet

Gray and  
black coat

Hair forms dense  
“breeches” on  
backs of thighs



# GERMAN WOLFSPITZ

INTELLIGENT AND QUICK TO LEARN, THIS GOOD WATCHDOG IS EXCELLENT WITH FAMILIES

**Height range**  
17-22in (43-55cm)



**Weight range**  
60-71lb (27-32kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Germany



The German Wolfspitz is one of the oldest-known European dogs.

It has given rise to the Keeshond and in some countries the two are not regarded as separate types. Highly trainable, it is eager to be a part of family life. Suspicious of strangers, this dog barks readily but is not aggressive.

Fox-like head with  
bright expression



Long, gray  
and black  
topcoat



# GERMAN SPITZ

A BUSTLING AND HAPPY DOG, WITH GOOD WATCH INSTINCTS, AND SUITABLE FOR ANY HOME

KC

**Height range**

**Klein:**  
9–11in (23–29cm)



**Mittel:**  
12–15in (30–38cm)

**Gross:**  
17–20in (42–50cm)

**Weight range**

**Klein:**  
18–22lb (8–10kg)

**Mittel:**  
24–26lb (11–12kg)

**Gross:**  
38–40lb (17–18kg)

**Life span** 14–15 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**There are three sizes of the German Spitz—Klein (small) and Mittel (standard) are both recognized by KC, and Gross (giant) is recognized by FCI. They all are descendants of the herding dogs once used by nomadic tribes of the Arctic.**

German Spitzes need patient training because they have an independent spirit that can turn into wilfulness without firm leadership. Once their place in the family has been established, these cheerful and affectionate dogs are excellent companions for owners of all ages.

Thorough and regular grooming sessions are needed to prevent the immensely thick coat from becoming matted.



Gross



Short hair on face

Moderately broad head

Thick frill around neck and shoulders

Profuse double coat with long, orange-sable outer hair

Tail curls over back

Long feathering on backs of legs

Compact, square body

Mittel



# ICELANDIC SHEEPDOG

A SMART, CHEERFUL, VOCAL, AND COMPANIONABLE DOG

AKC

**Height range**  
17-18in (42-46cm)



**Weight range**  
20-31lb (9-14kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Iceland



**Other colors**



Gray

Chocolate brown



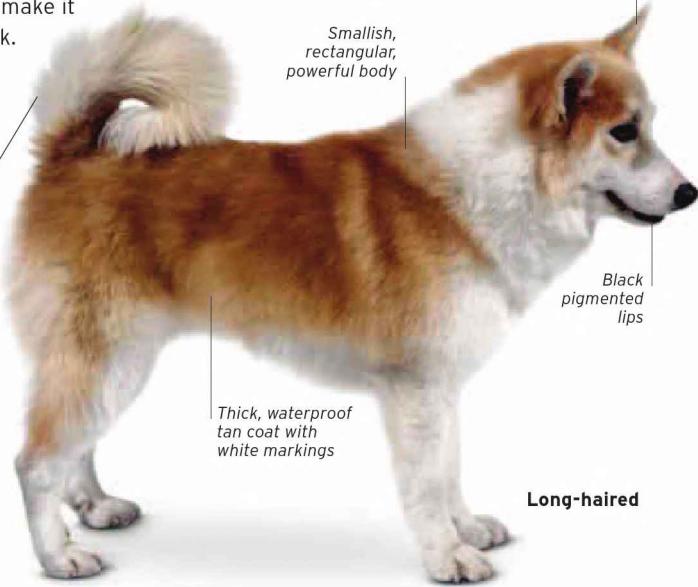
Black

Tan and gray dogs  
may have black masks.

**Also called the Friaar Dog**, this hardy, muscular breed was brought to Iceland by early settlers. Its agility over rugged terrain and shallow water plus its keen barking make it perfect for herding livestock. As a pet, it requires plenty of exercise. There are two coat types: long-haired and short-haired.

Typical spitz tail  
curls over back

White  
markings  
on face



# NORWEGIAN LUNDEHUND

THIS ACROBATIC, PROTECTIVE HUNTER HAS AN INDEPENDENT STREAK

AKC

**Height range**  
13-15in (32-38cm)



**Weight range**  
13-15lb (6-7kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Norway



**Other colors**



White

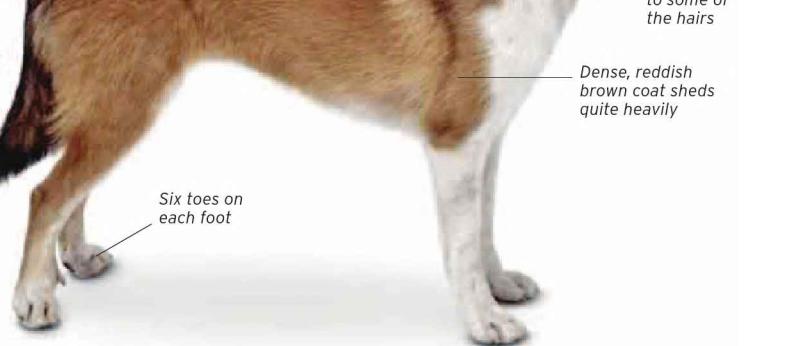
Gray



Black

Black and gray coats have  
white markings; white  
coat has dark markings.

**Also called the Norwegian Puffin Dog**, this amazingly agile dog can tilt its head back over its shoulder and splay its forelegs out sideways. Once used as a puffin-hunter, these traits, as well as an extra toe on each foot, enabled the dog to reach precarious nests. As a pet, it needs plenty of training and exercise.



# NORDIC SPITZ

THIS LIVELY, LOVING, LONG-LIVED DOG HAS NO DOG ODOR

FCI

**Height range**  
17-18in (42-45cm)



**Weight range**  
18-33lb (8-15kg)

**Life span** 15-20 years

**Origin** Sweden



**This small, light spitz** is Sweden's national dog, though it is little known outside its native country. Its local name, Norbottenspets, means "spitz from the county of Bothnia."

It was once used to hunt squirrels and, more recently, game birds. A bright-eyed, bushy-tailed dog, the Nordic Spitz is not difficult to train as a house pet, but requires regular, energetic exercise.



Erect, black ears



Compact body



Short, straight, white coat



Well-defined tan patch on hind quarters

# NORWEGIAN BUHUND

THIS WORKING FARM DOG NEEDS AN ENERGETIC, OUTDOOR-LOVING OWNER

AKC

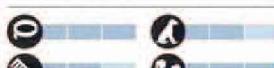
**Height range**  
16-18in (41-46cm)



**Weight range**  
26-40lb (12-18kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Norway



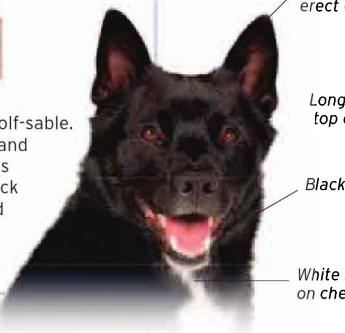
#### Other colors



Red

Coat may be wolf-sable. Red, wheaten, and wolf-sable coats may have a black mask, ears, and tip to tail.

**This medium-sized, agile farm dog** was once used to guard against bears and wolves. Today the breed thrives when it has plenty of exercise and constant training. A keen barker that molts heavily twice a year, this may not be the ideal dog for a house-proud owner.



Tightly curled tail carried over back

Triangular, erect ears

Longer hair on top of hindleg

Black coat

White hairs on chest



Pronounced stop

Long, thick, harsh, wheaten topcoat with soft, woolly undercoat

# PAPILLON

THIS DAINTY AND DELIGHTFUL DOG IS A LIVELY AND INTELLIGENT COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
8-11in (20-28cm)



**Weight range**  
4-11lb (2-5kg)

**Life span** 14 years

**Origin** France/Belgium



**Other colors**



Black and white



White

White coats may have any color patches except liver.

**Also known as the Continental Toy Spaniel**, this little dog makes a charming companion. Often portrayed in European court paintings (the breed was a particular favorite of Marie Antoinette), the Papillon has eye-catching "butterfly-wing" ears and distinctive facial markings. A drop-eared variety is known as the Phalene (French for moth). These dogs love human companionship and enjoy plenty of play and exercise. They require early socializing with other dogs and

strangers. The long, fine, silky coat needs daily grooming to prevent mats forming.



Phalene



Drop ears



# POMERANIAN

AN AFFECTIONATE MINIATURE BREED THAT IS BRAVE AND PROTECTIVE DESPITE ITS SMALL SIZE

AKC

**Height range**  
9-11in (22-28cm)



**Weight range**  
4-6lb (2-3kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**

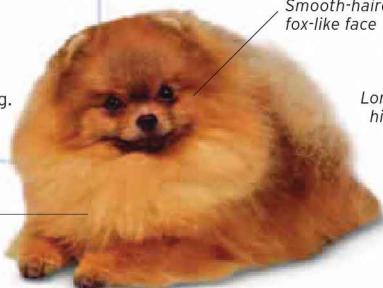


Any solid color

Should be free from  
black or white shading.

## Smallest of the German Spitz-type

dogs (see p.119), the Pomeranian was selectively bred down to "toy" size during the 19th century. Intelligent and attention-seeking, the Pomeranian readily returns affection and will become devoted to its owner. Amazingly fast for their size, these dogs should be supervised if running loose. The thick coat is not difficult to groom.



Smooth-haired,  
fox-like face

Longer hair on  
hind quarters

Abundant frill  
around neck,  
shoulders, and chest

*Heavily plumed tail  
carried over back*



Soft, fluffy,  
orange  
coat

# AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG

ULTRA-BRIGHT, OBEDIENT, AND FUN-LOVING, THIS DOG ENJOYS WORK AND PLAY

AKC

**Height range**

**Miniature:**  
9-12in (23-30cm)



**Toy:**  
12-15in (30-38cm)

**Standard:**  
Over 15-19in (Over 38-48cm)

**Weight range**

**Miniature:**  
6-11lb (3-5kg)

**Toy:**  
11-20lb (5-9kg)  
**Standard:**  
20-40lb (9-18kg)

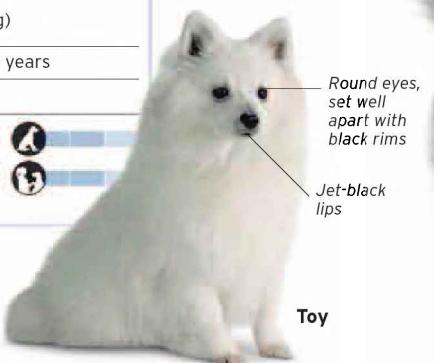
**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** USA



## Despite its name, this is not a true Eskimo breed

but was developed in Germany and probably brought to the US by German settlers in the 19th century. Once seen performing tricks in traveling circuses, the American Eskimo Dog is a fast learner and eager to please. The breed comes in three sizes: toy, miniature, and standard.



Round eyes,  
set well  
apart with  
black rims

Jet-black  
lips

Toy



Triangular,  
erect, slightly  
blunt-tipped ears

Long, white guard  
hairs form topcoat

Profuse ruff at  
neck and chest

Toy



#### HIGH SPEED

On the racetrack, greyhounds have been recorded as reaching top speeds of around 45 mph (72 kph). They are one of the fastest living animals.

# SIGHT HOUNDS

**Canine speed-merchants**, the sight hounds—or gazehounds as they are sometimes called—are hunting dogs that locate and follow their prey primarily by using their keen eyesight. Streamlined, lightly framed, but powerful, a sight hound in pursuit of quarry moves fast and turns with great flexibility. Many dogs in this group were bred to hunt specific prey.



Irish Wolfhounds were used for hunting in Roman times

As shown by archaeological evidence, lean, leggy dogs have been hunting alongside humans for thousands of years, but the early development of modern sight hounds is not entirely clear. It is likely that many crosses involving a diversity of other breeds, including terriers, went into the creation of classic sight hounds such as the Greyhound and the Whippet.

Most sight hounds are easily recognizable as a type. Selective breeding has developed characteristics designed to promote speed: strong, supple backs and an athletic build enable the body to stretch out at full gallop; long-striding, elastic limbs; and powerful hindquarters to provide impulsion. Another characteristic is a long, narrow head that either lacks a pronounced stop or, as in the case of

the Borzoi, has no stop at all. Typically in a sighthound bred to hunt and snap up small prey, the head is carried low when the dog runs at full stretch. Another common feature of sight hounds is a deep chest accommodating a larger than usual heart and allowing for good lung capacity. Short or fine silky coats tend to be the norm among this group of dogs; only the Afghan Hound is very long-haired.

Graceful and aristocratic, sight hounds during their history have been the favored hunting dogs of the wealthy and wellborn. Greyhounds, or at least coursing dogs very similar to the modern breed, were kept by the pharaohs of ancient Egypt. For centuries Salukis were, and occasionally still are, used by sheikhs for hunting gazelle in the desert.

In pre-Soviet Russia the spectacular Borzoi was

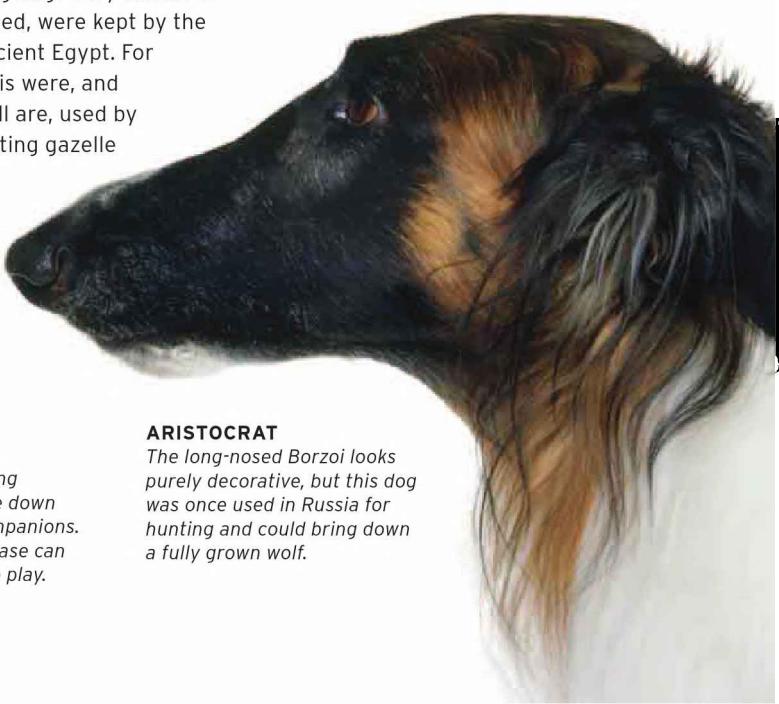
the dog of choice for the nobility and even royalty, specifically bred for running down and killing wolves.

Today sight hounds are used for racing and coursing and are very often kept as pets. Usually nonaggressive, although sometimes a little aloof, sight hounds make attractive family dogs but need handling with caution when outdoors and may be best exercised on a leash. Their instinct to chase small animals can be strong enough to override all obedience training. A sight hound chasing after what it perceives to be prey is almost impossible to stop.



## HOME LIFE

Many former racing greyhounds settle down well as family companions. Their desire to chase can be channeled into play.



## ARISTOCRAT

The long-nosed Borzoi looks purely decorative, but this dog was once used in Russia for hunting and could bring down a fully grown wolf.

# GREYHOUND

THE SWIFTEST OF ALL DOGS, BUT DOCILE AND GENTLE AT HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
27-30in (69-76cm)



**Weight range**  
60-66lb (27-30kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** UK

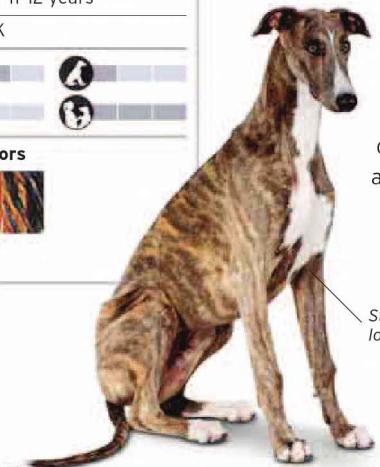


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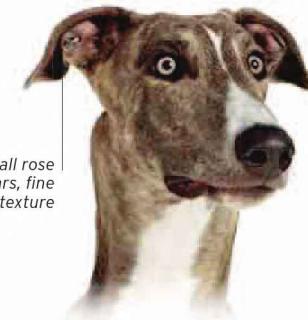


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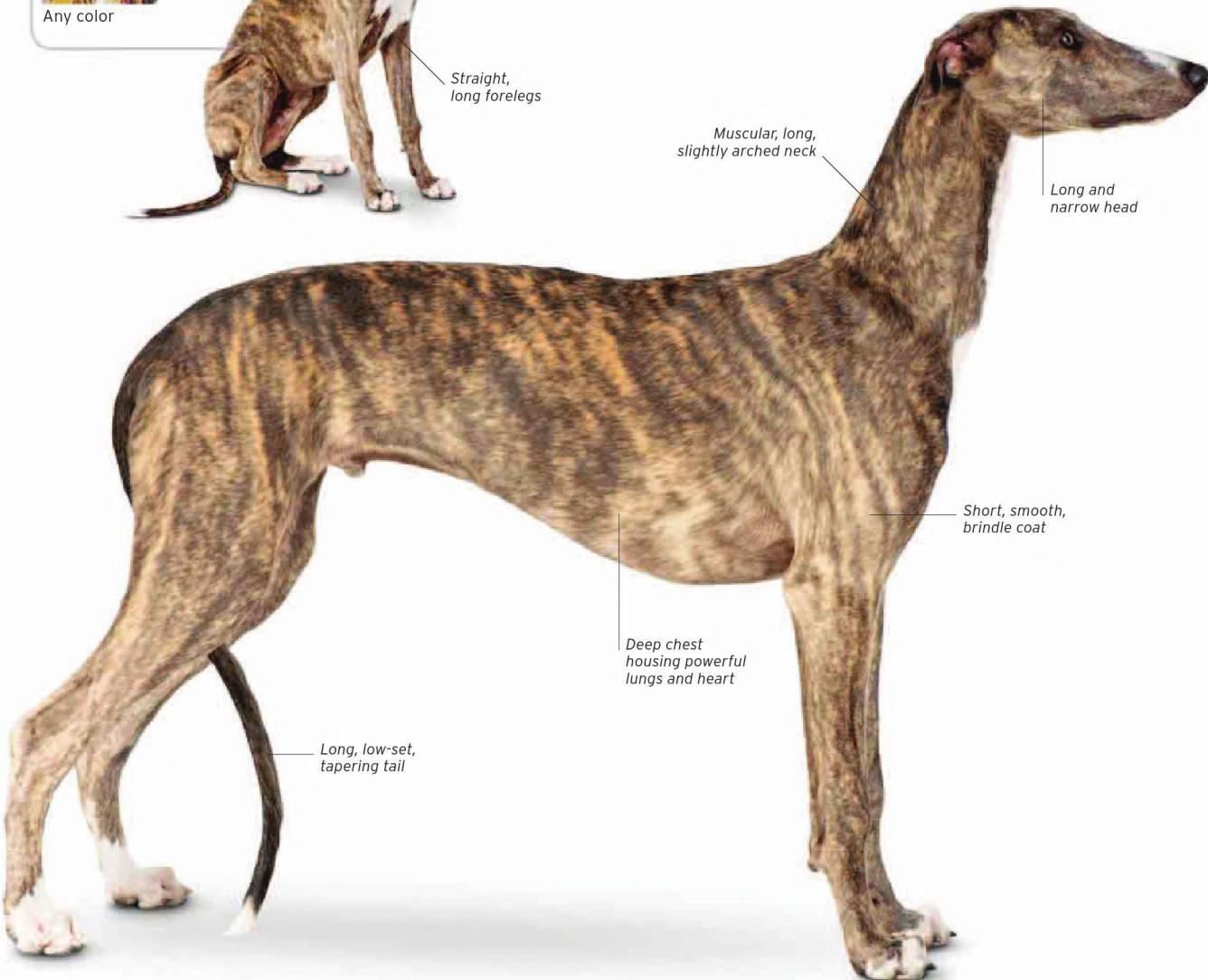
**Capable of reaching 45mph (72km/h)** in short bursts, the sleek and powerful Greyhound is purpose-built for running. Although the modern Greyhound was developed in the UK, the breed's earliest ancestors may have been the similar-looking dogs depicted in Egyptian tombs dating back some 4,000 years BCE. Originally bred to hunt hare, today these dogs are raced for sport. As a pet, the Greyhound needs only moderate daily exercise, and is happy lounging around at home the rest of the time.



Straight,  
long forelegs



Small rose  
ears, fine  
in texture



Muscular, long,  
slightly arched neck

Long and  
narrow head

Short, smooth,  
brindle coat

Deep chest  
housing powerful  
lungs and heart

Long, low-set,  
tapering tail

# ITALIAN GREYHOUND

THIS MINIATURE, SATIN-SKINNED GREYHOUND ENJOYS CREATURE COMFORTS

**Height range**  
13–15in (32–38cm)



**Weight range**  
8–10lb (4–5kg)

**Life span** 14 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



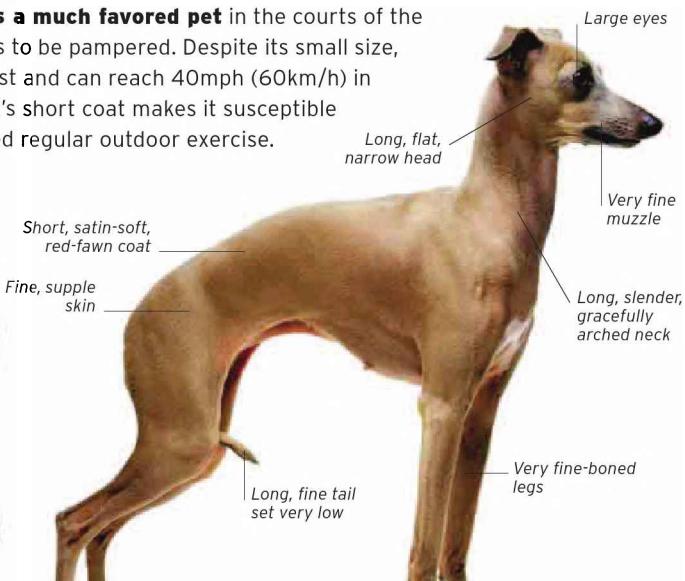
Variety of colors

Black and blue with tan markings, and brindle not permitted.

**This mini-greyhound was a much favored pet** in the courts of the Renaissance, and still loves to be pampered. Despite its small size, the Italian Greyhound is fast and can reach 40mph (60km/h) in a sudden chase. The breed's short coat makes it susceptible to the cold, but it does need regular outdoor exercise.



Adult and Puppies



# HUNGARIAN GREYHOUND

THIS VIGILANT HOUSE DOG IS PACKED WITH SPEED AND STAMINA

**Height range**  
24–28in (62–70cm)



**Weight range**  
55–88lb (25–40kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Hungary

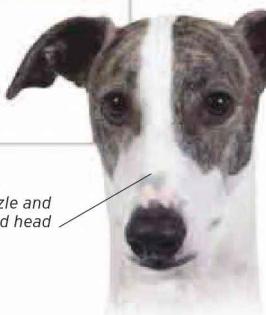


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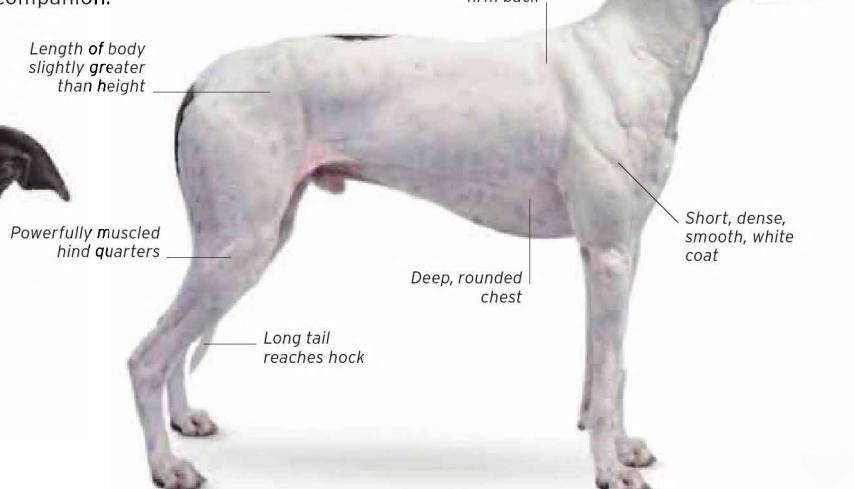


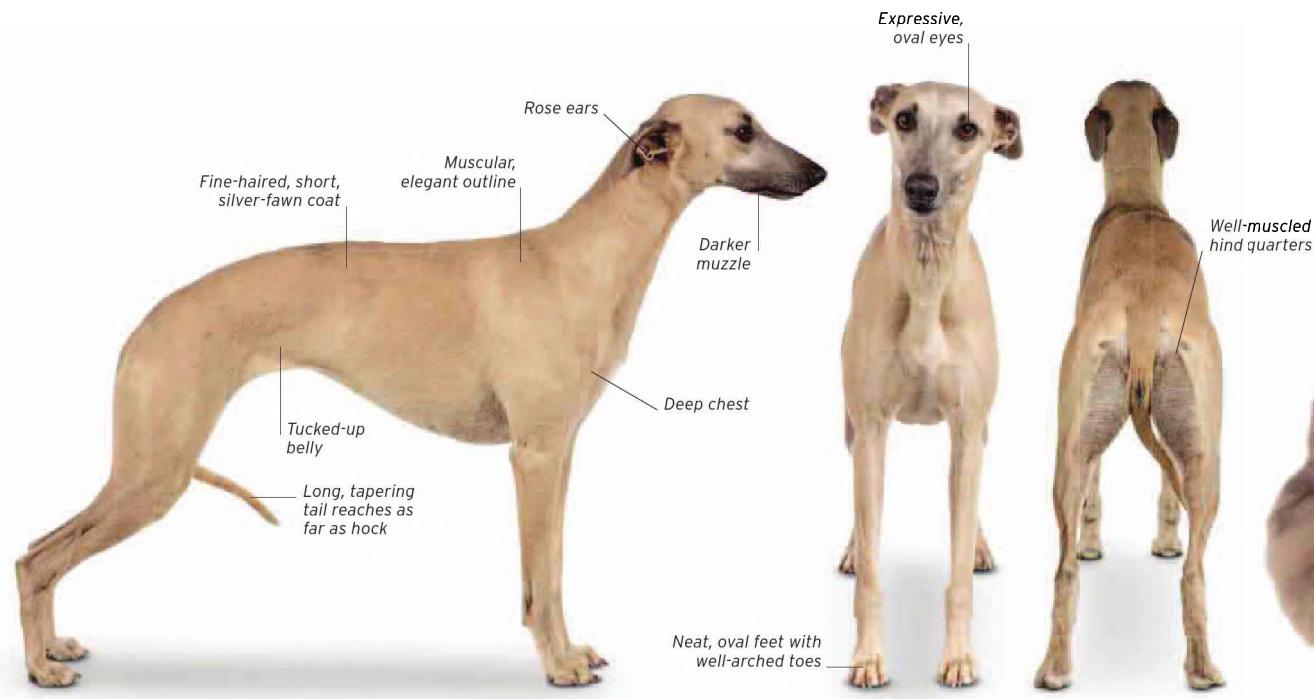
Any color

Elongated muzzle and wedge-shaped head



**This dog, once used for hunting hare and fox,** may have entered Hungary with the Magyars over 1,000 years ago. Not as fast as a Greyhound (opposite) but tougher and tireless, the Hungarian Greyhound (or Magyar Agar) needs a regular run. It makes a faithful and protective companion.





# WHIPPET

THE ULTIMATE SPRINTER, THIS DOG IS CALM, SWEET-NATURED, AND ADORING AT HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
17-20in (44-51cm)



**Weight range**  
20-40lb (11-18kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Any color

**The fastest domesticated animal** for its weight, the Whippet is capable of speeds of up to 35mph (56kph). It has impressive powers of acceleration and can twist and turn at speed with dexterity. This elegant little dog was developed in the north of England in the late 19th century by crossing the Greyhound (see p.126) with various terriers. Originally bred for hunting hare, rabbit, and other small game, the Whippet soon became popular as an affordable sporting dog. Whippet racing, held wherever there was enough space for dogs to sprint a few hundred feet, became a regular fixture for working men of mill and mining towns. Today it is still used for racing, as well as lure coursing and agility trials, but is mostly kept as a pet.

Quiet, docile, and affectionate, the Whippet behaves well in the house and is gentle with children. A sensitive breed, it needs tactful

handling and is easily distressed by rough play or harsh commands. With its delicate skin and short, fine hair, the Whippet needs to wear a coat in cold weather. Its own coat is almost odor-free, without a "doggy" smell even when wet. Puppies with long coats are occasionally born but are not officially recognized.

The Whippet has abundant energy and should be given regular exercise and, in safe areas, plenty of opportunity to run free. It is generally good with other dogs but has a strong hunting instinct and chases cats and small animals if given the chance. A Whippet will tolerate, or at least ignore, a household cat if the two are raised together but it should not be left unsupervised with other family pets such as rabbits or guinea pigs. This breed is wary with strangers, so it makes a reasonable watchdog. Toward its owners, the Whippet shows unwavering loyalty.



# BORZOI

THIS NOBLE RUSSIAN HOUND, COMBINES SPEED, ELEGANCE, AND A CERTAIN NONCHALANCE

AKC

**Height range**  
27-29in (68-74cm)



**Weight range**  
60-105lb (27-48kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** Russia

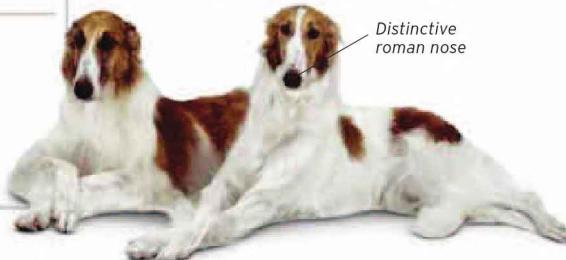


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

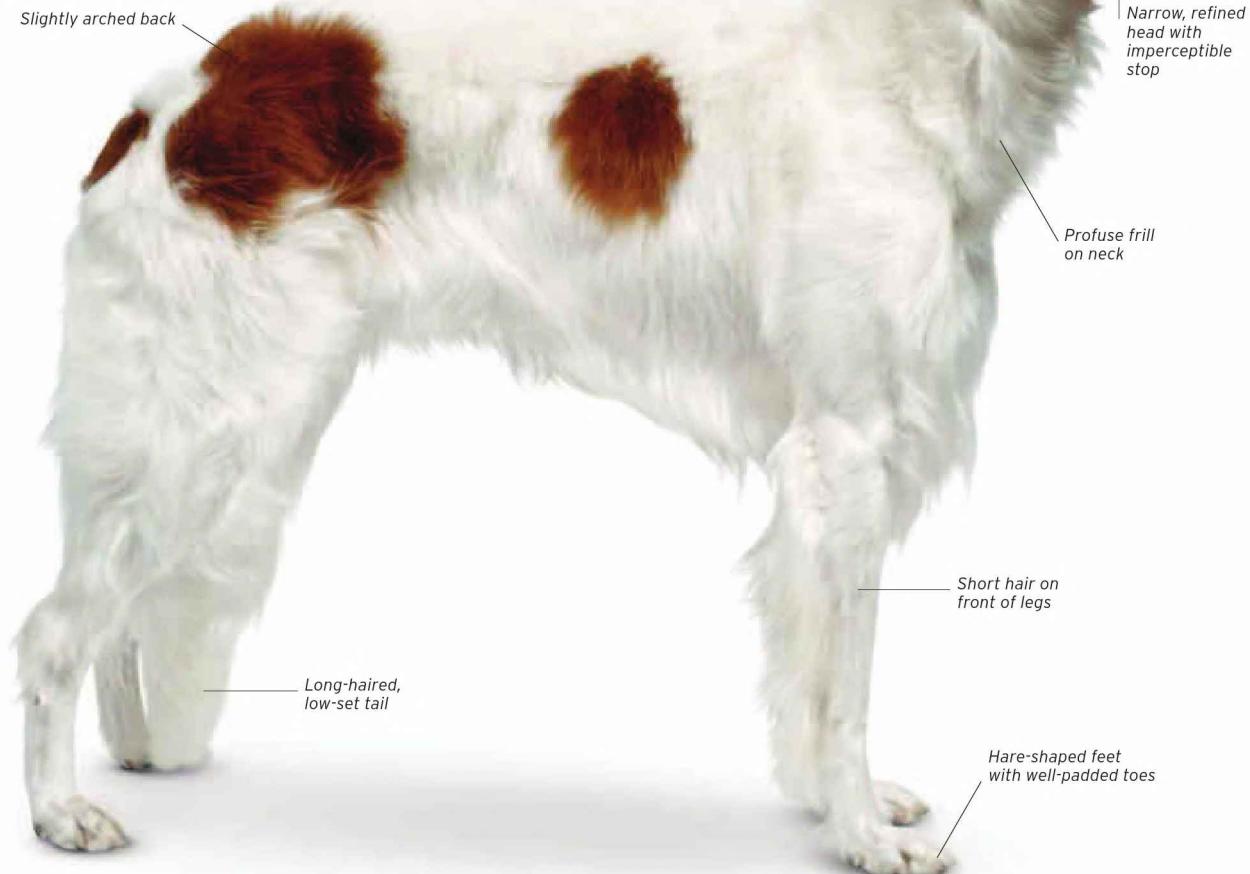
**This large, frilly-haired, almost feline dog** is arguably the most aristocratic of sight hounds. Once known as the Russian Wolfhound, it was bred to hunt wolves for tsars and nobles; often over 100 of these dogs would chase wolves through the snowbound tundra. Outside Russia the Borzoi has been bred for many years for companionship. Today the dog is happy in a regular home environment but needs plenty of long walks and runs. It also requires a routine of brushing and bathing to keep its long, wavy coat lustrous.



Distinctive roman nose

Silky, long, white coat, with red marks

Short, smooth coat on head



# SALUKI

THIS SLIM-FRAMED, SLEEK, GAZELLE-HUNTER IS LOYAL AND COURAGEOUS

AKC

**Height range**  
23–28in (58–71cm)



**Weight range**  
35–65lb (16–29kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Persia



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Pendant ears  
with long, silky,  
golden hair

Feathered coat

**Reputed to be one of the few breeds** that were mummified with the pharaohs of the Sumerian Empire, the Saluki (named after an ancient city) is esteemed in the Middle East for its swiftness over sand and is used for hunting with falcons. It is not an especially demonstrative or tactile pet and may seem somewhat aloof. There are two coat types: smooth and feathered.



# POLISH GREYHOUND

THIS POWERFUL CHASER IS A FAST BUT FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOUND

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**Height range**  
27–31in (68–80cm)



**Weight range**  
143–187lb (65–85kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** Asia



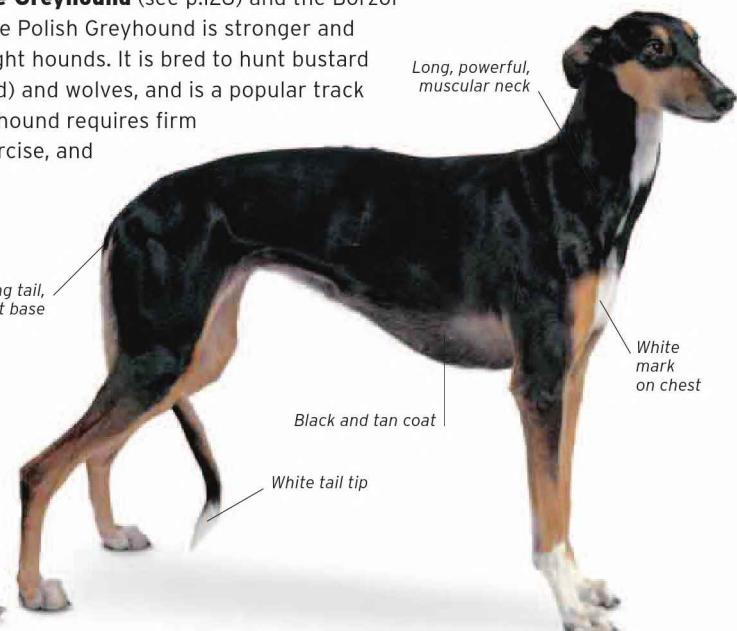
**Other colors**



All colors



**Possibly a mix of the Greyhound** (see p.126) and the Borzoi (opposite) in origin, the Polish Greyhound is stronger and sturdier than other sight hounds. It is bred to hunt bustard (a large, crane-like bird) and wolves, and is a popular track racer. The Polish Greyhound requires firm training, plenty of exercise, and regular brushing.



# IRISH WOLFHOUND

A LOYAL, DIGNIFIED, AND DOCILE HOUND, THIS GENTLE GIANT IS THE WORLD'S TALLEST BREED

AKC

**Height range**  
28-34in (71-86cm)



**Weight range**  
105-150lb (48-68kg)

**Life span** 8-10 years

**Origin** Ireland



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**This seriously large and heavy dog** can reach well over 6ft (1.8m) tall when standing on its hind legs. Once used to hunt wolves by Irish chieftains and kings, it later served as an army dog and is the Regimental Mascot of the Irish Guards. It makes a gentle companion and guard dog.



# SCOTTISH DEERHOUND

THIS FAST, FEARLESS, FRIENDLY DOG HAS A ROMANTIC SCOTTISH PAST

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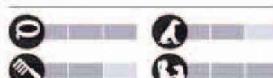
**Height range**  
28-30in (71-76cm)



**Weight range**  
82-101lb (37-46kg)

**Life span** 10-11 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Red-fawn or  
sandy-red

Black brindle

**Once the preserve of Scottish stag-hunting nobility**, this shaggier version of the Irish Wolfhound (above) is now as much at home in a cosy living room as by a baronial log fire. It is lazy and companionable indoors so long as it has a strenuous walk every day and outdoor space to roam in.



# AFGHAN HOUND

GLAMOROUS, ALOOF, AND HIGH-MAINTENANCE, THIS BREED IS THE SUPERMODEL OF DOGS

AKC

**Height range**  
25–29in (63–74cm)



**Weight range**  
50–60lb (21–29kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Afghanistan



**Other colors**



Any color

**The glossiest and most elegant of dogs,** the exact origin of the breed is unknown but it is thought to have been brought along trade routes to Afghanistan, where tribal chieftains used it to track deer, wild goats, and snow leopards. The Afghan Hound's long, luxurious coat protected it from the extreme climate of its original mountain home. In the 1930s Marx Brother "Zeppo" brought the breed to the US; and it has since been popular with celebrities.

However, this independent and lively companion is also at home in sports and obedience events.

Dark eyes,  
almost triangular-  
looking, slanting  
slightly upward



Abundant  
top knot

Pendant ears covered  
with long, silky hair



Tail is relatively  
bare, carried in a  
ring and raised  
when moving

Long, silky, gold coat has  
fine texture except along  
short, close saddle



Feet strong and  
covered with  
thick, long hair

# RAMPUR GREYHOUND

A SPEEDY, POWERFUL HUNTING DOG THAT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR URBAN LIFE

**Height range**  
22-30in (56-75cm)

**Weight range**  
59-66lb (27-30kg)

**Life span** 8-10 years

**Origin** India

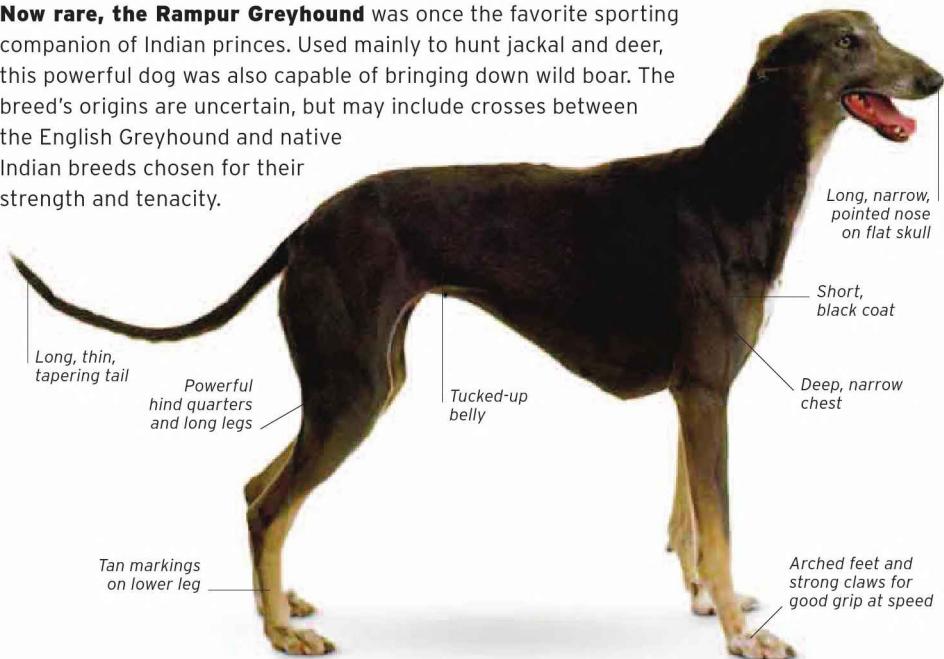


**Other colors**



Any color

**Now rare, the Rampur Greyhound** was once the favorite sporting companion of Indian princes. Used mainly to hunt jackal and deer, this powerful dog was also capable of bringing down wild boar. The breed's origins are uncertain, but may include crosses between the English Greyhound and native Indian breeds chosen for their strength and tenacity.



# SLOUGHI

THIS ELEGANT AND RACY DOG BONDS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS BUT IS ALOOF WITH STRANGERS

KC

**Height range**  
24-28in (61-72cm)

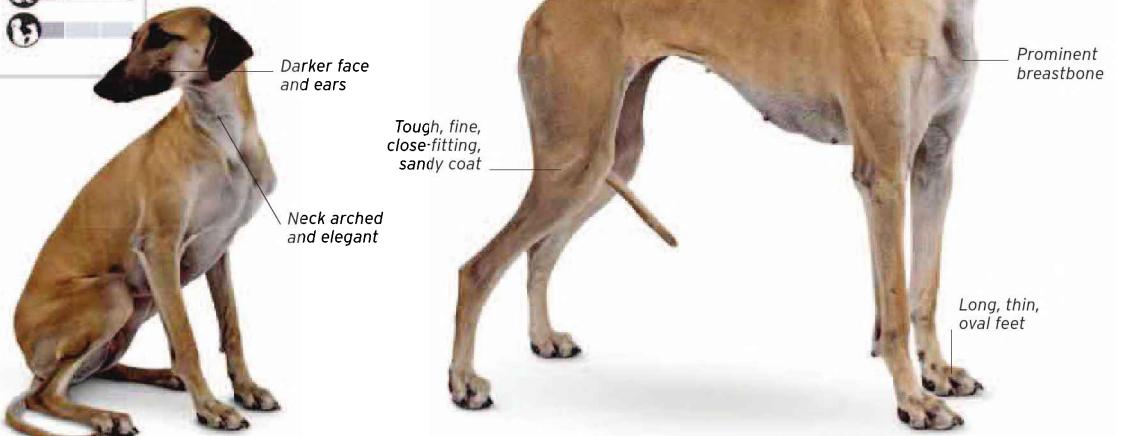
**Weight range**  
44-60lb (20-27kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** North Africa



**Long established in North Africa**, where it is much prized as a hunting dog, the Sloughi has only recently become known in Europe and the US. This quiet-natured breed is a pleasant companion and likes home life. A Sloughi needs early socializing with other household pets since its urge to chase small animals is strong.



# SPANISH GREYHOUND

BRED TO HUNT, THIS GENTLE BUT UNDEMONSTRATIVE DOG CAN ADAPT TO HOME LIFE

KC

**Height range**  
23–28in (58–72cm)



**Weight range**  
44–66lb (20–30kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Spain

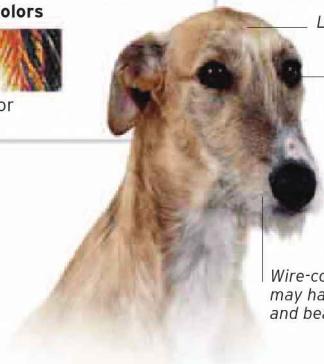


**Other colors**



Any color

**Thought to be a descendant** of dogs that came into the Iberian Peninsula with the Celts, around 500 BCE, the Spanish Greyhound is a fast-footed hunter. Once kept only by royalty, the breed became widely popular for coursing and racing. Spanish Greyhounds are not hard to train as house dogs but have high exercise requirements. There are two coat varieties: smooth-haired and wire-haired.



Wire-coated variety  
may have moustache  
and beard



# AZAWAKH

CAPABLE OF ASTONISHING SPEED, THIS SMALL-GAME HUNTER CAN BE KEPT AS A PET

KC

**Height range**  
24–29in (60–74cm)



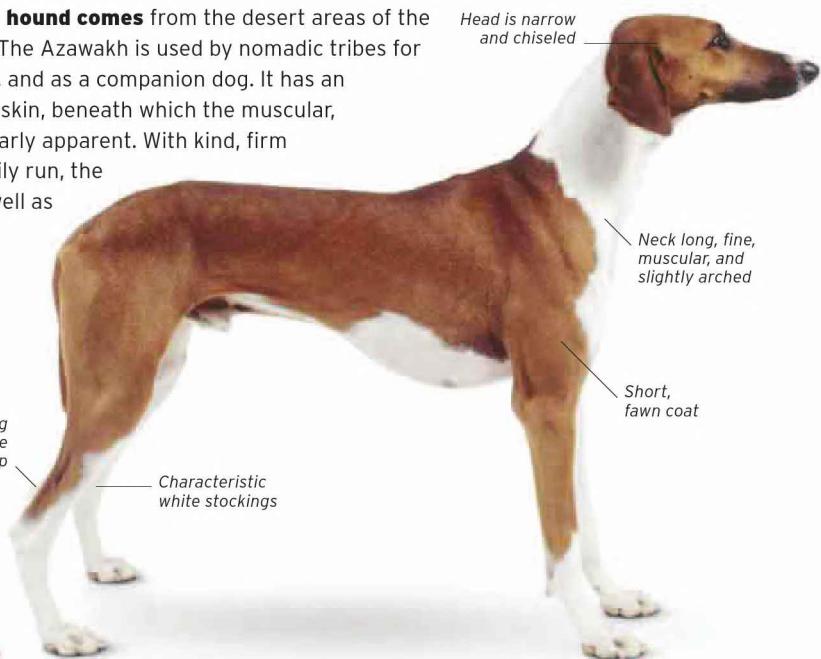
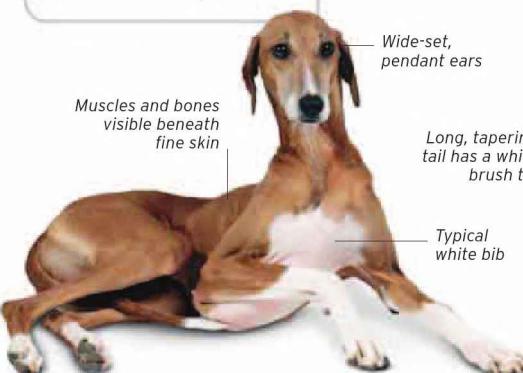
**Weight range**  
33–55lb (15–25kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Mali



**This long-legged hound comes** from the desert areas of the southern Sahara. The Azawakh is used by nomadic tribes for hunting, guarding, and as a companion dog. It has an exceptionally fine skin, beneath which the muscular, rangy frame is clearly apparent. With kind, firm handling and a daily run, the Azawakh settles well as a house pet.





#### PACK HUNTING

Foxhunting with pack hounds was once a familiar rural sight. The modern alternative is drag-hunting—where hounds follow an artificial scent.

# SCENT HOUNDS

**A keen sense of smell** is an essential part of being a dog.

The sharpest noses belong to the scent hounds, which track prey more by following scent than by using their eyes as the sight hounds do (see pp.124-25). These dogs, which once hunted in packs, have a natural ability to pick up a trail, even if it is days old, and will follow it single-mindedly.



The Otterhound is one of the rarest scent hound breeds

It is not known exactly when certain dogs were first recognized for their exceptional ability to hunt by scent. The origins of the modern scent hound possibly date back to the mastiff-type dogs of the ancient world, brought into Europe by traders from the region that is now Syria. By the Middle Ages hunting with packs of scent hounds was a widespread and popular sport, the quarry including fox, hare, deer, and wild boar. Pack hunting arrived in North America in the 17th century with English settlers who brought their own foxhounds with them.

Scent hounds come in all sizes, but typically have substantial muzzles packed with odor-detecting sensors, loose, moist lips that also aid scent detection, and long, pendant ears. Bred for staying power rather than speed, they are strong-bodied, especially in the forequarters. The breeds of scent

hound known today were selectively developed not only according to the size of prey that they followed but to the countryside that the hunts covered. The English Foxhound, for example, is comparatively fleet and lightly built for accompanying a mounted hunt over mostly open terrain. Similar in general appearance but much smaller, the Beagle hunted hare, sometimes in thick undergrowth, with followers on foot. Some short-legged dogs were bred to follow or dig out quarry below ground. The best known of these small scent hounds is the Dachshund, an agile little dog, adept at getting in and out of tight spots. The Otterhound, which hunted its quarry in rivers and streams, sometimes swimming for much of the time, has a water-repellent coat and more extensive webbing between its toes than most dogs.

With a widespread ban on hunting with hounds, the future of breeds such as the English Foxhound or Harrier is uncertain. Although

usually gregarious and good with other dogs, pack hounds rarely make satisfactory house pets. They need space, are often vocal, and their eagerness to follow any scent trail can make them difficult to train.

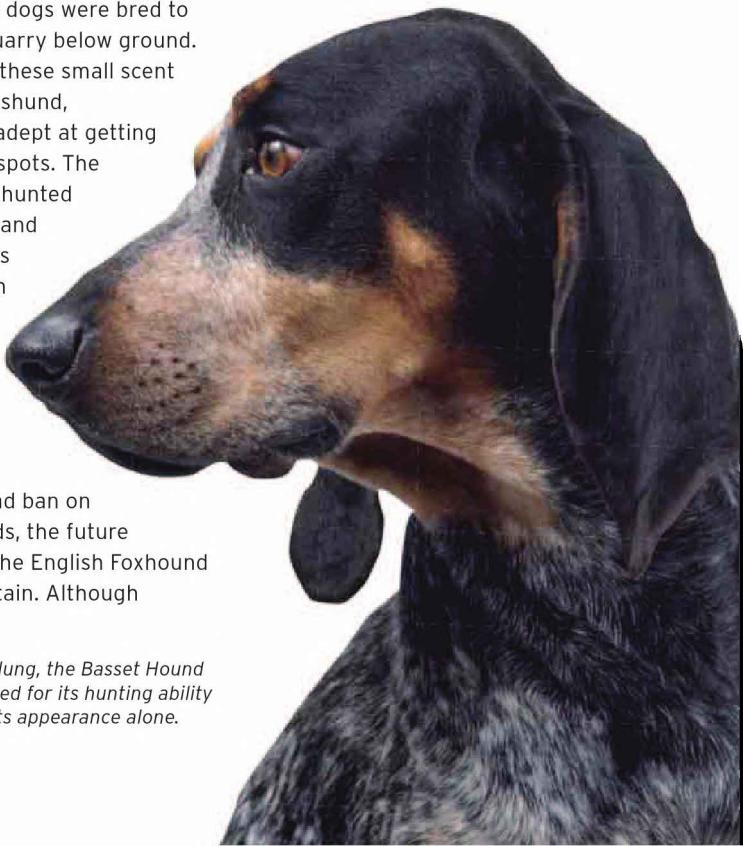
## AMERICAN COONHOUND

*This Bluetick Coonhound is a typical example of the large, handsome coonhounds popular in the United States for hunting and trials.*



## EVER POPULAR

*Long-eared and low-slung, the Basset Hound was once much admired for its hunting ability and is now loved for its appearance alone.*



# BRUNO JURA HOUND

THIS MOUNTAIN HUNTING DOG IS SWEET-TEMPERED BUT NOT OFTEN SEEN AS A COMPANION

FCI

**Height range**  
18–22in (45–57cm)

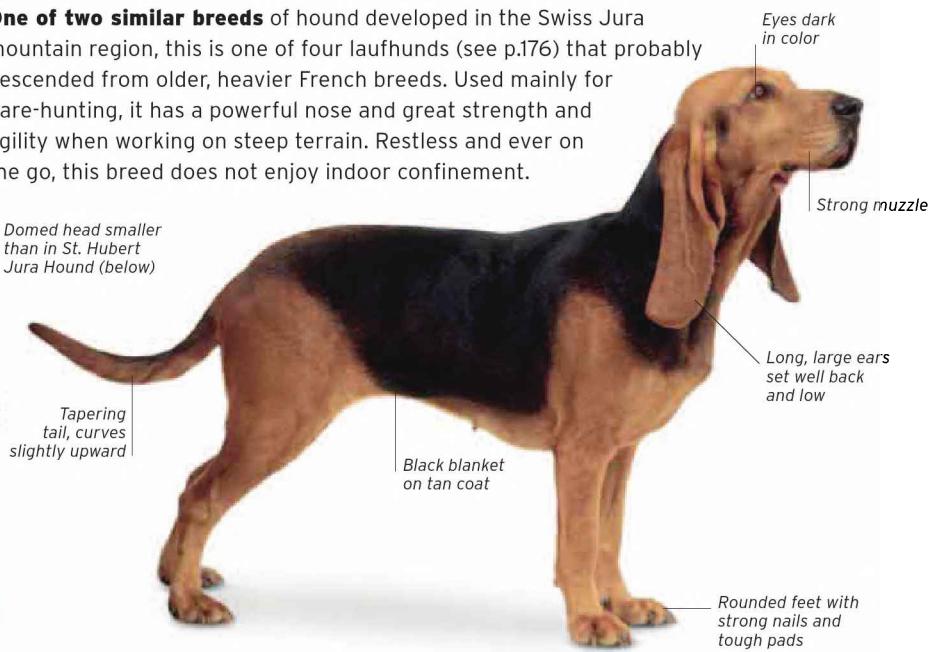


**Weight range**  
34–44lb (16–20kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years  
**Origin** Switzerland



**One of two similar breeds** of hound developed in the Swiss Jura mountain region, this is one of four laufhunds (see p.176) that probably descended from older, heavier French breeds. Used mainly for hare-hunting, it has a powerful nose and great strength and agility when working on steep terrain. Restless and ever on the go, this breed does not enjoy indoor confinement.



# ST. HUBERT JURA HOUND

ROBUST, AGILE, AND SKILLED AT TRACKING, THIS DOG IS BEST KEPT FOR OUTDOOR WORK

FCI

**Height range**  
18–23in (45–58cm)



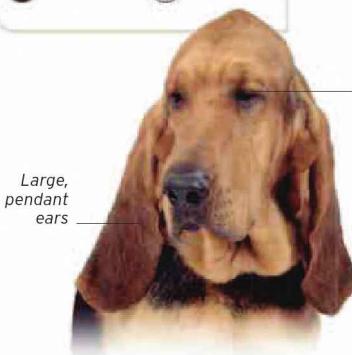
**Weight range**  
33–44lb (15–20kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years  
**Origin** Switzerland



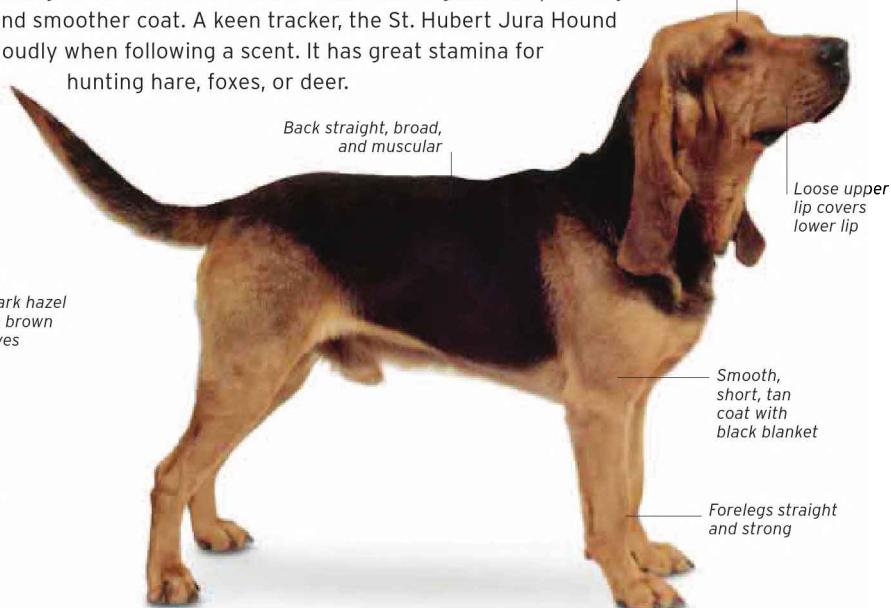
**Sharing a common history** with the Bruno Jura Hound (above) and closely resembling it, the St. Hubert Jura Hound is distinguished by its larger size and smoother coat. A keen tracker, the St. Hubert Jura Hound bays loudly when following a scent. It has great stamina for

hunting hare, foxes, or deer.



Dark hazel  
to brown  
eyes

Large,  
pendant  
ears



# BLOODHOUND

GENTLE AND SOCIALE DESPITE ITS SIZE, THIS DOG HAS A DEEP BELLING VOICE

AKC

**Height range**  
23-27in (58-69cm)



**Weight range**  
79-110lb (36-50kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Belgium



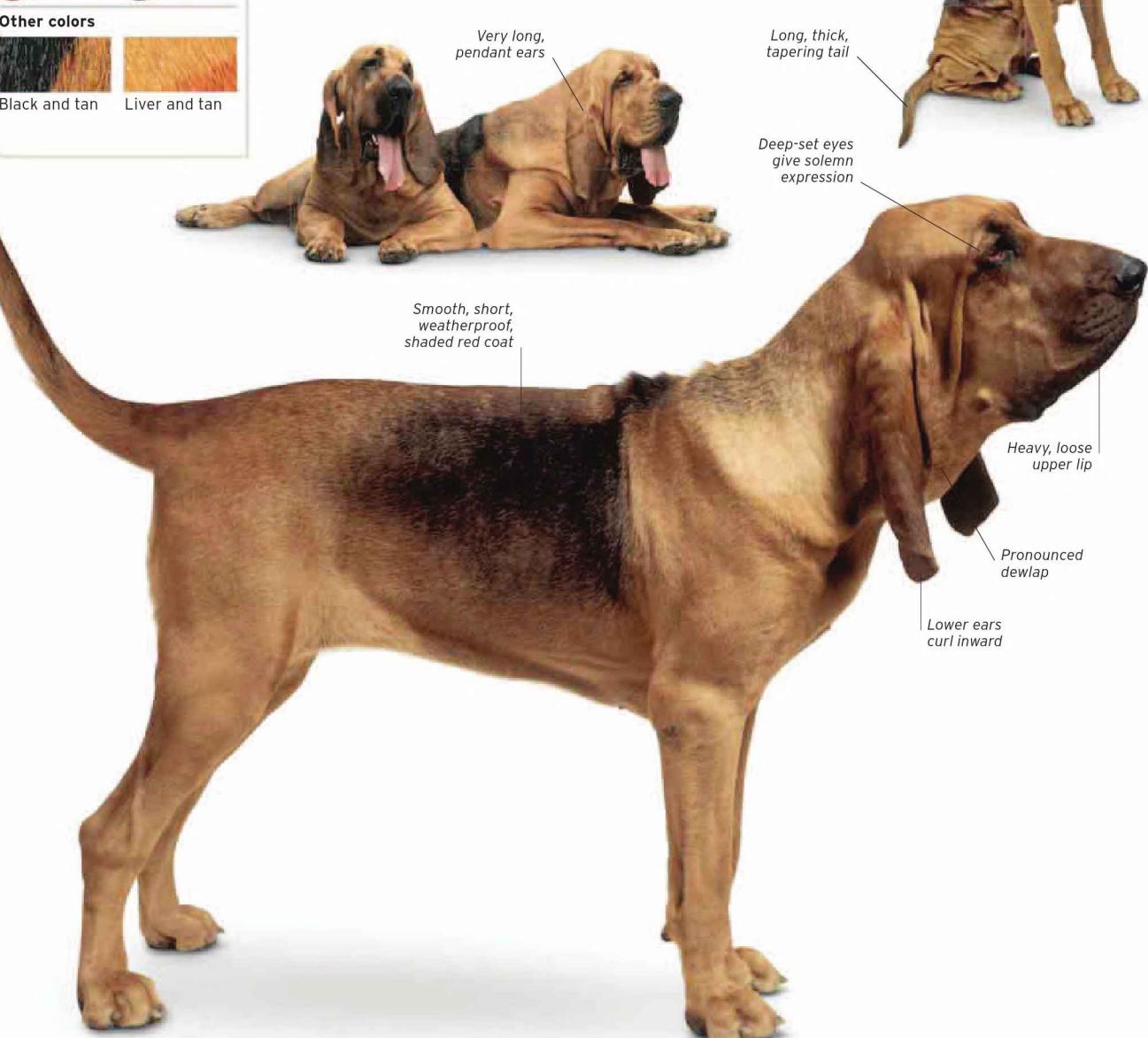
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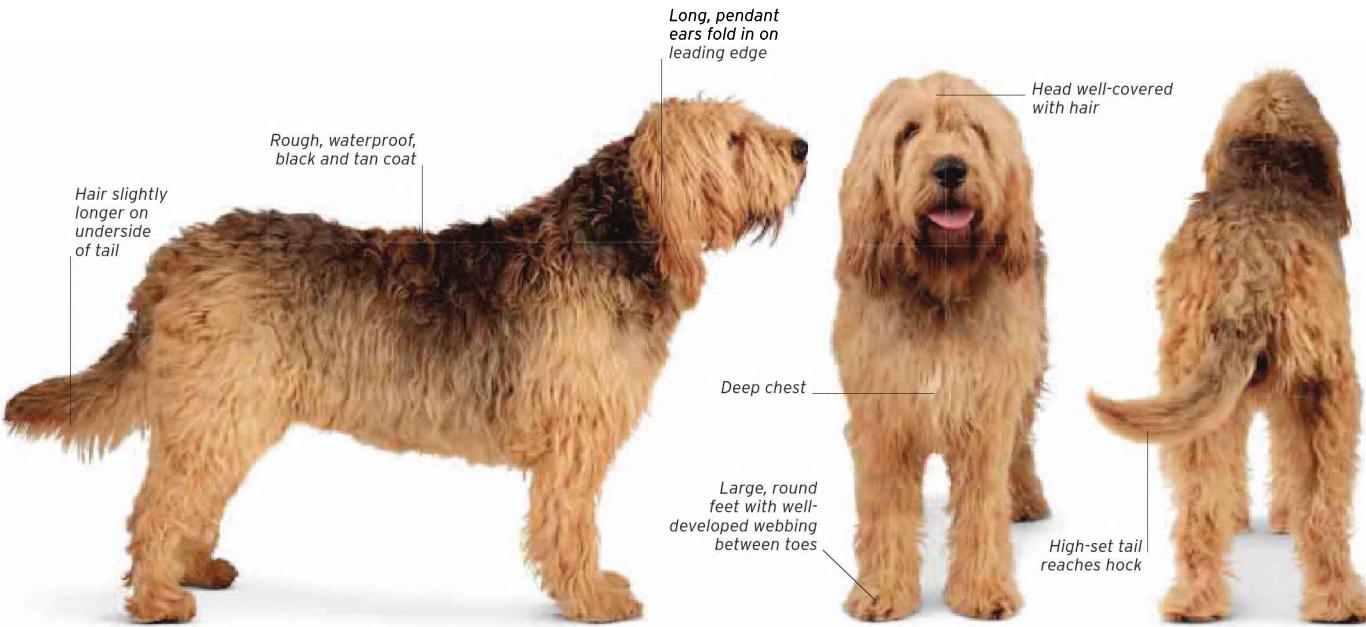


Black and tan

Liver and tan

**Originally developed in Belgium** by the monks of the Abbaye de Saint-Hubert, the Bloodhound (known in Belgium as the St. Hubert Hound) may have been among the dogs brought to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. Massive, wrinkly, and droopy-eared, this is the classic sleuthhound of detective stories. The Bloodhound is renowned for its superlative tracking abilities over varied terrain and can pick up a scent that is several days old. Good-natured and mild-mannered, this dog is also an excellent family companion for those with room to spare.





## OTTERHOUND

EASY-GOING AND AFFECTIONATE, THIS DOG HAS RETAINED A STRONG HUNTING INSTINCT

AKC

**Height range**  
24–27 in (61–69 cm)



**Weight range**  
66–115 lb (30–52 kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** UK



**Other Colors**



Any hound color

As its name suggests, this shaggy-coated hound was once used for hunting otters. Though its exact origins are uncertain, dogs of a similar type, working in packs, were known in England from about the 18th century, and there are records of otter-hunting with pack hounds as far back as the 12th century. When otters became a protected species, and otter-hunting was banned in the UK in 1978, the number of Otterhounds declined sharply. The breed is now considered rare, with fewer than 60 puppies being registered by the Kennel Club each year. Small numbers of Otterhounds are found in other countries, including the USA, Canada, and New Zealand.

The Otterhound is a strong, energetic dog that, given sufficient exercise, readily adapts to life in the home. It is intelligent and good-natured but, as is the case with many former pack hounds, can be difficult to train. Being large and boisterous, the

breed is not recommended for small homes or families with elderly members or young children, because there is a risk of them being knocked over. The Otterhound is best suited to owners who enjoy outdoor activities and have a large yard or access to open spaces where the dog can run safely. Bred for hunting in water, this hound loves swimming and will splash around happily in streams for hours if given the opportunity.

The Otterhound's dense, coarse coat is slightly oily, and therefore water-repellent. Regular grooming is usually enough to keep the long topcoat free from tangles; in wet weather mud tends to collect but can be brushed out easily when dry. The dog's longer facial hair may need washing occasionally.



# GRIFFON NIVERNAIS

TOUGH AND INDEPENDENT, THIS DOG CAN BE NOISY AND NEEDS A FIRM OWNER

FCI

**Height range**  
21-25in (53-63cm)

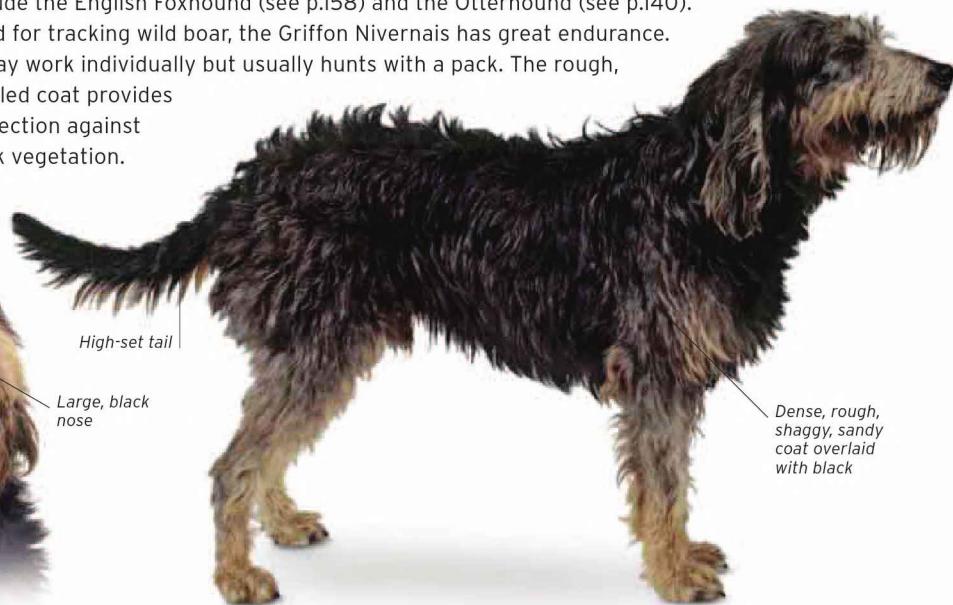
**Weight range**  
51-55lb (23-25kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** France



**One of the oldest French sporting dogs**, this breed has bloodlines that include the English Foxhound (see p.158) and the Otterhound (see p.140). Used for tracking wild boar, the Griffon Nivernais has great endurance. It may work individually but usually hunts with a pack. The rough, tousled coat provides protection against thick vegetation.



# GRAND GRIFFON VENDEEN

THIS WELL-PROPORTIONED, PASSIONATE HUNTER IS INTELLIGENT AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY

FCI

**Height range**  
24-27in (60-68cm)

**Weight range**  
66-77lb (30-35kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Fawn



Black and tan



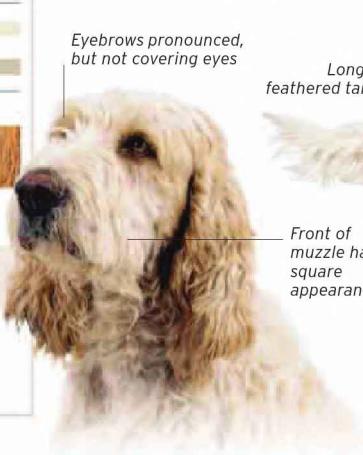
Black and white



Tricolor

Fawn dogs can have black overlay.

**There are four varieties** of Griffon Vendéen and this one, as its name implies, is the largest; it is also the longest established. The Grand Griffon Vendéen is used for hunting deer and wild boar, and usually works as a packhound. This attractive dog has a beautiful musical voice and an appealing personality.



# GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN

THIS SHORT-LEGGED BREED IS A DEDICATED WORKING HUNTER

KC

**Height range**  
15–17in (38–44cm)



**Weight range**  
40–44lb (18–20kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** France



This basset-type Griffon Vendéen hound was originally developed for hunting hare. Today it is used for tracking all types of game from rabbits to wild boar. Brave and tenacious when on the trail, the short-legged Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen is adept at working in difficult countryside such as dense scrub.

Long, pendant ears

Prominent nose  
with wide nostrils



White coat  
with orange  
markings



Flat, hard hair  
with thick  
undercoat

White coat  
with black  
and orange  
markings

# PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN

ENERGETIC AND OUTGOING, THIS FAMILY DOG IS CHEERFUL, CONFIDENT, AND CURIOUS

AKC

**Height range**  
13–15in (33–38cm)



**Weight range**  
24–42lb (11–19kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** France



**Smallest of the Griffon Vendéen breeds**, the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is an alert, active, and vigorous hound, capable of a long day's hunting. Short legs, a body twice the dog's height, and a thick, rough coat make this breed ideal for work in dense, brambly undergrowth. Full of restless energy, like all hounds, the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is a family dog for people who enjoy spending time outdoors.

Pendant ears  
turned  
inward

Coat rough,  
thick, and  
coarse



Long  
eyebrows,  
beard, and  
moustache



Back straight  
from  
withers to croup

White coat  
with dark  
markings

# BRIQUET GRIFFON VENDEEN

SHAGGY AND COARSE-HAIRED, THIS IS A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SCENT HOUND

FCI

**Height range**  
19-22in (48-55cm)



**Weight range**  
35-53lb (16-24kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Fawn with  
black overlay



Black and tan

Black and  
white

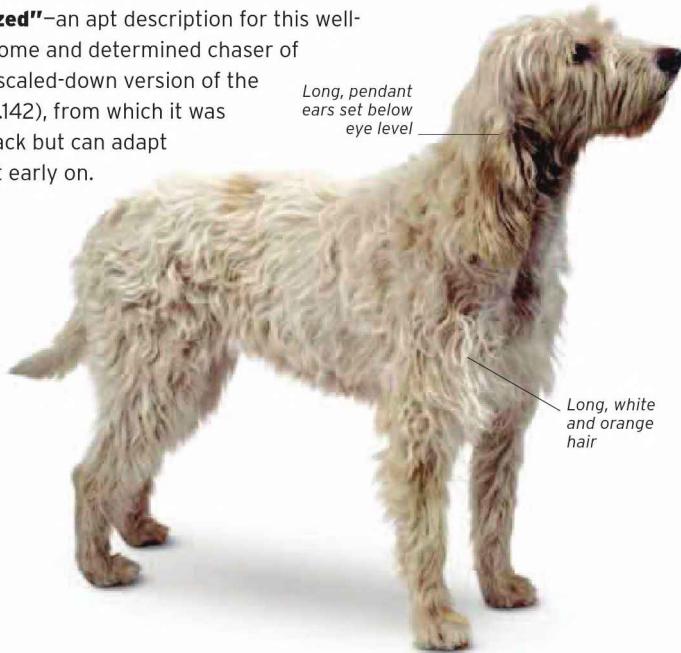
Black, tan,  
and white

**Briquet** means "medium sized"—an apt description for this well-proportioned hound. A handsome and determined chaser of wild boar and roe deer, it is a scaled-down version of the Grand Griffon Vendéen (see p.142), from which it was bred. This hound hunts in a pack but can adapt to urban life if introduced to it early on.



Bushy eyebrows  
noticeable but not  
covering the eye

Brown  
nose



Long, pendant  
ears set below  
eye level

Long, white  
and orange  
hair

# BASSET HOUND

THIS LOW-SLUNG, FLOPPY-EARED DOG IS GENTLE-NATURED AND A SUPERB TRACKER

AKC

**Height range**  
13-15in (33-38cm)



**Weight range**  
40-60lb (18-27kg)

**Life span** 10-13 years

**Origin** France



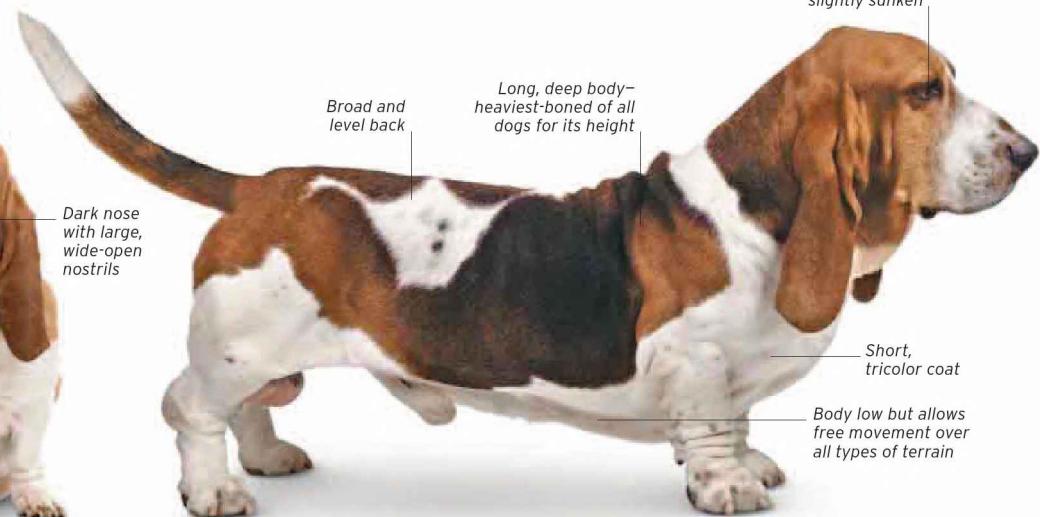
**Other colors**



Variety of  
colors

Any recognized  
hound color.

**Equally happy by the fireside or in the field**, the Basset Hound was bred by French monks to hunt in heavy cover. Unlike its depiction as a buffoon in some cartoons, this consummate sniffer dog is very intelligent and extremely tenacious. As a family pet, the Basset Hound is placid and affectionate.



Eyes soft,  
sad-looking, and  
slightly sunken

Broad and  
level back

Long, deep body—  
heaviest-boned of all  
dogs for its height

Short,  
tricolor coat

Body low but allows  
free movement over  
all types of terrain

Dark nose  
with large,  
wide-open  
nostrils

# BASSET ARTESIEN NORMAND

THIS SHORT-LEGGED, DETERMINED HUNTING DOG IS A LIVELY, DEVOTED FAMILY PET

FCI

**Height range**  
12-14in (30-36cm)



**Weight range**  
33-44lb (15-20kg)

**Life span** 13-15 years

**Origin** France



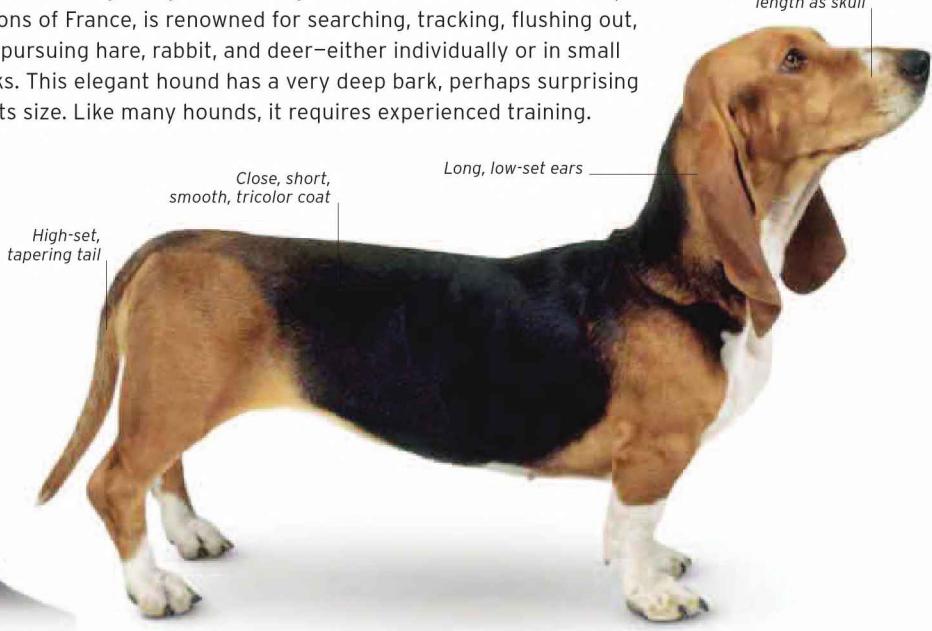
**Other colors**



Tan and white

Large, black nose

**This low-slung, long-bodied dog** from the Artois and Normandy regions of France, is renowned for searching, tracking, flushing out, and pursuing hare, rabbit, and deer—either individually or in small packs. This elegant hound has a very deep bark, perhaps surprising for its size. Like many hounds, it requires experienced training.



# BASSET FAUVE DE BRETAGNE

AN AGILE, COMPACT FAMILY DOG WITH AN EASY-GOING, CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

KC

**Height range**  
13-15in (32-38cm)



**Weight range**  
35-40lb (16-18kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

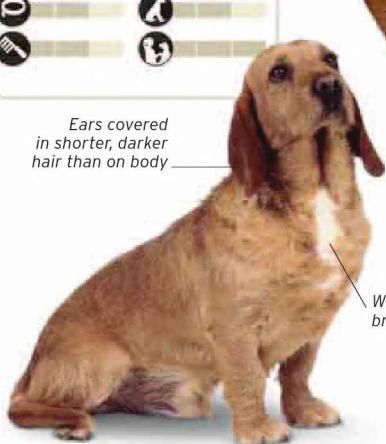
**Origin** France



Ears covered in shorter, darker hair than on body

**This versatile and nimble hound** has the same qualities as the breed from which it is derived: the Griffon Fauve de Bretagne (see p.146). It is courageous and has a well-developed sense of smell, which makes it ideal for tracking and search and rescue. Although wiry, a weekly brush and comb is all that its coat requires.

Slightly tapering muzzle with brown nose



# GRIFFON FAUVE DE BRETAGNE

THIS HARDY, WIRY RABBIT-CHASER IS AN EASY-GOING FAMILY DOG WHEN OFF DUTY

FCI

**Height range**  
19–22in (47–56cm)

**Weight range**  
40–49lb (18–22kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** France



Broad chest

**One of the oldest French hounds**, with ancestors dating back to the 1500s, the Griffon Fauve de Bretagne was bred in Brittany to guard against wolves. Today it is a versatile hunter and lively housedog. Its short-legged cousin is the Basset Fauve de Bretagne (see p.145).



Tail carried  
in a sickle shape



Dark brown eyes

Low-set  
ears curl in  
on front edge

Wiry, very  
rough, red-  
wheaten coat

Compact feet

# ISTRIAN WIRE-HAIRED HOUND

THIS TOUGH BUT GENTLE HOUND IS SUITED TO HUNTING FOX AND HARE IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN

FCI

**Height range**  
18–23in (46–58cm)

**Weight range**  
35–53lb (16–24kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Croatia



Tail has  
orange hairs  
at base

Broad, deep chest  
extends to elbows

**With its boundless tenacity and passion for hunting**, the Istrian Wire-haired Hound is similar to the smooth-coated variety (opposite). Due to its stubborn nature it can be difficult to train, so is not an ideal pet. It is known as the Istarski Oštrolaki Gonic in its homeland on the Istrian peninsula of Croatia.



Oval-shaped,  
dark eyes

Orange  
speckling  
on ears

Black  
nose

Harsh, snow-  
white top coat  
is dull and bristly

Catlike, narrow  
feet

# ISTRIAN SMOOTH-COATED HOUND

RESEMBLING A LONG-LEGGED FOXHOUND, THIS IS THE OLDEST OF THE BALKAN HOUNDS

FCI

**Height range**  
17–22in (44–56cm)



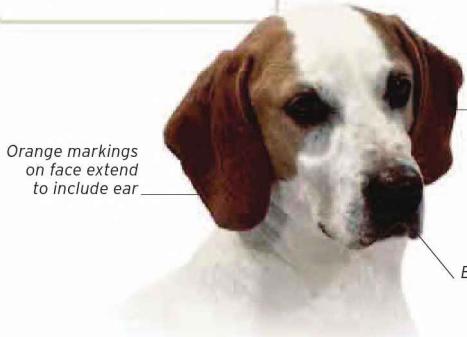
**Weight range**  
31–44lb (14–20kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Croatia



**Originally bred for hunting hare and fox** in the vast open terrain of Istria, the handsome and well-built Istarski Kratkodlaki Gonic, as it is known in its native land, displays a stunning snow-white coat. It is kept across the Istrian peninsula as a working dog but also makes a contented housedog in a rural household.



Broad, thin, drop ears  
Black nose



Long, narrow, pear-shaped head

Large, dark eyes

Short, smooth, snow-white coat

# STYRIAN COARSE-HAIRED MOUNTAIN HOUND

THIS RARE WORKING DOG IS IDEAL FOR HIGH ALTITUDE AND HUNTING ON ROUGH TERRAIN

FCI

**Height range**  
18–21in (45–53cm)



**Weight range**  
33–40lb (15–18kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Austria



**Other colors**



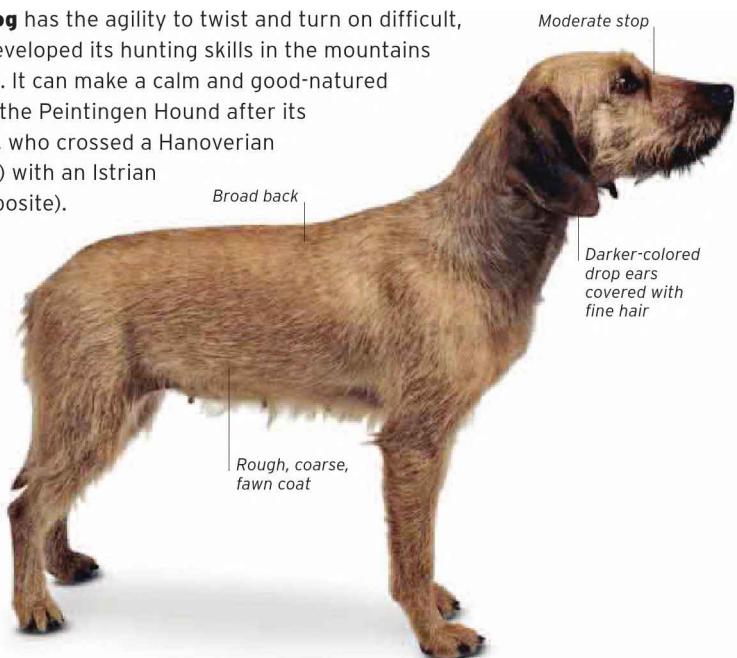
Red  
May have white marking on chest.

**This medium-sized dog** has the agility to twist and turn on difficult, steep terrain, having developed its hunting skills in the mountains of Austria and Slovenia. It can make a calm and good-natured pet. It is also known as the Peintingen Hound after its 18th-century developer, who crossed a Hanoverian Scent Hound (see p.178) with an Istrian Wire-haired Hound (opposite).



Black nose

Expressive, brown eyes



Moderate stop

Darker-colored drop ears covered with fine hair

Broad back

Rough, coarse, fawn coat

# AUSTRIAN BLACK AND TAN HOUND

SUPPLE AND TIRELESS, THIS DOG IS SUITED TO TRACKING PREY ACROSS MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN

FCI

**Height range**  
19–22in (48–56cm)



**Weight range**  
33–51lb (15–23kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Austria



**Sometimes known as the Brandlbracke**, the Austrian Black and Tan Hound has descended from the Celtic Hound. Popular locally, it was bred to seek out hare and track down wounded animals with its highly tuned senses of smell and direction. It works eagerly and has a calm temperament.

Smooth, short, thick,  
black and tan, close-fitting  
coat with silky sheen

Long, tapering  
tail hangs  
down at rest



Tucked-up  
belly

Tan markings  
above eyes

Drop ears

Tan markings  
on lower legs

# SPANISH HOUND

A STRONG-WILLED HUNTING DOG OF NOBLE ANCESTRY

FCI

**Height range**  
19–22in (48–57cm)



**Weight range**  
44–55lb (20–25kg)

**Life span** 11–13 years

**Origin** Spain



**The ancestors of the Spanish Hound** date back to the Middle Ages.

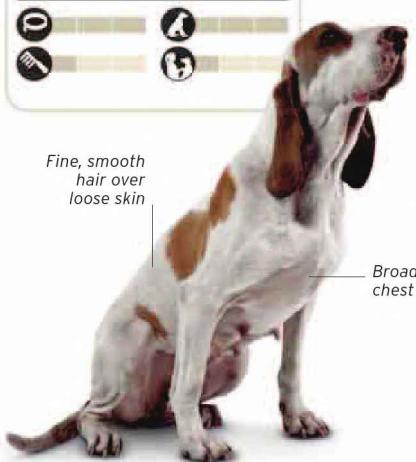
Also known as Sabueso Español, this dog is a specialized, lone hare-hunter that will track its prey all day, following the commands of an experienced owner. There is considerable variation in the height of this breed: males being much larger than females.

Long, straight  
muzzle

Fine, smooth  
hair over  
loose skin

Broad  
chest

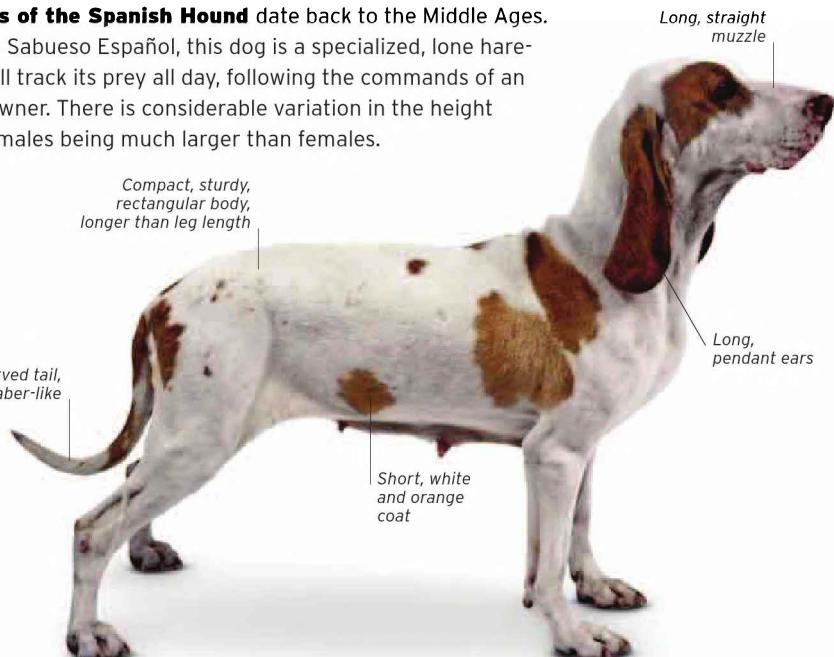
Curved tail,  
held saber-like



Compact, sturdy,  
rectangular body,  
longer than leg length

Short, white  
and orange  
coat

Long,  
pendant ears



# SEGUGIO ITALIANO

THIS INTELLIGENT AND SWEET-NATURED HOUND MAKES A GOOD ACTIVE COMPANION

**Height range**  
19-23in (48-59cm)



**Weight range**  
40-62lb (18-28kg)

**Life span** 10-14 years

**Origin** Italy



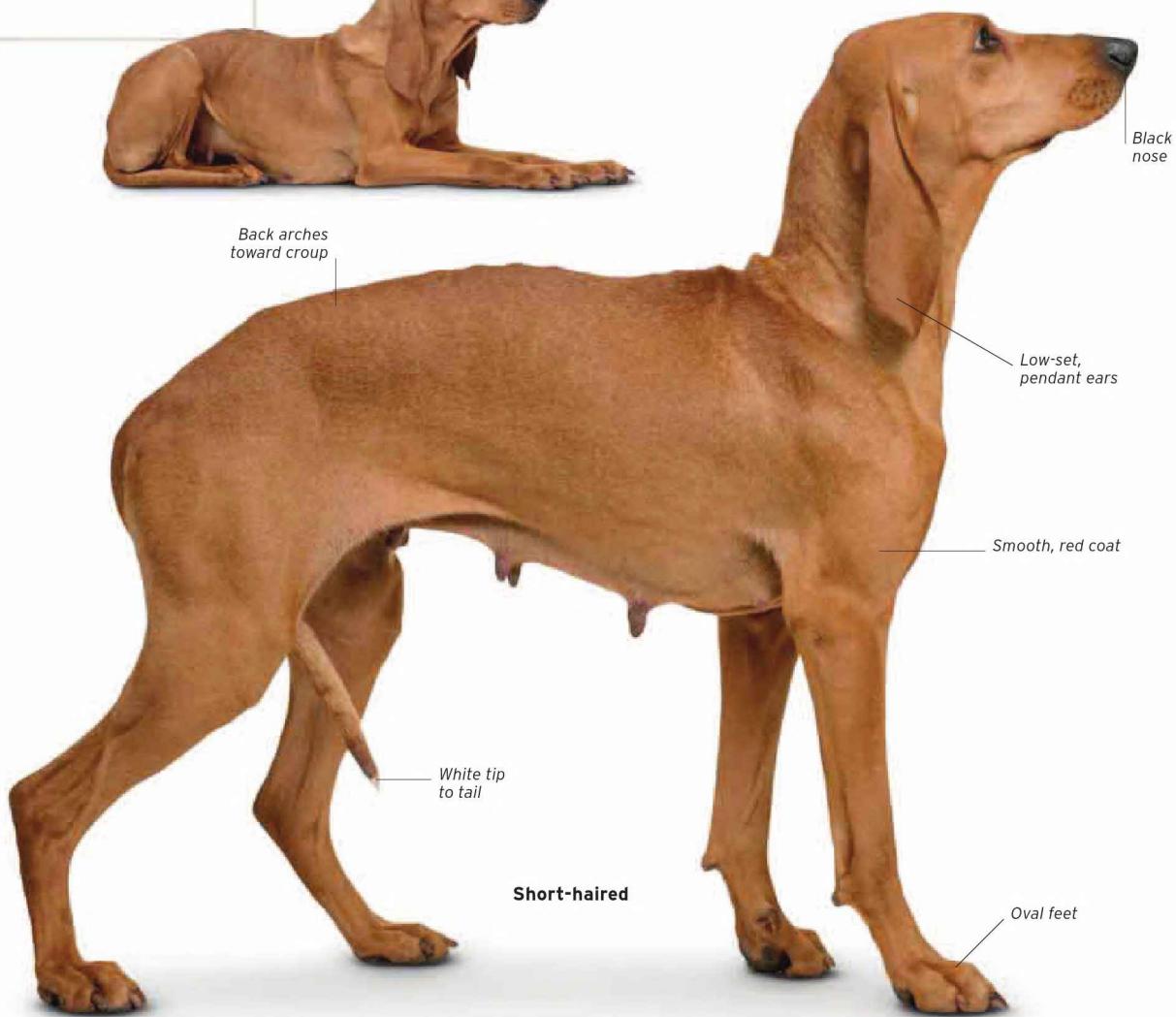
**Other colors**



Wheaten



Back arches toward croup



KC

# HARRIER

THIS SUPREMELY ACTIVE AND EAGER HOUND IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC EXPLORER AND TRACKER

AKC

**Height range**  
19–22in (48–55cm)



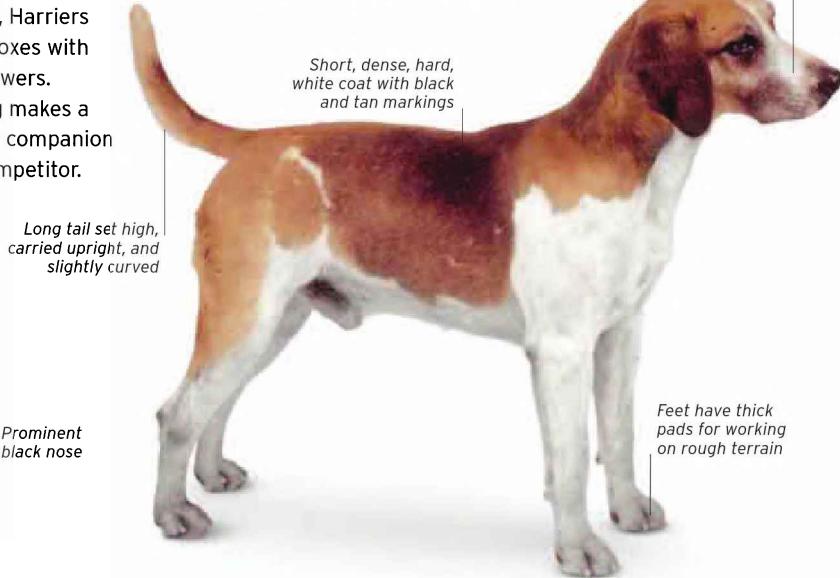
**Weight range**  
42–60lb (19–27kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** UK



**Once popular for pack hunting**, this handsome, classically proportioned hound was probably developed as a smaller version of the English Foxhound (see p.158). Originally used to hunt hare with foot followers, Harriers later hunted foxes with mounted followers. Today the dog makes a great outdoor companion and agility competitor.



# BEAGLE HARRIER

A GOOD COMPANION DOG WITH A VERY CALM TEMPERAMENT, BUT KEEN TO FOLLOW SCENT

FCI

**Height range**  
18–20in (46–50cm)



**Weight range**  
42–46lb (19–21kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

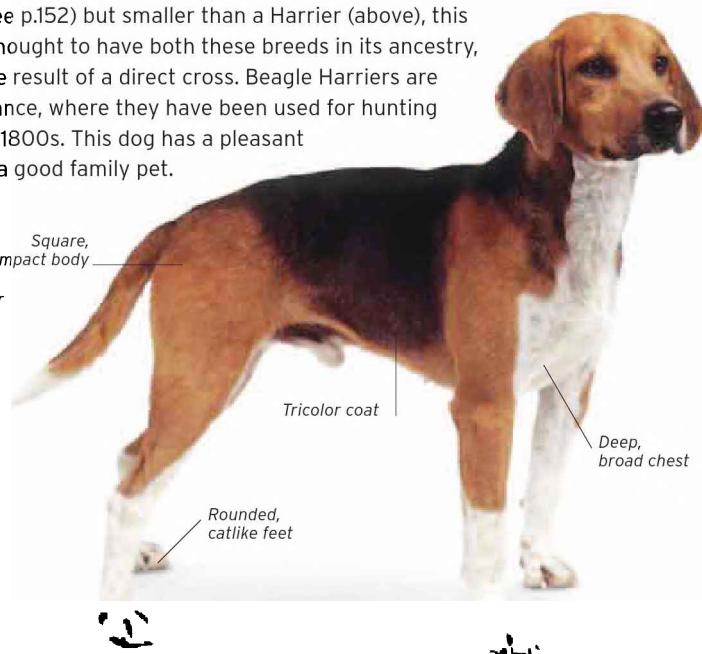
**Origin** France



Narrow muzzle  
on broad head



**Larger than a Beagle** (see p.152) but smaller than a Harrier (above), this attractive little hound is thought to have both these breeds in its ancestry, although it may not be the result of a direct cross. Beagle Harriers are not often seen outside France, where they have been used for hunting small game since the late 1800s. This dog has a pleasant temperament and makes a good family pet.



# ANGLO-FRANCAIS DE PETITE VENERIE

THIS WORKING PACKHOUND IS NOT SUITED TO AN URBAN LIFESTYLE

FCI

**Height range**  
19-22in (48-56cm)



**Weight range**  
35-44lb (16-20kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** France



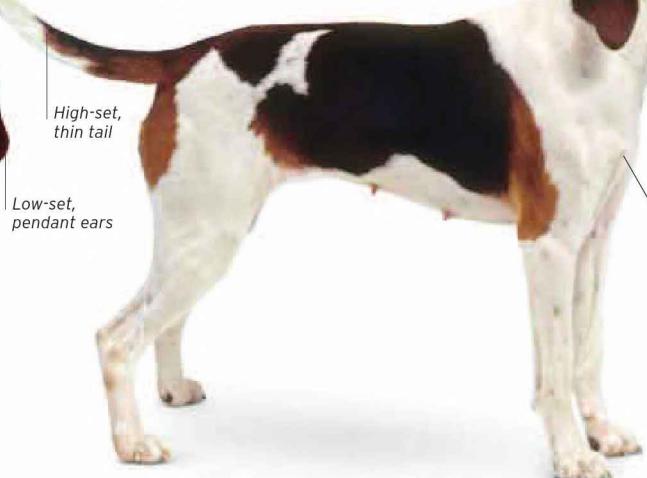
**Other colors**



**Also known as the Petit Anglo-Français**, this hound was developed in France and is the result of cross-breeding between English and French scent hounds, a few hundred years ago. The breed is now rare and mostly seen in Continental Europe, where it is still used for small game hunting (to which its name, Petite Vénérerie, alludes).



High-set,  
thin tail  
  
Low-set,  
pendant ears



Large,  
brown eyes

Short, dense,  
glossy, tricolor  
coat

# PORCELAINE

THIS INSTINCTIVE HUNTER IS TRAINABLE AS A HOUSE DOG BUT NEEDS AN ACTIVE LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
21-23in (53-58cm)



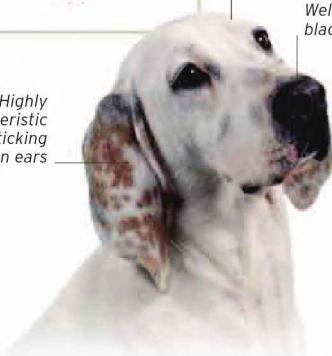
**Weight range**  
55-62lb (25-28kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** France

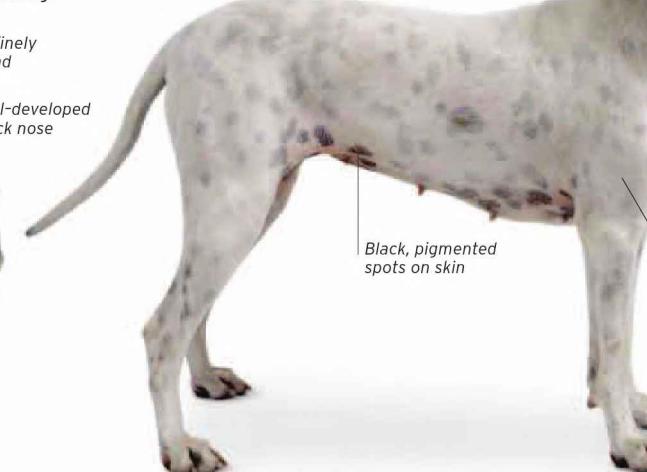


Highly  
characteristic  
orange ticking  
on ears



**Possibly the oldest of the French packhounds**, with origins in the Franche-Comte on the French-Swiss border, this breed is named for the distinctive glaze-like sheen of its beautiful white coat. It is used primarily for hunting deer and wild boar. If kept as a pet, this hound needs plenty of exercise and tactful training.

Long, lean, finely  
chiseled head  
  
Well-developed  
black nose

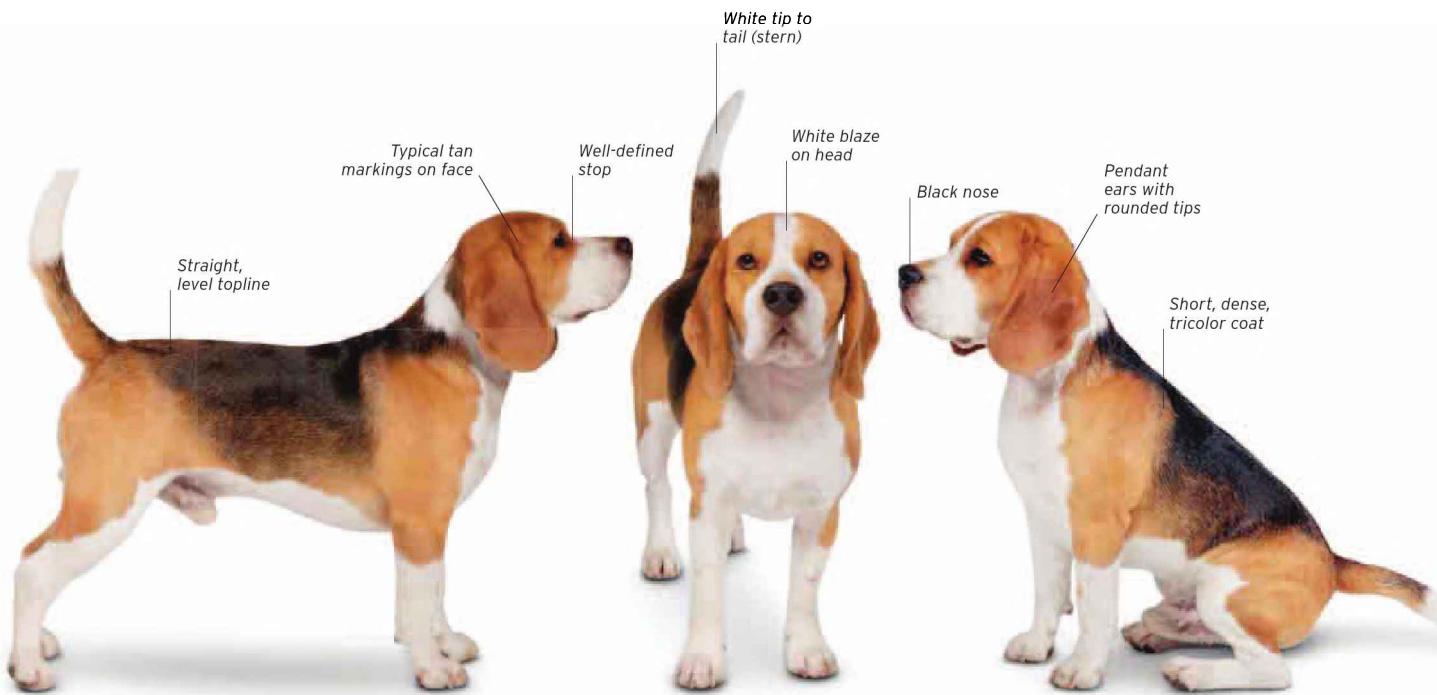


Low-set, thin,  
pendant ears

Very short,  
fine, white  
coat

Long, sloping,  
muscular  
shoulders

Black, pigmented  
spots on skin



# BEAGLE

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SCENT HOUNDS, THIS DOG IS ACTIVE, HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, AND AMIABLE

AKC

**Height range**  
13–16in (33–40cm)



**Weight range**  
20–24lb (9–11kg)

**Life span** 13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



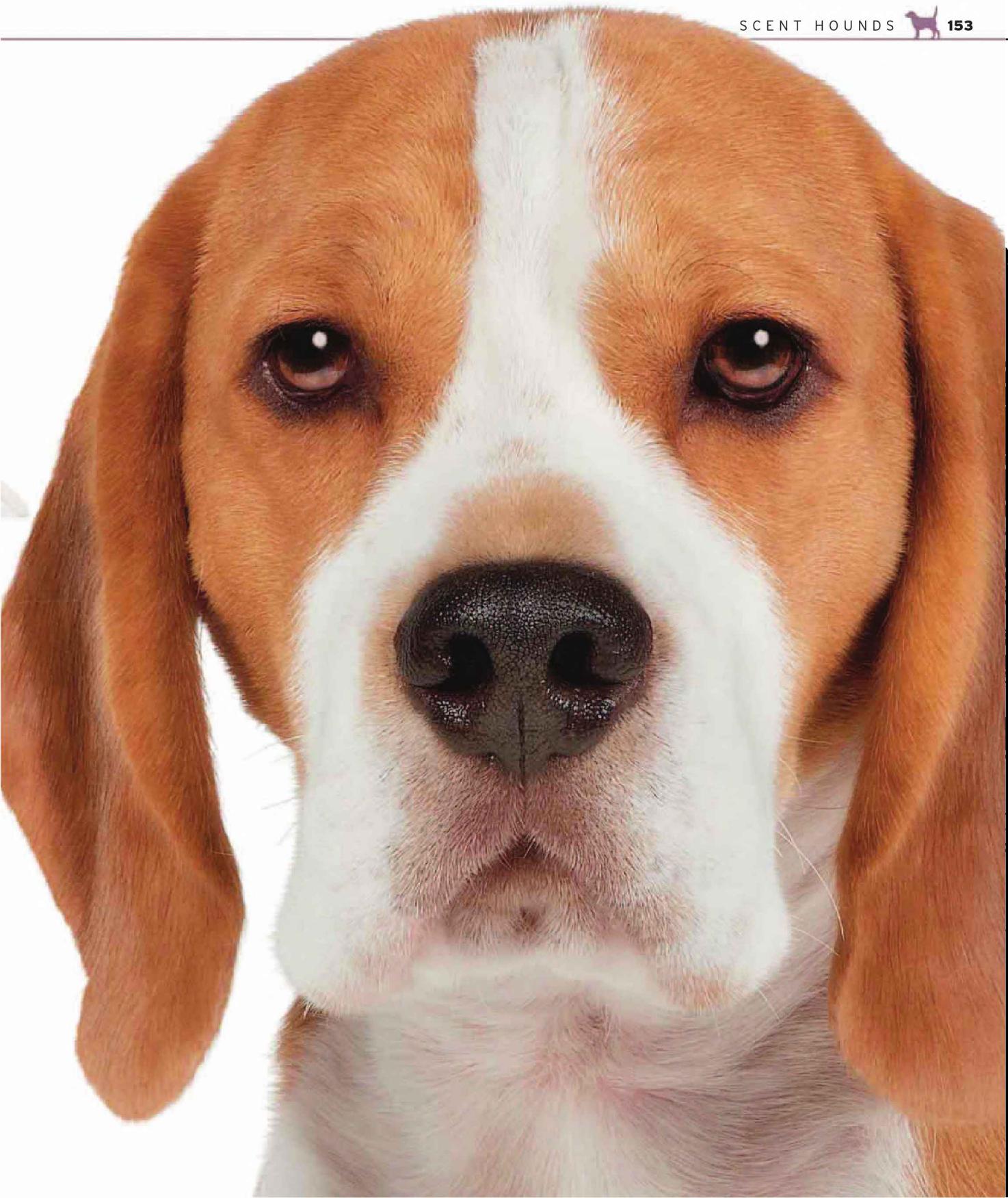
Variety of colors

**A sturdy, compact dog** with a merry disposition, the Beagle looks rather like an English Foxhound (see p.158) in miniature. The Beagle's origins are unclear, but it appears to have a long history, possibly being developed from other English scent hounds such as the Harrier (see p.150). In England, from the 16th century onward, packs of small beagle-type hounds were kept to hunt hare and rabbit, but it was not until the 1870s that a standard for the modern Beagle was recognized. Since then the breed has remained remarkably popular, at first for hunting and now as a companion dog. This versatile hound has also been used by law enforcement agencies to sniff out drugs, explosives, and other illegal items.

The Beagle's friendly and tolerant nature make it an excellent pet, provided it has plenty of company and exercise—it does not easily tolerate long periods of solitude,

which may lead to behavioral problems. A typical scent hound, this dog is highly active and has a strong instinct for following a trail. Left alone in an inadequately fenced yard, or allowed to run off leash, a Beagle can disappear swiftly and stay away for hours. The breed has a loud bark and can be noisy, which may irritate neighbors if the barking becomes excessive. Fortunately, Beagles are relatively easy to train, and do best with an owner who combines fondness with firmness and clear leadership. This breed is good with children old enough to understand how to handle a dog, but cannot be considered safe with small family pets.

In the United States two sizes are recognized, based on the height of the dog at the withers: those under 13in (33cm) and those between 13in (33cm) and 15in (38cm).



# SCHILLERSTOVARE

THIS RARE, TIRELESS TRACKER HUNTS SOLO AND IS THE SWIFTEST SWEDISH HOUND

FCI

**Height range**  
19-24in (49-61cm)



**Weight range**  
33-55lb (15-25kg)

**Life span** 10-14 years

**Origin** Sweden



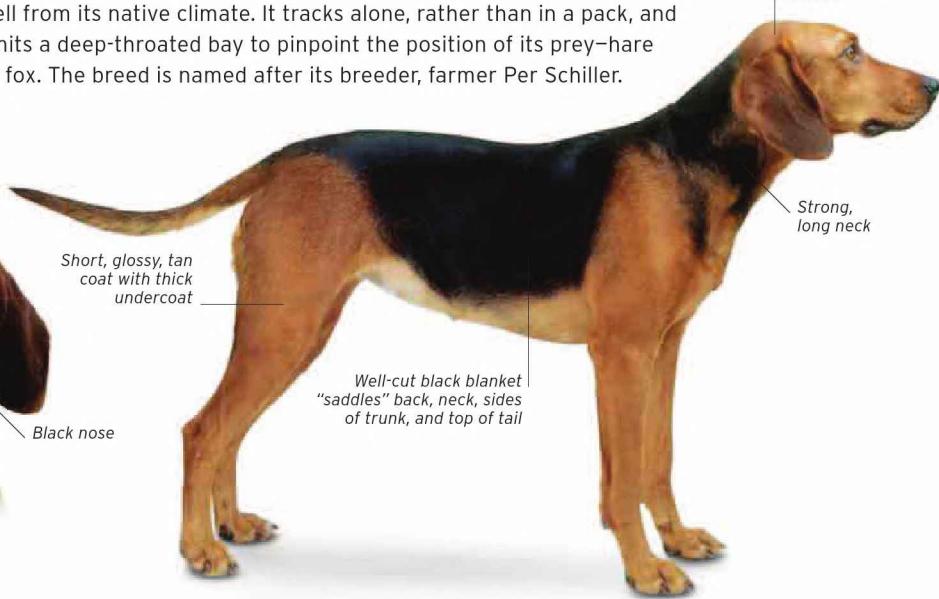
High-set, drop ears narrow toward the tip



Short, glossy, tan coat with thick undercoat

Black nose

**A rare breed**, the Schillerstovare is much prized for its hunting speed and stamina, especially over snow. This dog's thick coat insulates it well from its native climate. It tracks alone, rather than in a pack, and emits a deep-throated bay to pinpoint the position of its prey—hare or fox. The breed is named after its breeder, farmer Per Schiller.



Medium-sized muzzle well proportioned to head

Strong, long neck

# HAMILTONSTOVARE

SWEDEN'S MOST POPULAR FOXHOUND IS VERY LOYAL AND A GOOD COMPANION AND PROTECTOR

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**Height range**  
18-24in (46-60cm)



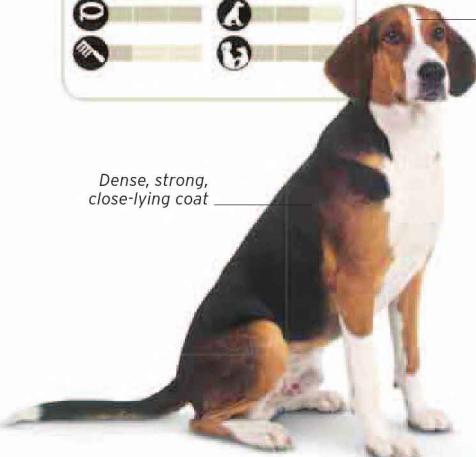
**Weight range**  
51-60lb (23-27kg)

**Life span** 10-13 years

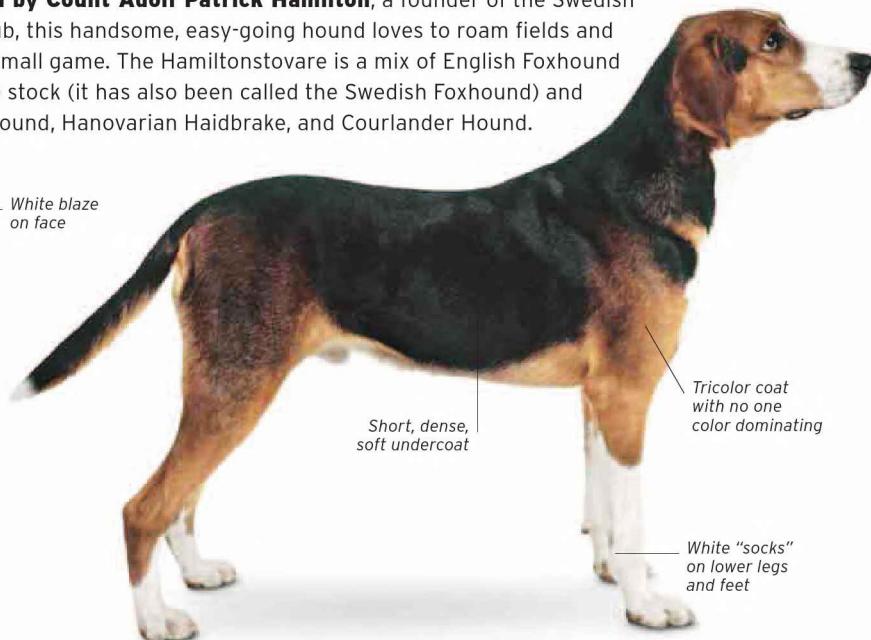
**Origin** Sweden



Dense, strong, close-lying coat



**Developed by Count Adolf Patrick Hamilton**, a founder of the Swedish Kennel Club, this handsome, easy-going hound loves to roam fields and flush out small game. The Hamiltonstovare is a mix of English Foxhound (see p.158) stock (it has also been called the Swedish Foxhound) and Holstein Hound, Hanoverian Haidbrake, and Courlander Hound.



White blaze on face

Short, dense, soft undercoat

Tricolor coat with no one color dominating

White "socks" on lower legs and feet

# SMALANDSSTOVARE

THIS ROBUST ALL-WEATHER HUNTER AND WORKER FORMS A STRONG BOND WITH ITS OWNER

FCI

**Height range**  
17-21in (42-54cm)



**Weight range**  
33-44lb (15-20kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Sweden



**This Swedish Hound**, also known as the Småland Hound, is thought to date back to the 16th century and takes its name from the dense forest of Småland in southern Sweden where it was used to hunt fox and hare. It has a distinctive black coat with tan markings similar to that of a Rottweiler (see p.81).

High-set,  
medium-length  
ears with  
rounded tips



Head shorter and  
more wedge-shaped  
than most hounds

Square,  
well-muscled  
body

Naturally  
short tail



Thick, shiny,  
black and  
tan coat

Small, white  
markings  
on toes

# HALDEN HOUND

THIS NORWEGIAN FOXHOUND IS A RELATIVELY RARE HUNTING AND FAMILY DOG

FCI

**Height range**  
20-26in (50-65cm)



**Weight range**  
51-64lb (23-29kg)

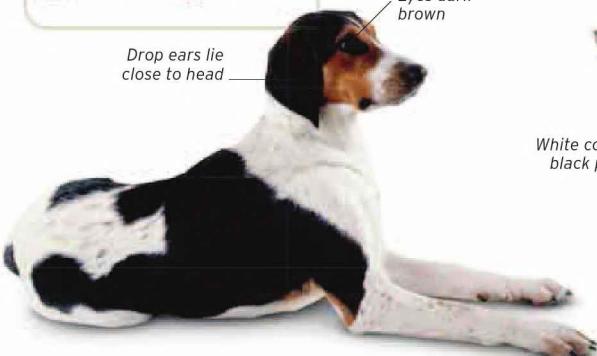
**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Norway



**The largest of the four stovare breeds**, this hound loves a speedy chase over snowy open spaces. Like other Norwegian dogs bred as hunting companions, the Halden Hound is not widely known outside its native land. It was developed in Halden in the southeast, by crossing an English Foxhound (see p.158) with a local "beagle."

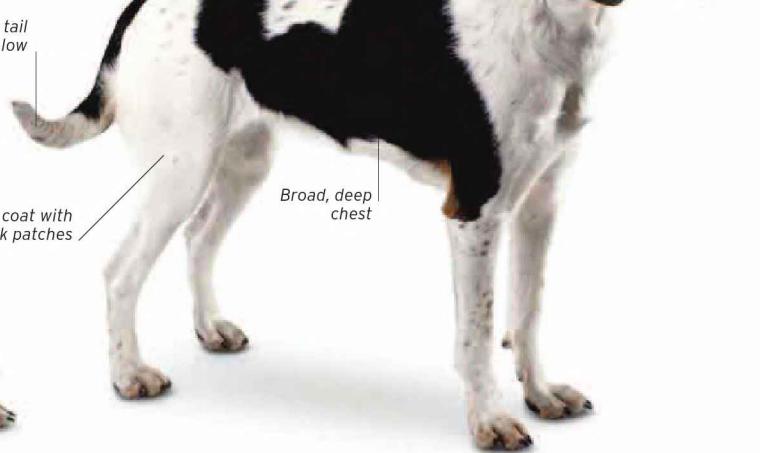
Tan shading  
on head



Drop ears lie  
close to head

Eyes dark  
brown

White coat with  
black patches



Broad, deep  
chest

# NORWEGIAN HOUND

A BEAUTIFULLY COATED HARE-HUNTER AND FIRST-CLASS FAMILY HOUND

FCI

**Height range**  
19–22in (47–55cm)



**Weight range**  
35–51lb (16–23kg)

**Life span** 11–14 years

**Origin** Norway



**Other colors**



Tricolor

Blue marbled back

**Trusting, friendly, and easy to handle** when not hunting, the Norwegian Hound, or Dunker, is designed to track hare in snow in temperatures as low as -59°F (-15°C). Originally named after Captain Wilhelm Dunker, this hound was bred from other Norwegian and Russian hare-hounds in the early 1800s.



Large, dark, expressive eyes

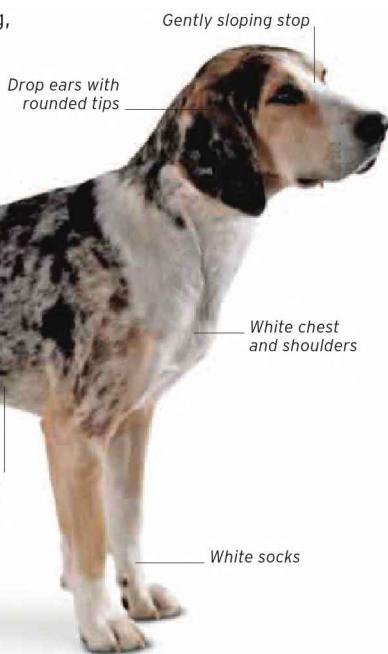
Black nose

Tapering tail reaches below hock

Straight, hard, dense, blue marbled coat with pale fawn and white markings

White chest and shoulders

White socks



Gently sloping stop

Drop ears with rounded tips

# FINNISH HOUND

A CALM AND FRIENDLY DOG AT HOME AND AN ENERGETIC AND TIRELESS TRACKER ON THE MOVE

FCI

**Height range**  
20–24in (52–61cm)



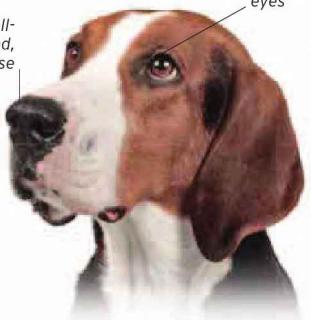
**Weight range**  
46–55lb (21–25kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Finland

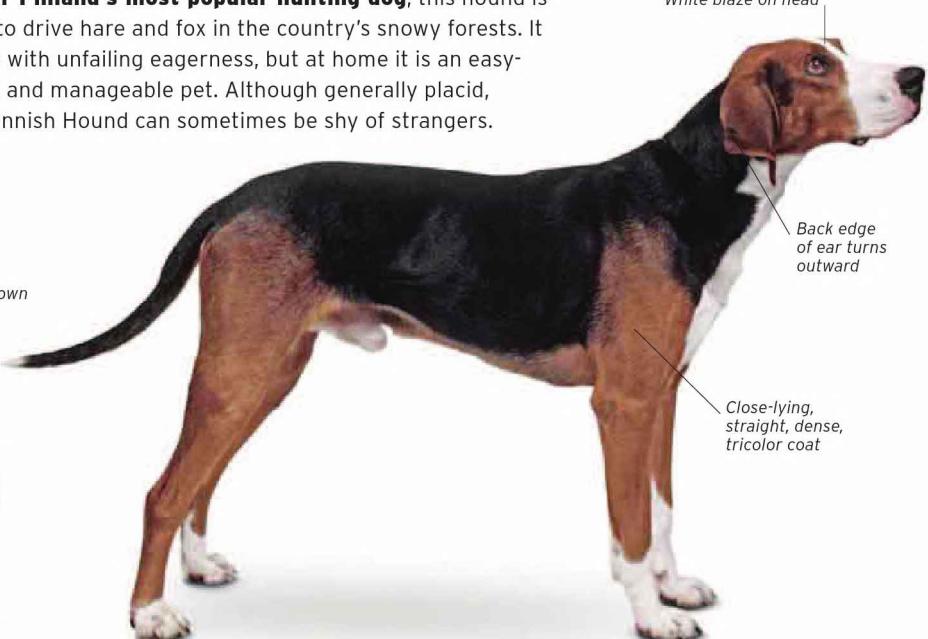


Well-developed, black nose



Dark brown eyes

**By far Finland's most popular hunting dog**, this hound is bred to drive hare and fox in the country's snowy forests. It hunts with unfailing eagerness, but at home it is an easy-going and manageable pet. Although generally placid, the Finnish Hound can sometimes be shy of strangers.



White blaze on head

Back edge of ear turns outward

Close-lying, straight, dense, tricolor coat

# HYGEN HOUND

A BRIGHT HUNTING DOG, LIVELY COMPANION, AND RELIABLE HOUSE WATCHDOG

FCI

**Height range**  
19-23in (47-58cm)



**Weight range**  
44-55lb (20-25kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Norway



**Other colors**



Yellow-red coats have black shading.  
Black and tan

**A more lightweight dog** than the Norwegian Hound (opposite), this breed from Ringerike and Romerike in eastern Norway is purpose built for the snowy Arctic expanses and has the stamina to bound through them tirelessly. Quite compact like the Smålandsstövare (see p.155), this is a quick-thinking hunter that loves long walks.

Head and snout  
shorter and wider  
than Norwegian  
Hound (opposite)

Black  
nose



# AMERICAN FOXHOUND

BRED FOR SPEED AND DISTANCE, THIS DOG NEEDS AN ENERGETIC OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
21-25in (53-64cm)



**Weight range**  
40-66lb (18-30kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Any color

Long, broad,  
drop ears



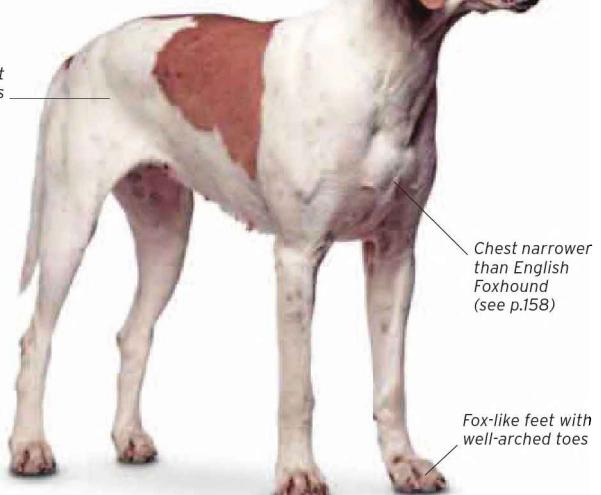
**These dogs have the most august of patrons**—the first president of the United States, George Washington. He bred them from French and English hounds to produce a taller and more athletic, stand-alone breed. American Foxhounds love running in packs, hunting singly, or competing in field trials.

Hazel eyes  
Moderate stop

Close, hard, white coat  
with tan patches

Straight,  
square-cut  
muzzle

Chest narrower  
than English  
Foxhound  
(see p.158)



# ENGLISH FOXHOUND

A GOOD-NATURED, ACTIVE DOG WITH A SUNNY APPROACH TO LIFE

AKC

**Height range**  
23–25in (58–64cm)



**Weight range**  
55–75lb (25–34kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Any recognized hound color.

**The ancestry of the English Foxhound** goes back centuries. By the 1800s more than 200 packs of foxhounds were kept in England for hunting foxes over a variety of terrain. An active, bold, and passionate hunter, this hound is highly responsive to training but can also be stubborn and self-willed, especially when on the scent. Historically kenneled in packs rather than kept as house dogs, the English Foxhound nevertheless makes a good companion, is very friendly toward people, and is excellent with children. Would-be owners should be aware that these hounds can retain their playfulness, liveliness, and stamina into old age.

Large eyes with friendly expression



Back broad and level with a slight rise over strong loins

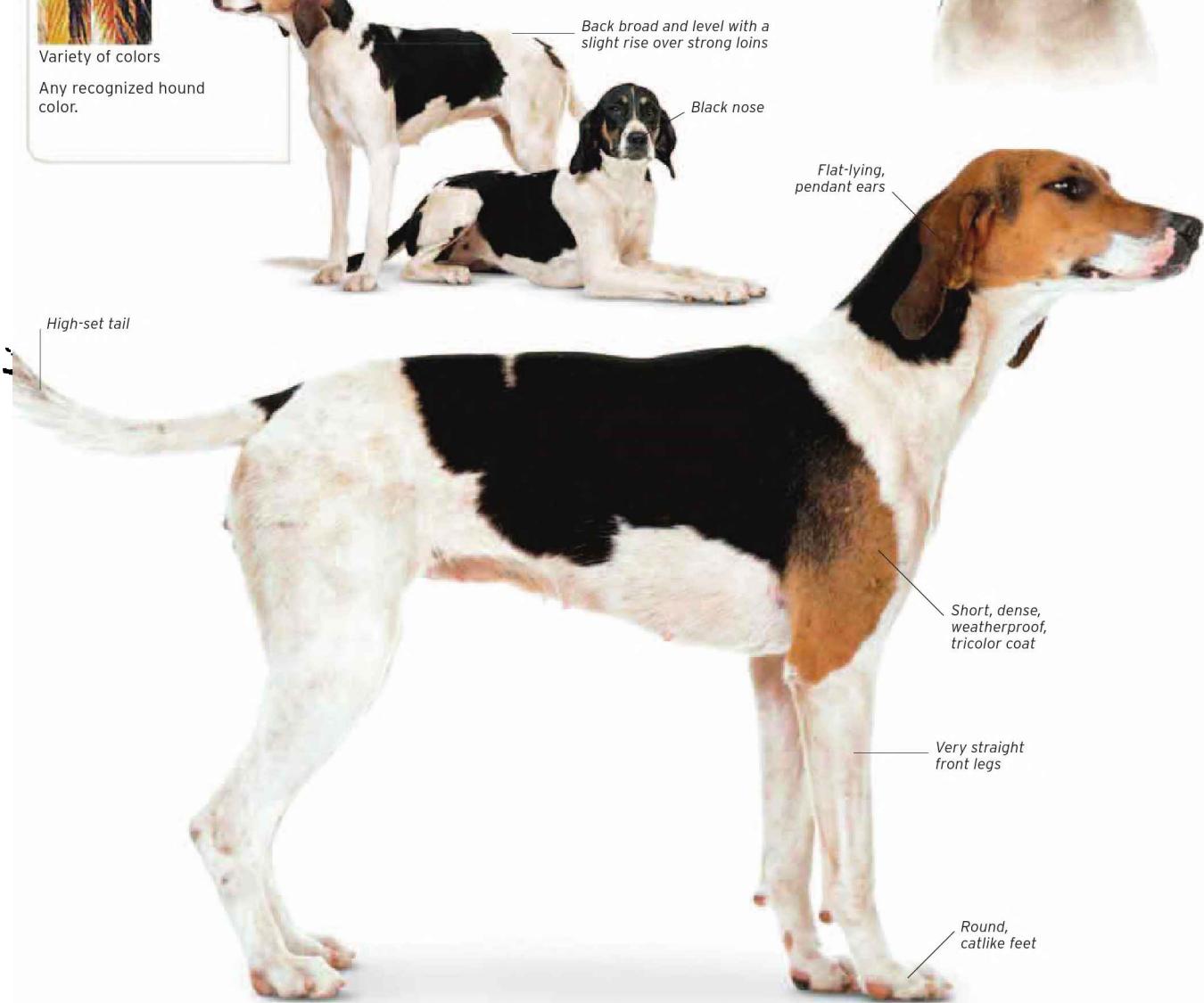
Black nose

Flat-lying, pendant ears

Short, dense, weatherproof, tricolor coat

Very straight front legs

Round, catlike feet





# CATAHOULA LEOPARD DOG

THIS SKILLFUL, STRONG-WILLED HUNTER IS SUITED TO AN EXPERIENCED OWNER

**Height range**  
20-26in (51-66cm)



**Weight range**  
50-90lb (23-41kg)

**Life span** 10-14 years

**Origin** USA



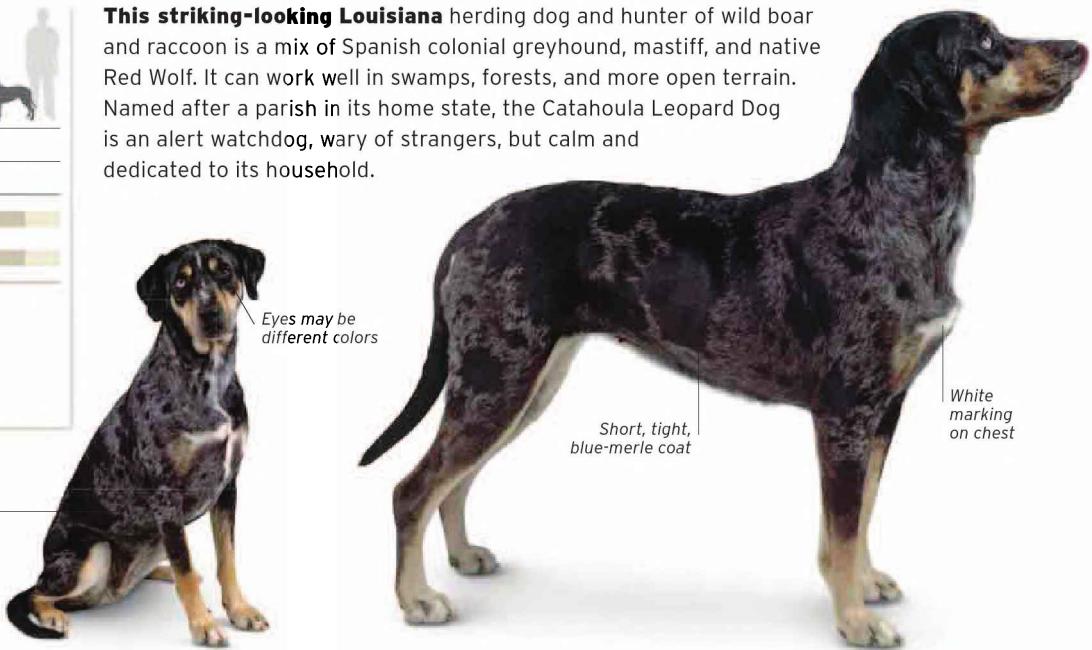
**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Spotted pattern gives rise to "leopard" name

**This striking-looking Louisiana** herding dog and hunter of wild boar and raccoon is a mix of Spanish colonial greyhound, mastiff, and native Red Wolf. It can work well in swamps, forests, and more open terrain. Named after a parish in its home state, the Catahoula Leopard Dog is an alert watchdog, wary of strangers, but calm and dedicated to its household.



# PLOTT

RUTHLESS AND DETERMINED WHEN HUNTING, THIS HOUND IS RESPONSIVE AND ALERT AT HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
20-25in (51-64cm)



**Weight range**  
40-60lb (18-27kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** USA



Prominent brown or hazel eyes

**This powerful, brindled hound** is used for hunting raccoon, though it also hunts big cats, bear, coyote, and wild boar. It is one of only a few breeds with acknowledged American origin. The original Plott was bred in the 1750s in the Smokey Mountains by the Plott family, using boar-hunting Hanoverian Hounds brought over from Germany.



# BLACK AND TAN COONHOUND

MAINLY USED FOR HUNTING, THIS DOG IS CALM AND FRIENDLY IN THE HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
23–27in (58–69cm)

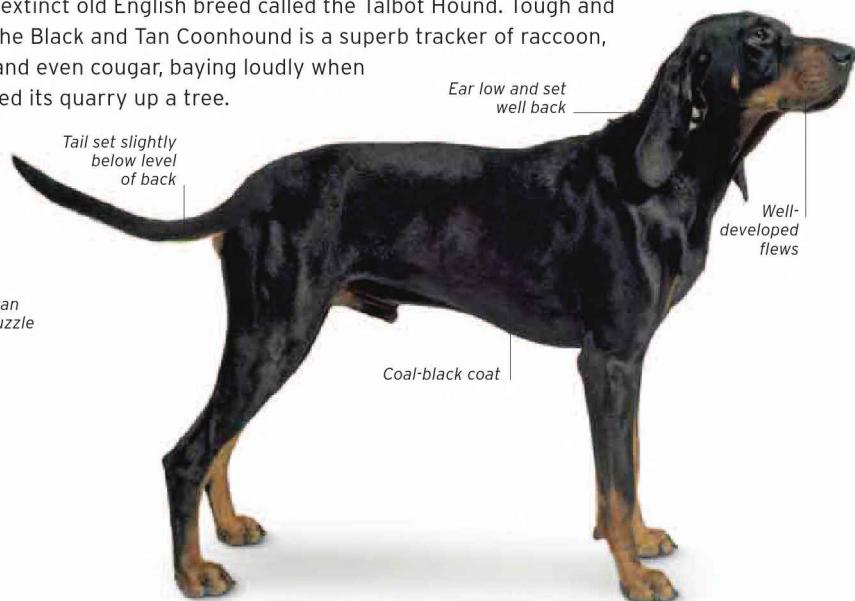
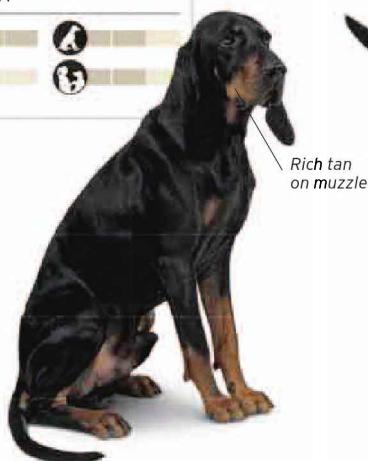
**Weight range**  
51–75lb (23–34kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** USA



**This big hunting dog** probably descends from the Bloodhound (see p.139) and a now-extinct old English breed called the Talbot Hound. Tough and powerful, the Black and Tan Coonhound is a superb tracker of raccoon, opossum, and even cougar, baying loudly when it has chased its quarry up a tree.



# REDBONE COONHOUND

THIS DOG NEEDS A LOT OF EXERCISE AND MAY FIND CHASING IRRESISTIBLE

AKC

**Height range**  
21–27in (53–69cm)

**Weight range**  
46–71lb (21–32kg)

**Life span** 11–12 years

**Origin** USA



**Bred in the southern states of the US**, the handsome, glossy-coated Redbone Coonhound has been a popular hunting dog for over a century. Fast and agile over almost any type of terrain, this hound is well known for its prowess in tracking raccoon, bear, and cougar. Trainable as a companion dog, this coonhound is sociable and affectionate.



# BLUETICK COONHOUND

THIS ENERGETIC WORKING BREED NEEDS SUPERVISION OUTDOORS

AKC

**Height range**  
21-27in (53-69cm)



**Weight range**  
44-79lb (20-36kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** USA



Ticking on  
coat produces  
characteristic color



**A breakaway breed**, originally regarded as the English Coonhound, the Bluetick Coonhound has had its devoted followers since the 1940s. Although mainly used to track raccoon and opossum, this hound also hunts deer and bear. Happiest when working, the Bluetick Coonhound has proved to be highly successful at obedience and agility trials.



Large nose

Clear,  
keen eyes

Long, deep,  
broad muzzle

Thickly mottled,  
dark blue coat

# TREEING WALKER COONHOUND

THIS POPULAR COONHOUND MAKES AN EXCELLENT COMPANION WHEN SOCIALIZED

AKC

**Height range**  
20-27in (51-68cm)



**Weight range**  
51-71lb (23-32kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** USA



**Other Colors**



White

White coats have tan  
or black spots.



**This fast and efficient racoon-hunter** has been recognized as a distinct breed since the 1940s. In the US this breed is much admired for its outstanding abilities in coonhound competitions. It is a dog that appreciates a friendly home environment and loves people.

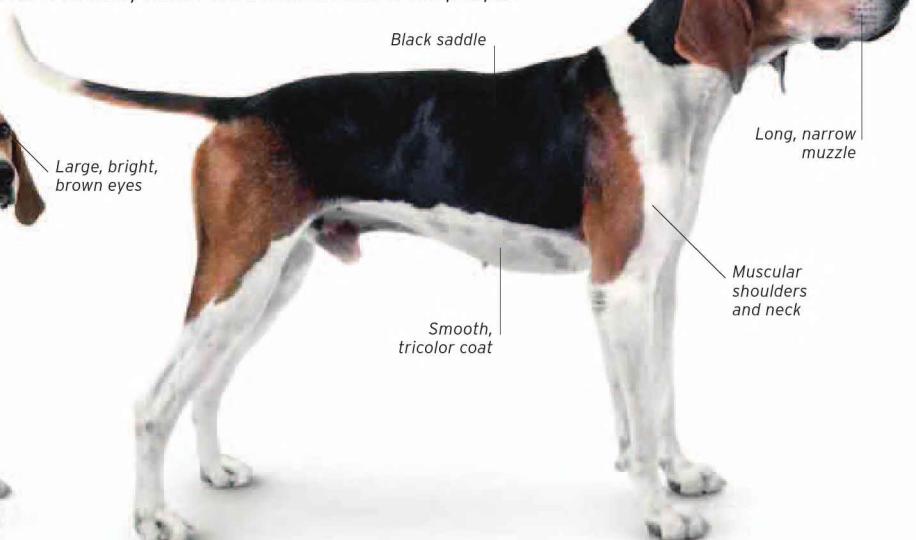
Large, bright,  
brown eyes

Black saddle

Long, narrow  
muzzle

Smooth,  
tricolor coat

Muscular  
shoulders  
and neck



# AMERICAN ENGLISH COONHOUND

THIS AMERICAN-BRED HUNTER IS FULL OF ATHLETIC POISE AND PACE

**Height range**  
23–26in (58–66cm)



**Weight range**  
46–90lb (21–41kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Red and white

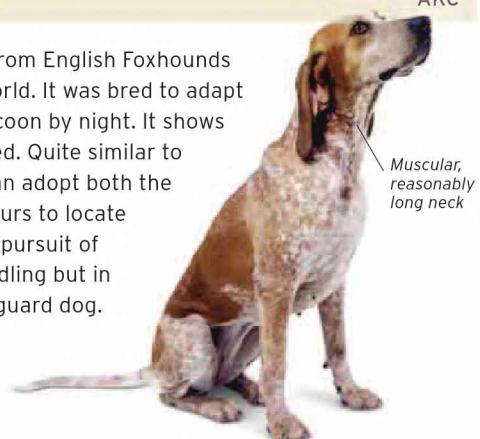


White and black

May also have a blue and white ticked coat.

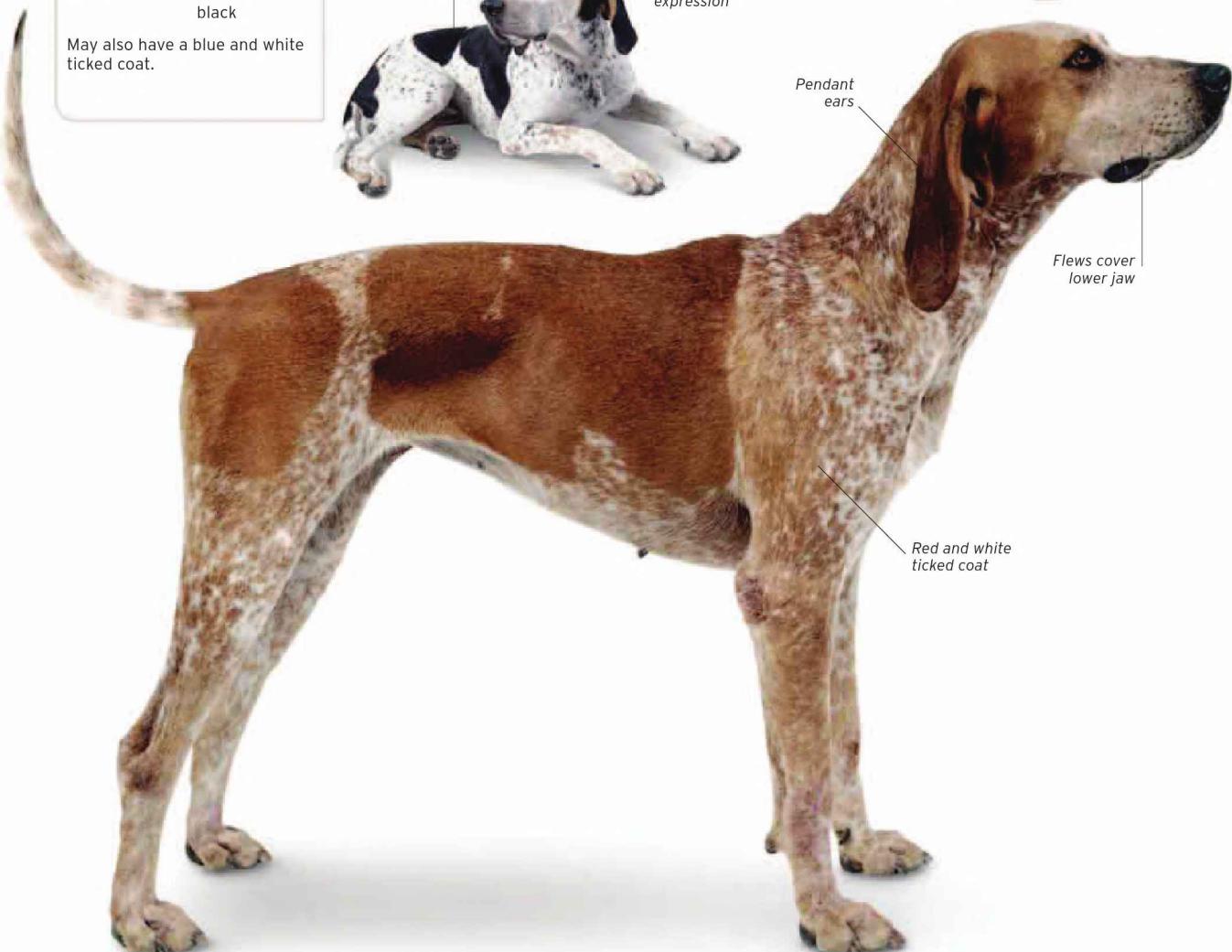
**This energetic and intelligent dog** evolved from English Foxhounds (see p.158), which were brought to the New World. It was bred to adapt to rougher terrain, hunting fox by day and raccoon by night. It shows an effortless trot and never appears to get tired. Quite similar to the Treeing Walker Coonhound (see p.161), it can adopt both the "cold nose" trail (straddling an old track for hours to locate the animal that left it) or follow a scent fast in pursuit of a fresh, active trail. As a pet, it needs firm handling but in return will be a devoted companion and good guard dog.

AKC



Tricolor coat  
with ticking

Kind,  
hound-like  
expression



Red and white  
ticked coat



Pendant  
ears

Fleshy cover  
lower jaw

# ARTOIS HOUND

THIS FRIENDLY, LIKEABLE FRENCH HOUND MAKES A WELL-BEHAVED HUNTING COMPANION

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**Height range**  
21-23in (53-58cm)



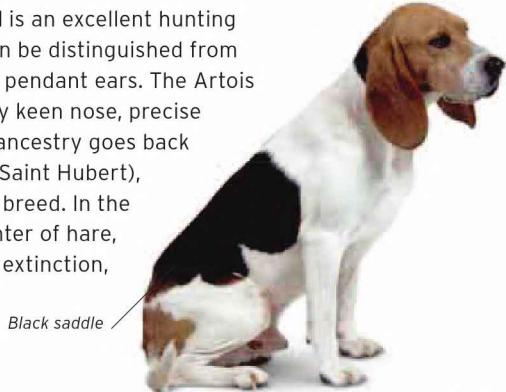
**Weight range**  
62-66lb (28-30kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

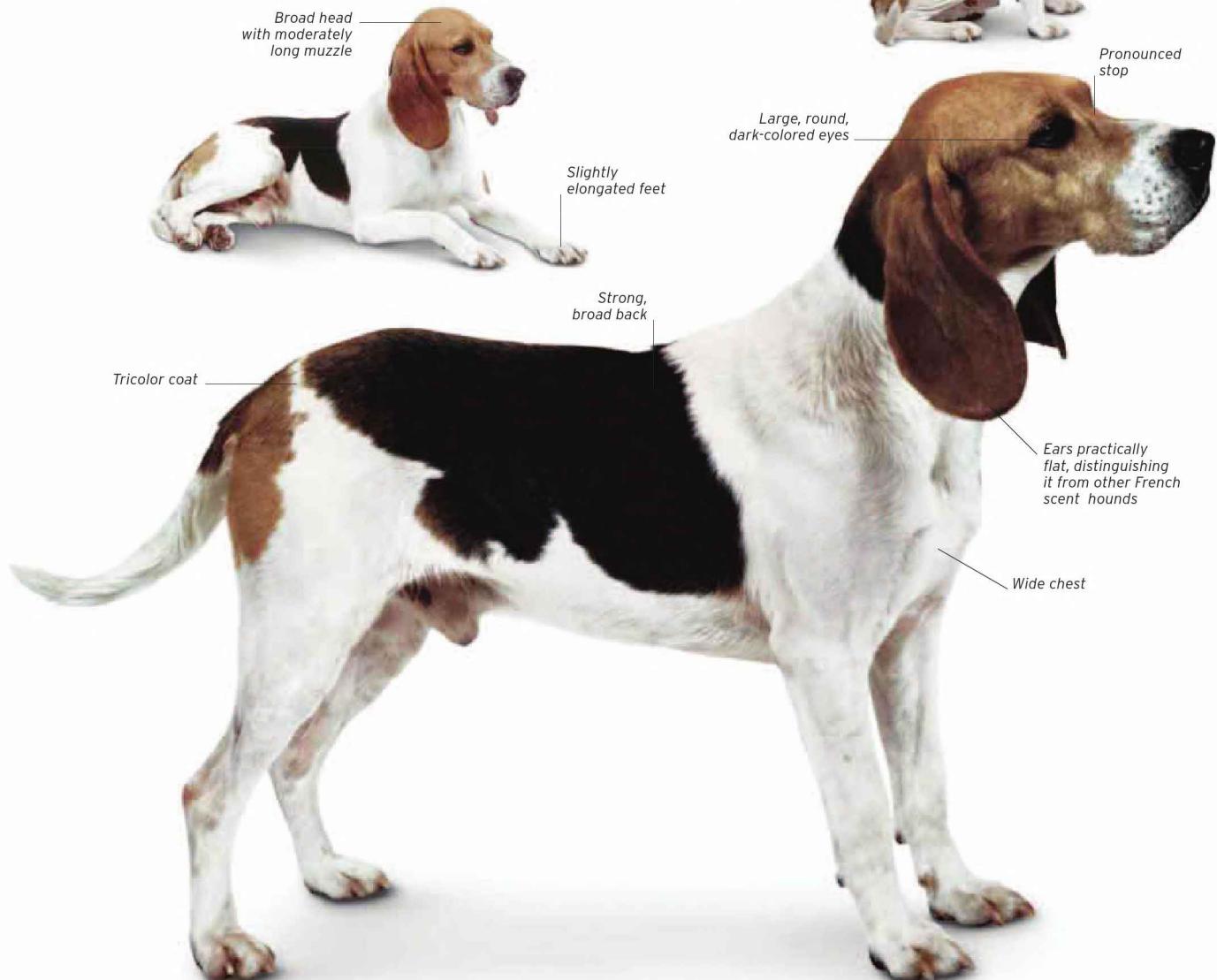
**Origin** France



The sometimes precocious Artois Hound is an excellent hunting companion that needs lots of exercise. It can be distinguished from other French scent hounds by its flat, open, pendant ears. The Artois Hound has a strong directional sense, a very keen nose, precise pointing, speed on the move, and drive. Its ancestry goes back to the Great Artois Hound (and back to the Saint Hubert), while some English blood also modified the breed. In the early 1990s this robust and courageous hunter of hare, deer, and boar was brought back from near extinction, although it is still rare.



Black saddle



# ARIEGEOIS

AN ELEGANT DOG, THIS IS THE SMALLEST OF THE HOUNDS FROM THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

**Height range**  
20-23in (50-58cm)



**Weight range**  
55-60lb (25-27kg)

**Life span** 10-14 years

**Origin** France

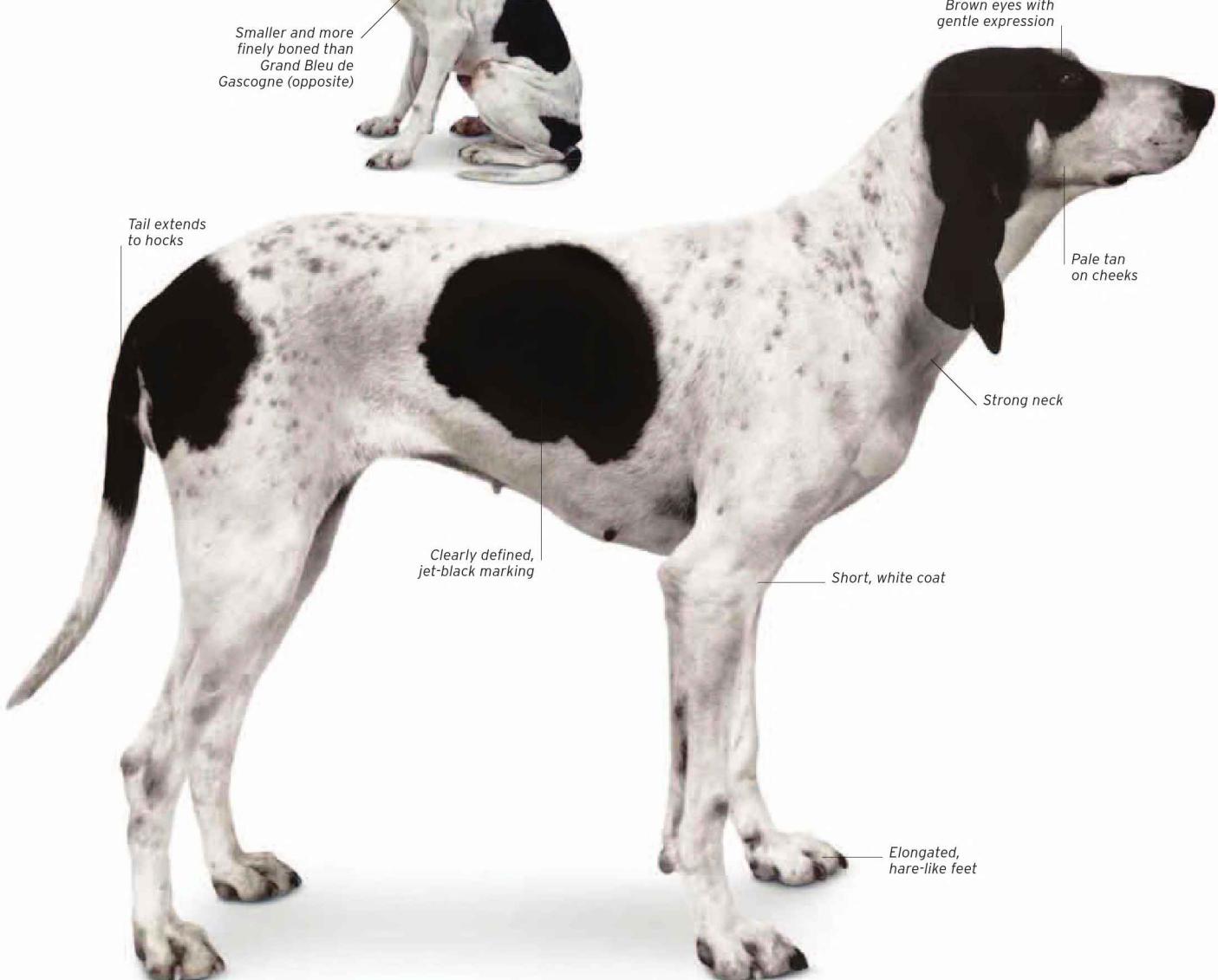


Smaller and more finely boned than  
Grand Bleu de Gascogne (opposite)



Black mottling

**A relative newcomer**—France officially recognized it in 1912—this dog is also called the Ariége Hound, after the dry, rocky region it comes from on France's border with Spain. Its forebears include the Grand Bleu de Gascogne (opposite), the Grand Gascon-Saintongeois (opposite), and local medium-sized hounds. The Ariégeois excels as a hare-hunter but is also known for its friendly nature.



# GASCON-SAINTONGEAIS

THIS ROE-DEER PACKHOUND HAS AN AMIABLE TEMPERAMENT

FCI

**Height range**

**Petit:** 21-24in (54-62cm)



**Grand:**

24-28in (62-72cm)

**Weight range**

**Petit:**

53-55lb (24-25kg)

**Grand:**

66-71lb (30-32kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France



**This rare breed**, from the Gascony area of France, is also known as the Virelade Hound after the Baron de Virelade who crossed the Saintongeais with the Grand Bleu de Gascogne (below), and the Ariégeois (opposite).

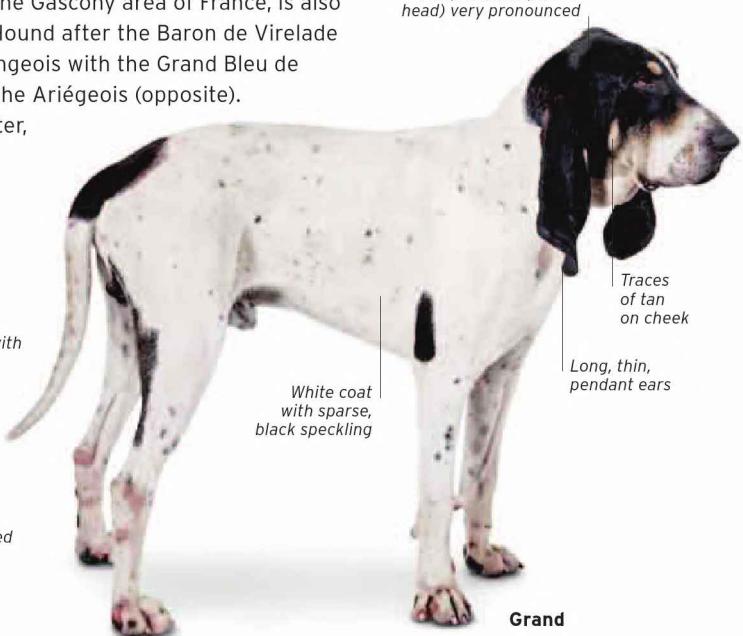
It is a high-stamina hunter, with a fine-tuned sense of smell. There are two sizes: Petit and Grand.



Black patches cover ears and surround eyes

Oval eyes with black rims

Well-developed flews



Grand

Occiput (back part of head) very pronounced

Traces of tan on cheek  
Long, thin, pendant ears

# GRAND BLEU DE GASCOGNE

A LARGE WORKING HOUND WITH GREAT STAMINA AND TENACITY

KC

**Height range**

24-28in (60-70cm)



**Weight range**

80-120lb (36-55kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France

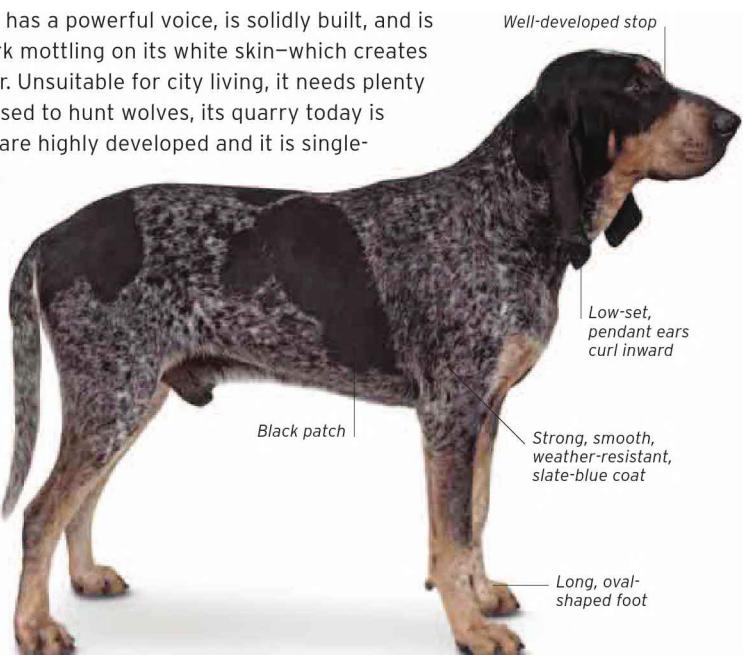


**This large trail hound** has a powerful voice, is solidly built, and is recognizable by the dark mottling on its white skin—which creates a shimmering blue color. Unsuitable for city living, it needs plenty of exercise. Originally used to hunt wolves, its quarry today is hare. Its scenting skills are highly developed and it is single-minded when on a trail.

Tan markings on face

Black marks cover ears and surround eyes

Well-developed flews



Well-developed stop

Low-set, pendant ears curl inward

Strong, smooth, weather-resistant, slate-blue coat

Black patch

Long, oval-shaped foot

# PETIT BLEU DE GASCOGNE

THIS KEEN-NOSED HOUND IS READY TO FOLLOW SCENT BUT IS EASILY BORED

FCI

**Height range**  
20–23in (50–58cm)

**Weight range**  
88–106lb (40–48kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** France



**Bred down in size** from the Grand Bleu de Gascogne (see p.165), the Petit Bleu de Gascogne was developed for hunting hare but is also used to pursue larger game. With a fine nose and a musical voice, this hound works well either as an individual or in a pack. If kept as a companion, it needs a firm hand and a lot of exercise.



Pendant,  
low-set ears

Long, refined  
muzzle

Well-developed  
dewlap



Dark chestnut  
eyes

Black patch

Short,  
slate-blue coat

Tan markings  
on feet and legs

# BLUE GASCONY GRIFFON

THIS ALL-WEATHER HUNTER IS TIRELESS AND FULL OF SPIRIT

FCI

**Height range**  
19–22in (48–57cm)

**Weight range**  
36–40lb (17–18kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** France



**A cross between the Petit Bleu de Gascogne** (above) and wire-coated hounds, this dog has a coarse, shaggy coat that allows it to work in harsh conditions. A comparatively rare breed, it was specifically developed to hunt deer, fox, and rabbit. It has stamina rather than great speed and a remarkably efficient nose.

Tan markings  
on muzzle

Long, wiry  
eyebrows

Long, pendant  
ears

Coat denser  
and longer  
on shoulders



Harsh, shaggy,  
slate-blue coat

Long tail  
tapers to  
thin point

# BASSET BLEU DE GASCOGNE

THIS ELEGANT BASSET HOUND HAS A DELIGHTFUL TEMPERAMENT BUT CAN BE STRONG-WILLED

KC

**Height range**  
12–15in (30–38cm)



**Weight range**  
35–44lb (16–20kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** France



**In 12th-century France** blue hounds of this type were used to hunt wolves, deer, and boar. The modern breed of Basset Bleu de Gascogne was established in the 20th century and is not as widely known as some other Gascony hounds. A low-slung dog, it is not fast moving but makes up for lack of speed with great determination, tracking quarry for hours once on the scent. This hound is an enthusiastic outdoor companion as well as a fine household pet but, like many hounds, takes patience to train and socialize.

Long muzzle with  
black nose and  
wide nostrils



Long,  
pendant ears



Short, dense coat, with clearly defined, black saddle

Tan spot above  
each oval eye



Long tail extends  
below hock

Moderately  
developed flews

A mix of black and  
white hairs give coat  
slate-blue appearance

Strong, oval feet  
with black nails

# POITEVIN

A REAL BOUNDER THROUGH THE THICKETS, THIS HOUND IS BRAVE AND BIG-HEARTED

FCI

**Height range**  
24-28in (62-72cm)



**Weight range**  
132-146lb (60-66kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



White and  
orange

Wolf-colored  
hair also often  
occurs.

**This big, courageous hound** is adept at fast and furious pack hunting over rough ground, and once hunted the wolves that used to roam the province of Poitou below Vendée and Brittany in western France. Today, after several infusions of "new blood," this powerfully muscled breed shows great prowess and stamina in pursuing wild boar and deer in packs, and can hunt all day. It is a very hard worker that will follow its quarry through water and bays a lot. It is the longest-serving of the French pack hounds.



# BILLY

A SUPERB HUNTING DOG AND EASY-GOING FAMILY PET

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**Height range**  
21-28in (53-70cm)



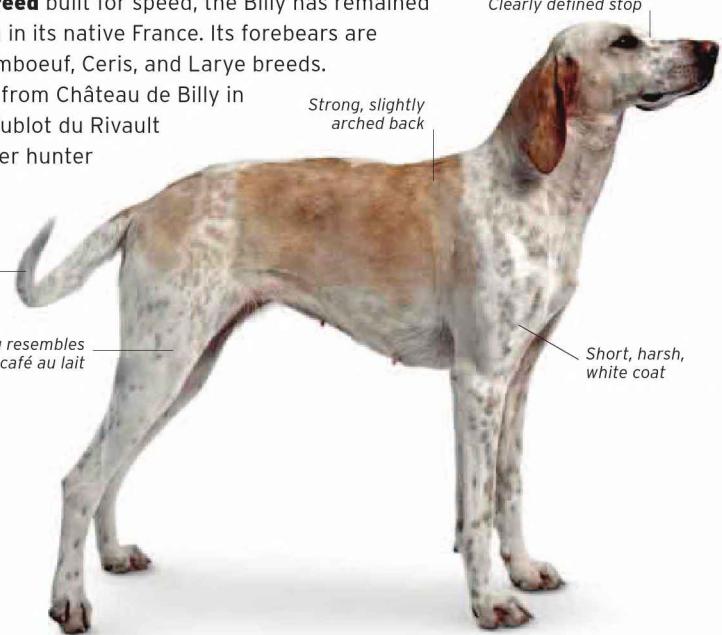
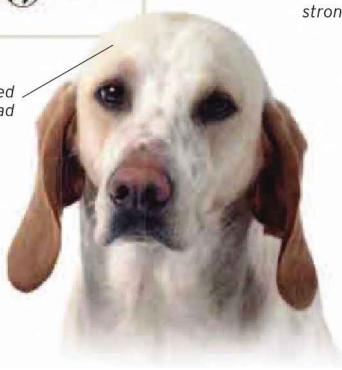
**Weight range**  
55-73lb (25-33kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** France



**A sleek, attractive breed** built for speed, the Billy has remained relatively obscure even in its native France. Its forebears are the now extinct Montemboeuf, Ceris, and Larye breeds. Its quirky name comes from Château de Billy in Poitou where Gaston Hublot du Rivault bred this instinctive deer hunter in the late 1800s.



# FRENCH TRICOLOR HOUND

THE YOUNGEST OF THE FRENCH HOUNDS, AND SIMILAR TO THE POITEVIN IN LOOKS AND ABILITY

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**Height range**  
24-28in (60-72cm)



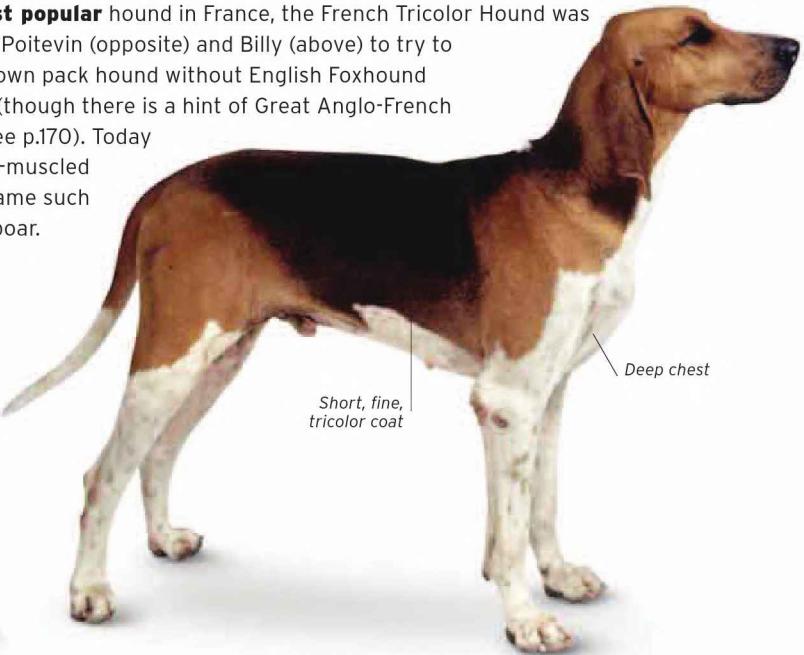
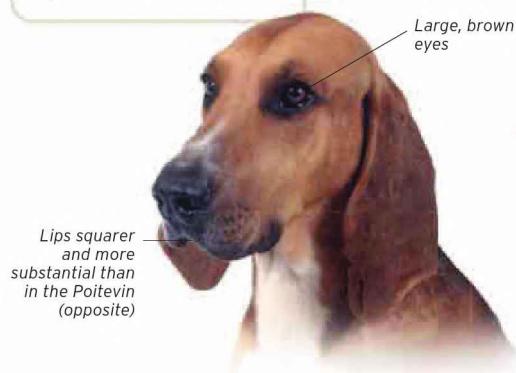
**Weight range**  
75-77lb (34-35kg)

**Life span** 11-12 years

**Origin** France



**Perhaps the most popular** hound in France, the French Tricolor Hound was blended from the Poitevin (opposite) and Billy (above) to try to create a home-grown pack hound without English Foxhound (see p.158) blood (though there is a hint of Great Anglo-French Tricolor Hound, see p.170). Today these strong, well-muscled pack dogs hunt game such as deer and wild boar.



# GREAT ANGLO-FRENCH TRICOLOR HOUND

THIS HOUND IS HAPPIEST WHEN HUNTING IN A PACK

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**Height range**  
24-28in (60-70cm)



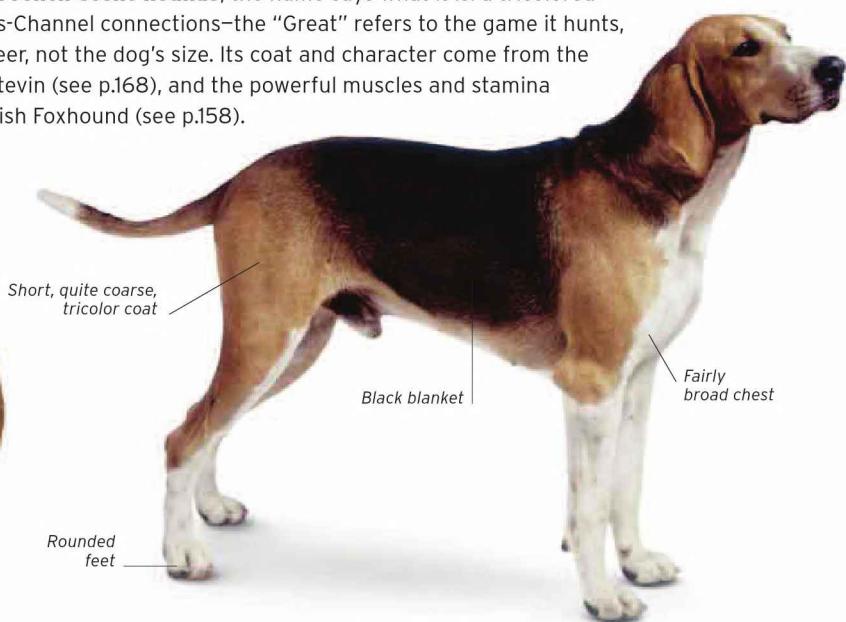
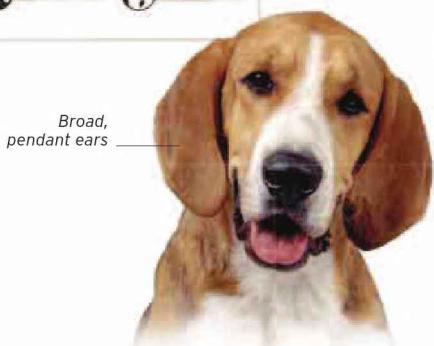
**Weight range**  
66-77lb (30-35kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** France



**Like several French scent hounds,** the name says what it is: a tricolored dog with cross-Channel connections—the “Great” refers to the game it hunts, such as red deer, not the dog’s size. Its coat and character come from the tricolored Poitevin (see p.168), and the powerful muscles and stamina from the English Foxhound (see p.158).



# GREAT ANGLO-FRENCH WHITE AND BLACK HOUND

A BIG, ENERGETIC DOG USED FOR LARGE GAME HUNTING

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**Height range**  
24-28in (62-72cm)



**Weight range**  
66-77lb (30-35kg)

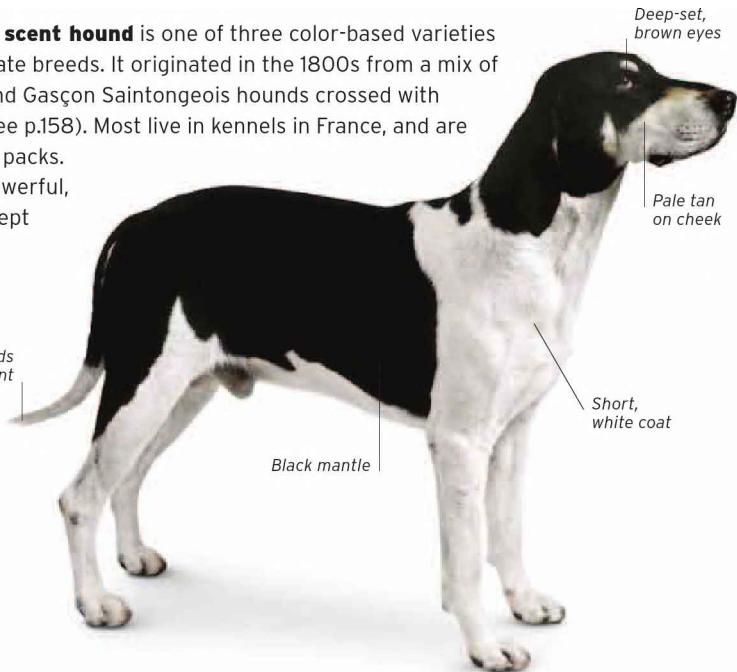
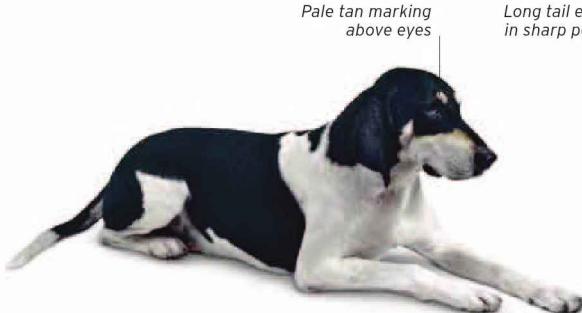
**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** France



**This Anglo-French scent hound** is one of three color-based varieties recognized as separate breeds. It originated in the 1800s from a mix of Bleu de Gascogne and Gasçon Saintongeois hounds crossed with English Foxhound (see p.158). Most live in kennels in France, and are used to hunt deer in packs.

Very few of these powerful, sturdy hunters are kept as domestic pets.



# FRENCH WHITE AND BLACK HOUND

A SWIFT-FOOTED, STAMINA-PACKED HUNTER THAT GIVES ENDLESS CHASE

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**Height range**  
24-28in (62-72cm)



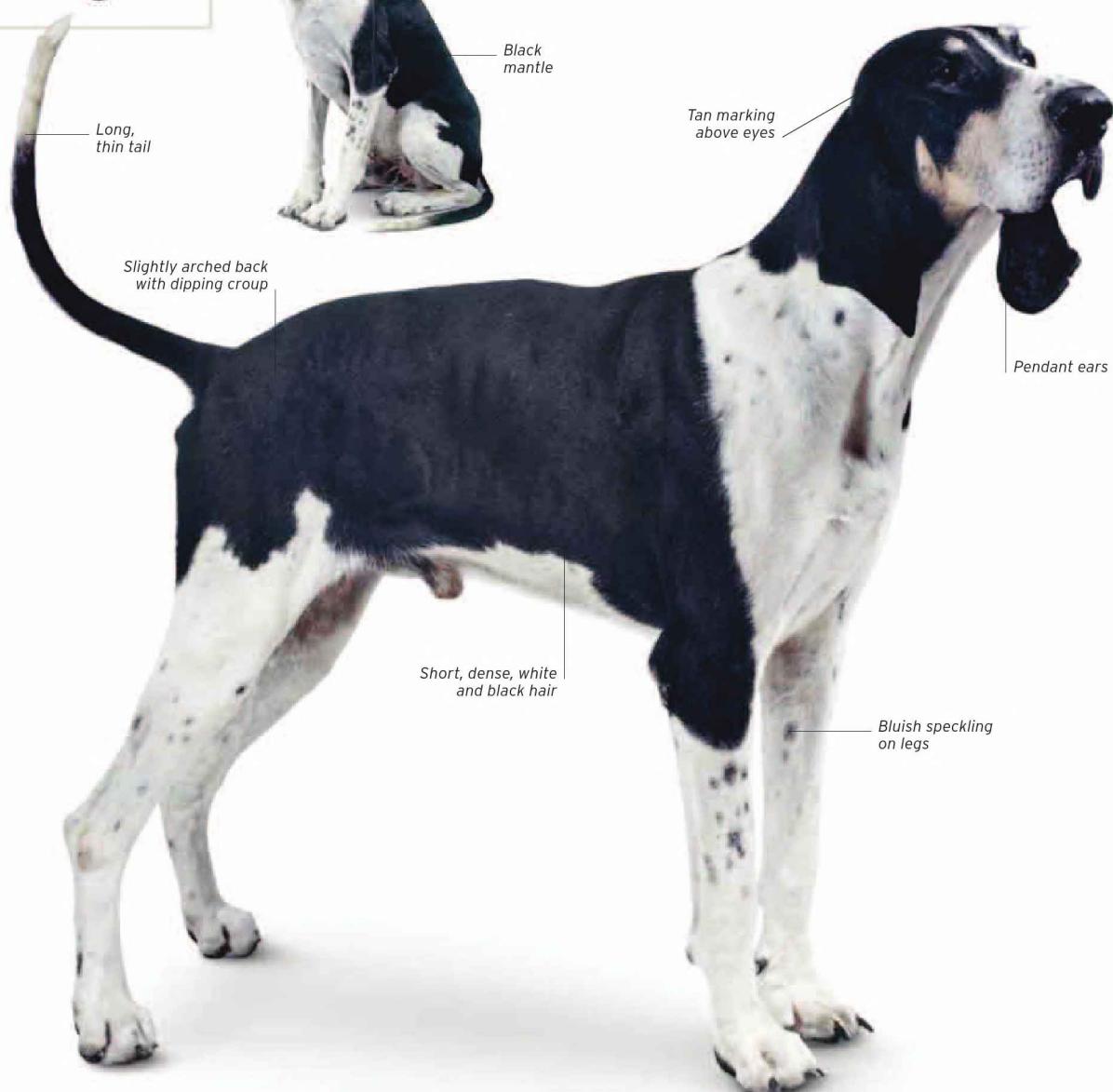
**Weight range**  
57-66lb (26-30kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** France



**There is a growing population** of these big, powerful dogs in France, and it is perhaps not surprising given that this handsome breed is highly regarded for hunting roe deer in packs. It is a friendly dog but more likely to form a close relationship with its master in a kennels than an owner in a modern house. It may have links with the famous Hound of Saintonge, whose own origins are uncertain but which was bred to hunt wolves. The modern French White and Black Hound is a mix of Bleu de Gascogne and Gascon Saintongeois hounds.



# GREAT ANGLO-FRENCH WHITE AND ORANGE HOUND

BRED TO LIVE AND WORK IN A PACK, THIS HOUND IS NOT A GOOD CHOICE FOR APARTMENT LIFE

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**Height range**  
24-28in (60-70cm)



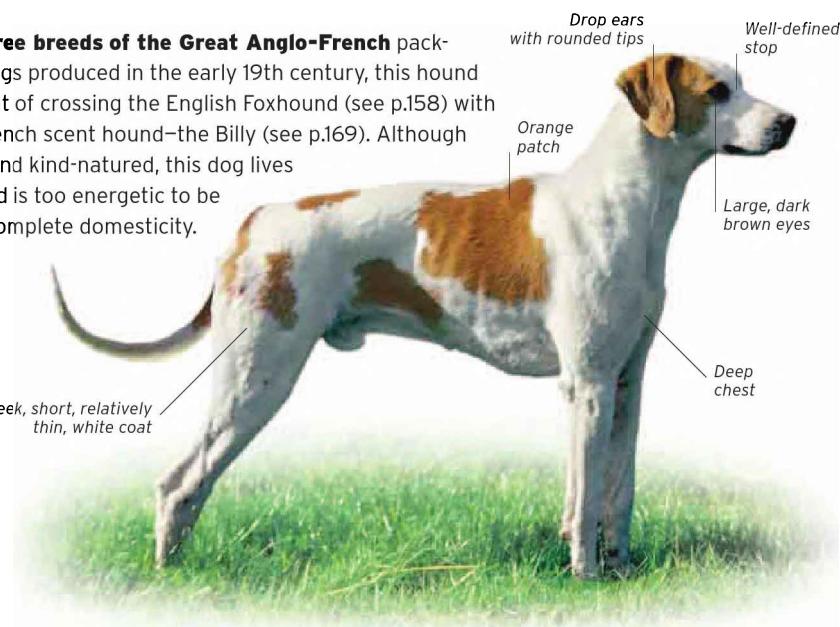
**Weight range**  
76-78lb (34-35kg)

**Life span** 10 years

**Origin** France



**One of three breeds of the Great Anglo-French pack-hunting dogs produced in the early 19th century, this hound is the result of crossing the English Foxhound (see p.158) with a large, French scent hound—the Billy (see p.169). Although trainable and kind-natured, this dog lives to hunt and is too energetic to be happy in complete domesticity.**



# FRENCH WHITE AND ORANGE HOUND

THIS BREED REQUIRES STRENUOUS EXERCISE BUT MAY SETTLE IN A SPACIOUS HOME

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**Height range**  
24-28in (62-70cm)



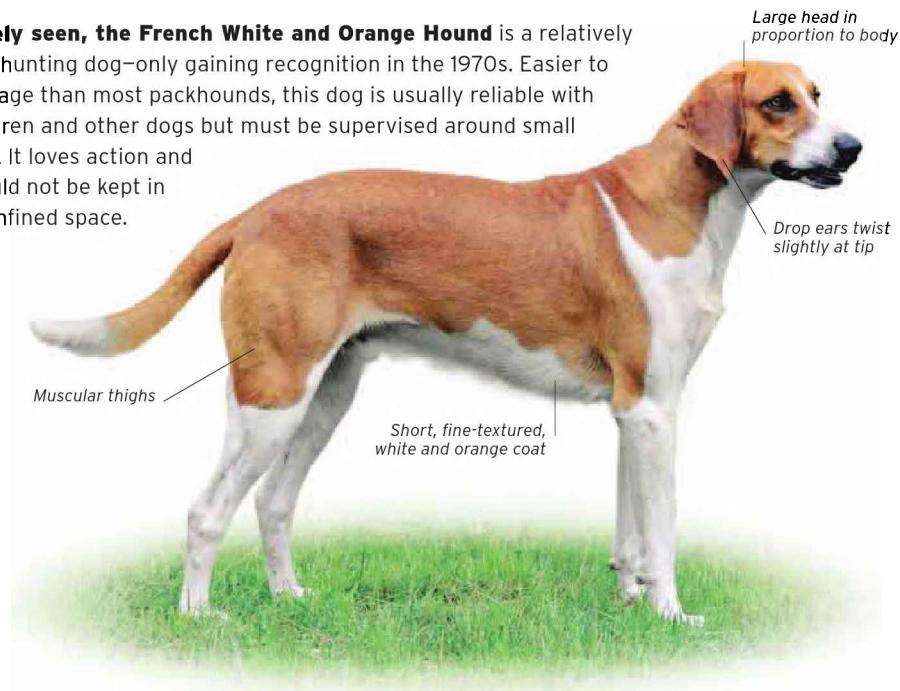
**Weight range**  
60-71lb (27-32kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** France



**Rarely seen, the French White and Orange Hound** is a relatively new hunting dog—only gaining recognition in the 1970s. Easier to manage than most packhounds, this dog is usually reliable with children and other dogs but must be supervised around small pets. It loves action and should not be kept in a confined space.



# WESTPHALIAN DACHSBRACKE

THIS ENERGETIC DOG HAS AN EVEN TEMPERAMENT BUT NEEDS FIRM TRAINING

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**Height range**  
12–15in (30–38cm)



**Weight range**  
33–40lb (15–18kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

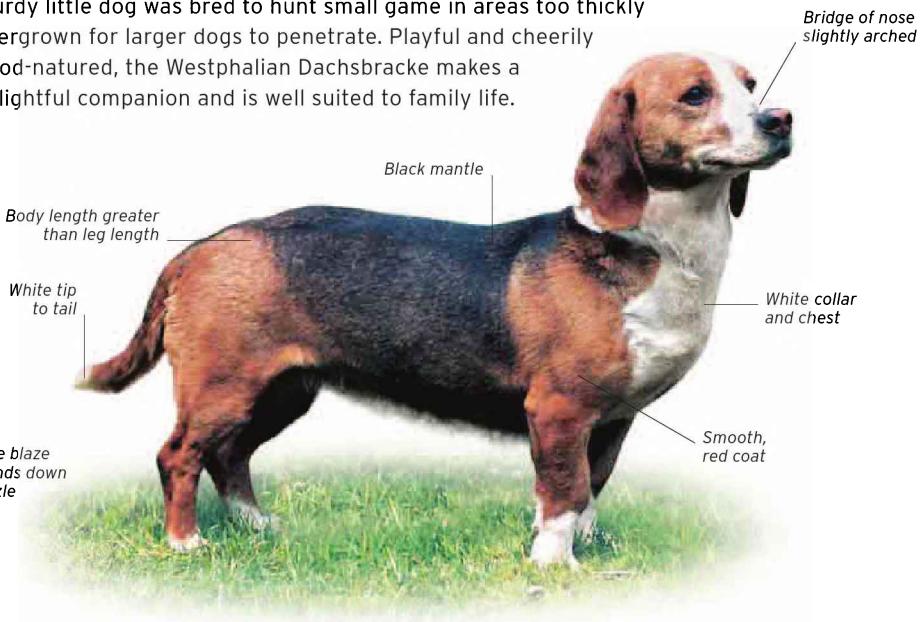
**Origin** Germany



**A short-legged version of the German Hound** (see p.175), this sturdy little dog was bred to hunt small game in areas too thickly overgrown for larger dogs to penetrate. Playful and cheerily good-natured, the Westphalian Dachsbracke makes a delightful companion and is well suited to family life.



Puppy



# ALPINE DACHSBRACKE

THIS FRIENDLY DOG IS HAPPY TO BE OUT ALL DAY IN ALL WEATHERS

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**Height range**  
13–17in (34–42cm)



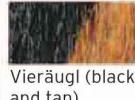
**Weight range**  
27–48lb (12–22kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Austria



**Other colors**



Vieräugl (black and tan)

**Hunting dogs very similar in appearance** to the Alpine Dachsbracke existed hundreds of years ago and may have been the predecessors of this small hound. In the 1930s the modern breed was recognized as one of Austria's top scent hounds. Sturdy and tireless, and bred to hunt, the Alpine Dachsbracke is not an ideal house dog.



Slightly arched head with definite furrow

Drop ears with well-rounded tips

White markings on chest

Longer hairs on underside of tail



# DACHSHUND

**INQUISITIVE, BRAVE, AND LOYAL, THIS DOG IS POPULAR AS A COMPANION AND WATCHDOG**

AKC

**Height range**

**Miniature:**

5–6in (13–15cm)

**Standard:**

8–9in (20–23cm)



**Weight range**

**Miniature:**

9–11lb (4–5kg)

**Standard:**

20–26lb (9–12kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Despite their small size,** Dachshunds need plenty of exercise and mental stimulation to maintain their cheerful and loving temperament. Strong-willed, they tend to ignore commands when on the scent of prey. Dachshunds will bark protectively at unexpected visitors but are good with older children. There are three coat types: smooth-haired, long-haired, and wire-haired. The long-haired varieties need daily grooming. Two sizes are recognized by the AKC, miniature and standard; but three sizes, based on chest circumference, are recognized by the FCI.



Wire-haired



Smooth, red coat

Smooth-haired

Shiny, black and tan coat

Hair shorter on head

Very shallow stop



Body much longer than leg length

Long, silky, shaded red coat

Pendant, feathered ears

Long-haired

# GERMAN HOUND

USUALLY GOOD WITH CHILDREN AND OTHER DOGS, THIS HOUND PREFERENCES OUTDOOR LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
16-21in (40-53cm)



**Weight range**  
35-40lb (16-18kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Germany



**For centuries numerous hunting dogs** of the type known as brackes existed in Germany. Today the German Hound, or Deutsche Bracke, is one of the few to survive. This hound, bred by combining several bracke varieties, is still used mainly for hunting. Although good-natured, the German Hound does not adapt well to life indoors.



# DREVER

THIS SPORTING DOG IS RARELY KEPT SOLELY FOR COMPANIONSHIP

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**Height range**  
12-15in (30-38cm)



**Weight range**  
31-35lb (14-16kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Sweden

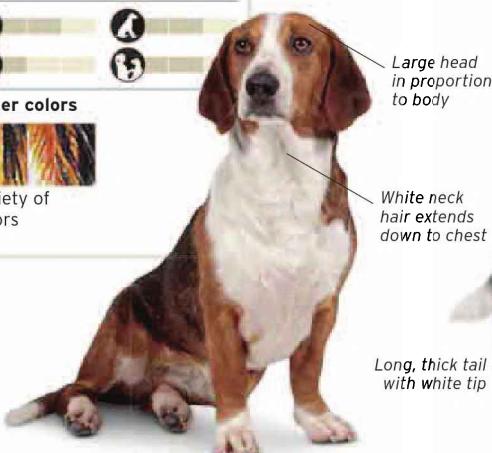


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**In the early 20th century** a small, short-legged hound from Germany, the Westphalian Dachsbracke, was imported to Sweden. The breed proved popular as a game tracker, and by the 1940s the Swedes had developed their own version, the Drever. Because of its strong hunting instinct, this breed is best kept as a sporting dog.



# LAUFHUND

A NOBLE-HEADED, KEEN, AND LEAN HOUND WITH ROMAN ROOTS

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**Height range**  
19–23in (47–59cm)



**Weight range**  
33–44lb (15–20kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Switzerland



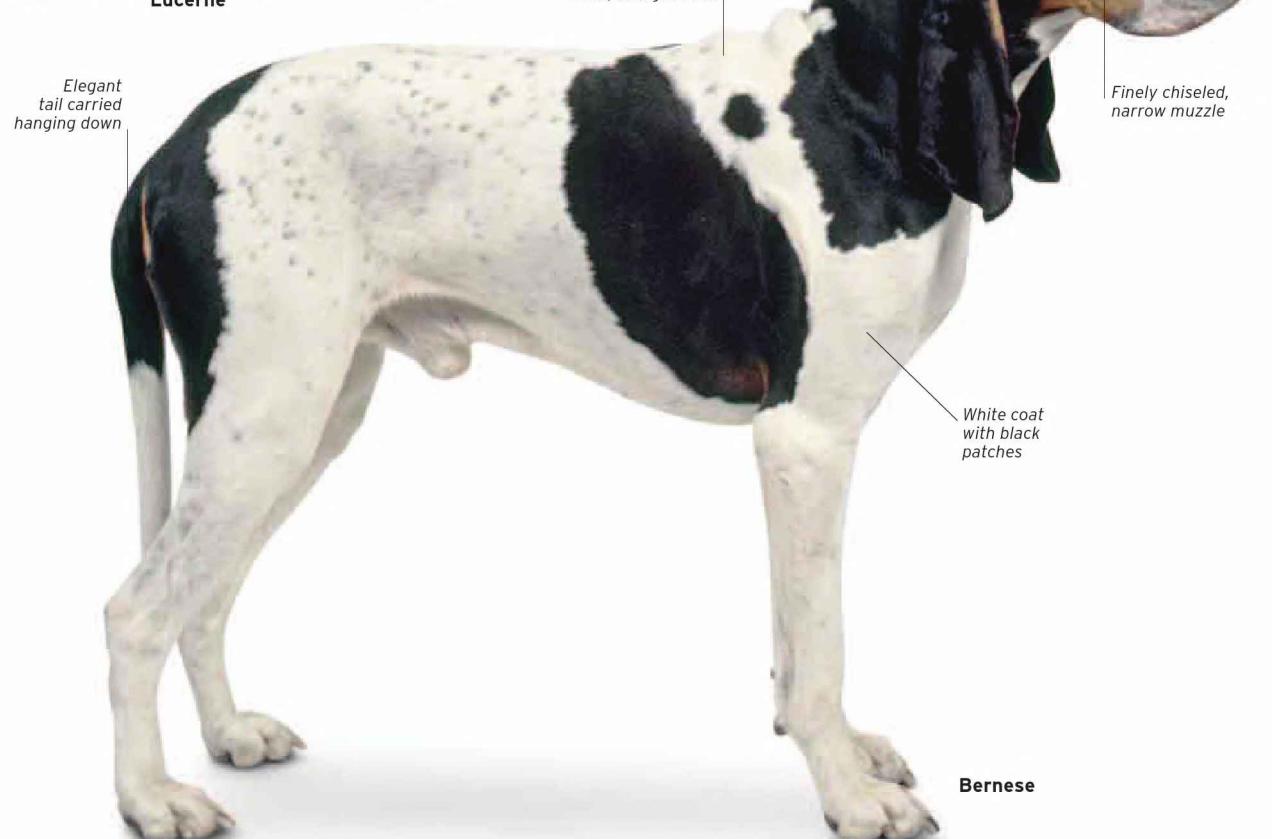
This breed, also known as the **Swiss Hound**, is a keen-nosed tracker that moves easily across Alpine terrain. It is bred to sniff out the track of hare, fox, and roe deer with its long muzzle. There are four distinct varieties—Bernese, Lucerne, Schwyz Laufhunds, and the Bruno Jura (p.138)—each named after a Swiss canton and identified by its coat colors. (A further variety, the Thurgovia, has died out.) The fine sculpted head and well-proportioned body lends the Laufhund an air of nobility. At home they are relaxed and quite docile.



Lucerne



Schwyz



Bernese

Blue coat, a result of a combination of white and black hairs

Light to dark tan markings on cheeks

Elegant tail carried hanging down

Firm, straight back

White coat with black patches

Pendant ears set below eye level

Slim, elegant, domed head

Finely chiseled, narrow muzzle



# NEIDERLAUFHUND

A SMALLER, SHORTER-LEGGED, HIGHLY VOCAL SWISS HOUND

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**Height range**  
13-17in (33-43cm)



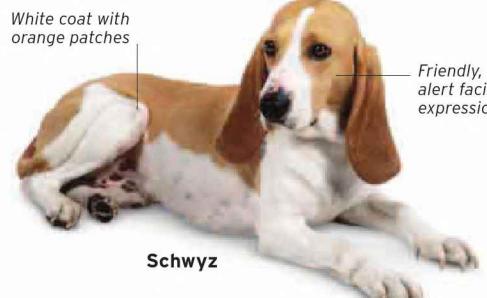
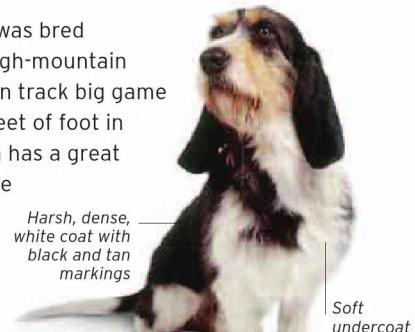
**Weight range**  
18-33lb (8-15kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

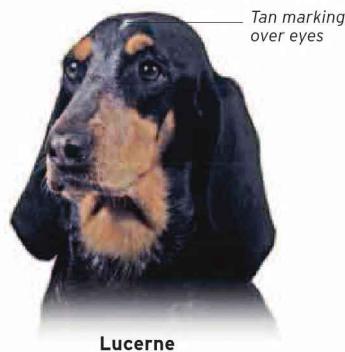
**Origin** Switzerland



This reduced version of the Laufhund (opposite) was bred specifically to make the most of the Swiss cantons' high-mountain game reserves. Being slower than the Laufhund, it can track big game more efficiently than its larger cousin (which is too fleet of foot in an enclosed area). This short-barreled, stocky version has a great nose for game such as wild boar, badger, and bear. The Bernese Neiderlaufhund comes in a smooth-haired and a rarer rough-coated version with a small beard. The other Neiderlaufhunds are the Schwyz, Jura, and Luzerne Niederlaufhund.



Schwyz



Luzerne



Bernese

# BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN HOUND

AMENABLE TO TRAINING, THIS HOUND NEEDS PLENTY OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ACTIVITY

**Height range**  
17-20in (44-52cm)



**Weight range**  
55-77lb (25-35kg)

**Life span** 10 years

**Origin** Germany



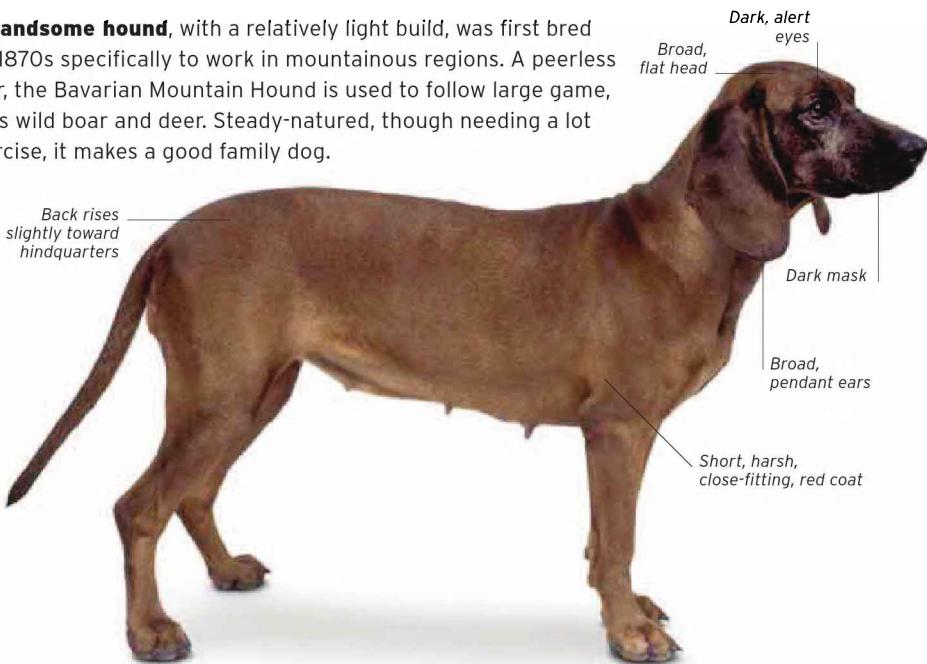
**Other colors**



Fawn to biscuit

Cat may be brindled and may have a small, light-colored patch on chest.

**This handsome hound**, with a relatively light build, was first bred in the 1870s specifically to work in mountainous regions. A peerless tracker, the Bavarian Mountain Hound is used to follow large game, such as wild boar and deer. Steady-natured, though needing a lot of exercise, it makes a good family dog.



KC

# HANOVERIAN SCENT HOUND

BRED FOR STRENUOUS WORK, THIS SUPERB TRACKING DOG IS NOT A GOOD HOUSE DOG

**Height range**  
19-22in (48-55cm)



**Weight range**  
55-88lb (25-40kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Germany



Slight wrinkling on forehead

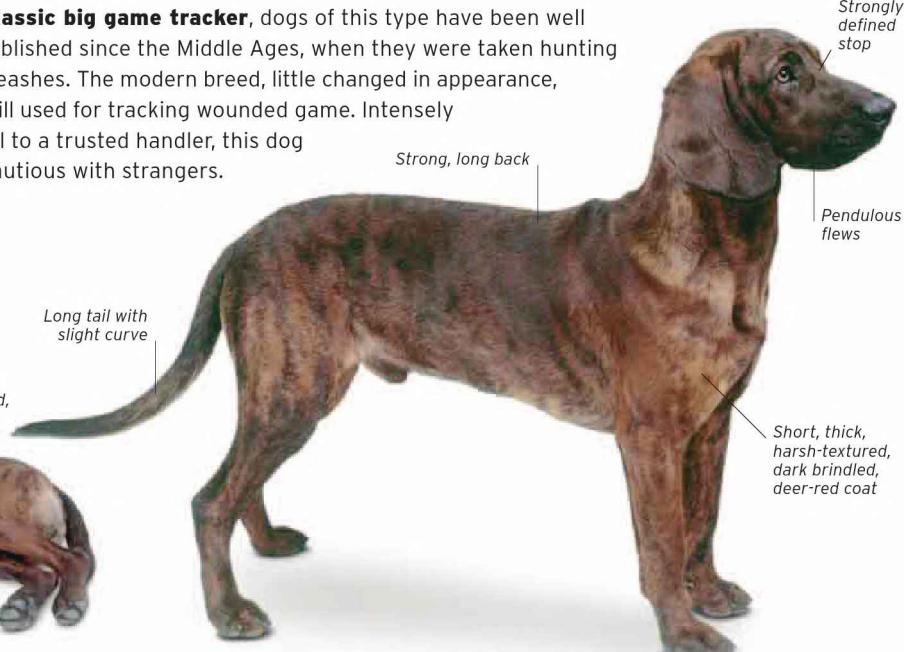
High-set, broad, pendant ears

**A classic big game tracker**, dogs of this type have been well established since the Middle Ages, when they were taken hunting on leashes. The modern breed, little changed in appearance, is still used for tracking wounded game. Intensely loyal to a trusted handler, this dog is cautious with strangers.

Long tail with slight curve

Strong, long back

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# DOBERMAN PINSCHER

THIS LOYAL AND OBEDIENT FAMILY DOG COMBINES STRENGTH WITH GRACE

AKC

**Height range**  
26–27in (65–69cm)



**Weight range**  
66–88lb (30–40kg)

**Life span** 13 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Fawn (Isabella)      Blue



Brown

**Reportedly created around 1860** by a German tax official called Louis Dobermann, this dog is the result of a number of crossings thought to include the German Shepherd Dog (see p.35), the Greyhound (see p.126), the Rottweiler (see p.81), and the Weimaraner (see p.246). From these, the Doberman Pinscher inherited a collection of admirable traits, including guarding and tracking abilities, intelligence, endurance, speed, and good looks. Widely used for police and security work, this breed is also popular as a town or country house dog. Dobermans love being part of family life—the more active the better.



# BLACK FOREST HOUND

A MOUNTAIN HUNTING DOG WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL SENSE OF SMELL AND DIRECTION

FCI

**Height range**  
16–20in (40–50cm)



**Weight range**  
33–44lb (15–20kg)

**Life span** 11–12 years

**Origin** Slovakia



The **Black Forest Hound**, or Slovenský Kopov, originated in the foothills and snowy mountain forests of central Eastern Europe. It is used to hunt boar, deer, and other game in small packs or alone. Local hunters like the breed because it can follow a scent for hours through dense thickets, protected by its coarse coat.



# POLISH HOUND

THIS LITHE AND PERSISTENT DOG HAS A FRIENDLY CHARACTER

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**Height range**  
22–26in (55–65cm)



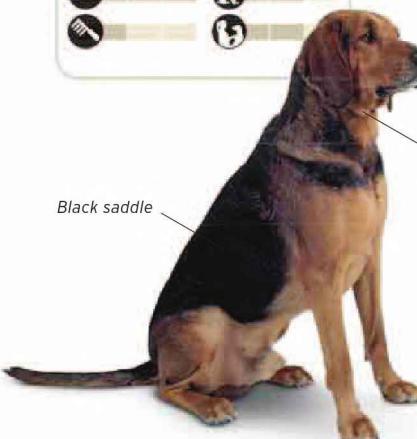
**Weight range**  
44–71lb (20–32kg)

**Life span** 11–12 years

**Origin** Poland



Evolving from a heavier bracke and lighter scent hound, this rare breed emerged as a large game hunter in Poland's thick mountainous forests. The ancestors of this hound hunted in packs for Polish nobility during the Middle Ages. The Polish Hound displays superb tracking abilities regardless of how fast it is running.



# TRANSYLVANIAN HOUND

MEDIUM-SIZED AND SHORT-HAIRED, THIS IS A RARE HUNGARIAN HUNTING DOG

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**Height range**  
22-26in (55-65cm)



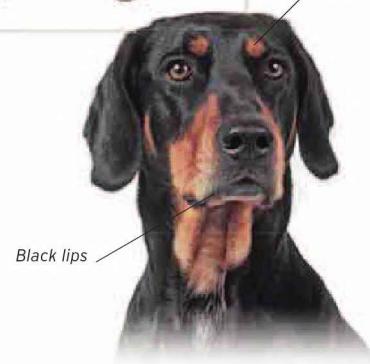
**Weight range**  
55-77lb (25-35kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Hungary



**Also known as the Hungarian Hound**, or Erdelyi Kopó, this hardy hunting dog was once the preserve of Hungarian kings and princes. Then, as now, its keen sense of direction, and hardiness in heavy, snowbound Carpathian forests and climate extremes made it the large game hunter of choice. However, it remains an extremely rare breed.



# POSAVAZ HOUND

THIS VERY HARDY SCENT HOUND HAS BEEN BRED TO HUNT HARE AND FOX

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**Height range**  
18-23in (46-58cm)



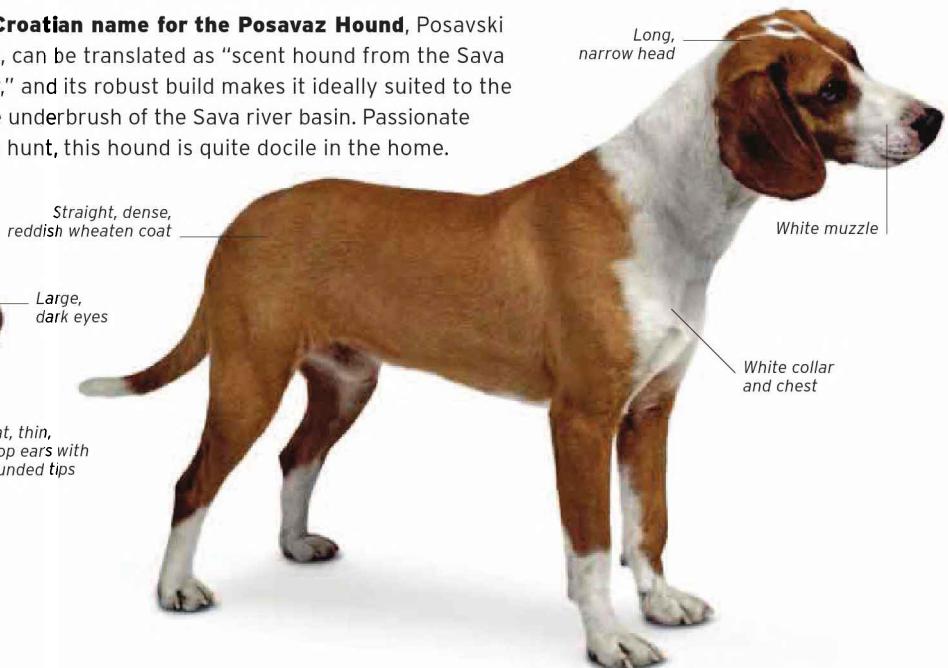
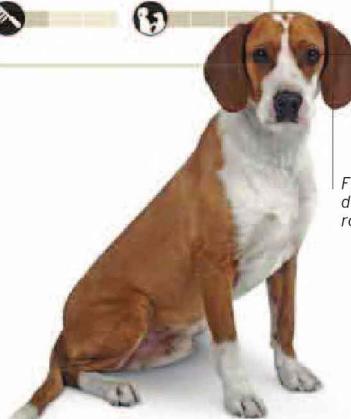
**Weight range**  
35-53lb (16-24kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Former Yugoslavia



**The Croatian name for the Posavaz Hound**, Posavski Gonic, can be translated as "scent hound from the Sava valley," and its robust build makes it ideally suited to the dense underbrush of the Sava river basin. Passionate in the hunt, this hound is quite docile in the home.



# BOSNIAN ROUGH-COATED HOUND

AN IMPLACABLE HUNTER ON THE TRAIL BUT QUIET AND GENTLE AT HOME

FCI

**Height range**  
18–22in (45–56cm)



**Weight range**  
35–55lb (16–25kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Bosnia and Herzegovina



**Other colors**



Tricolor

**Formerly known as the Illyrian Hound**, this breed has been a huntsman's companion since the 19th century. A hardy, solidly built dog, it has a thick, coarse-haired coat that enables it to work in bitterly cold weather and through thick undergrowth.



Blackish area  
on back extends  
from neck to tail



Large, oval,  
chestnut-  
brown eyes

Long, wiry,  
bicolor coat has  
thick undercoat

Reddish  
yellow hair  
on chest  
and legs

Catlike  
front feet

# MONTENEGRIN MOUNTAIN HOUND

THIS CLASSIC BALKAN SCENT HOUND MAKES A GOOD COMPANION DOG

FCI

**Height range**  
17–21in (44–54cm)



**Weight range**  
44–55lb (20–25kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Serbia



**Also known as the Serbian Mountain Hound**, this rare dog from the Planina region of Serbia has a calm, gentle nature that is appreciated by nonhunting owners. Nevertheless, it remains a superb hound for hunting fox and hare, or even larger animals such as deer and wild boar.



Tail carried  
saber fashion

Moderately  
developed flews

Tan markings  
on chest



Tan markings  
on face

Long,  
pendant ears

Glossy, black and  
tan coat—rough  
to the touch

# SERBIAN TRICOLORED HOUND

A LOYAL, DEPENDABLE WORKER AND LOVING COMPANION

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**Height range**  
17-22in (44-55cm)



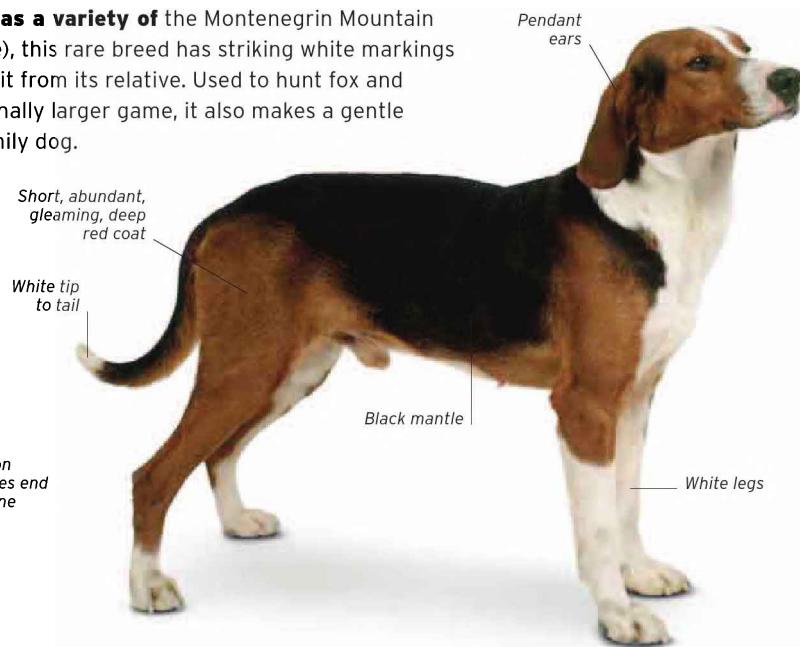
**Weight range**  
44-55lb (20-25kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** Serbia



**Once regarded as a variety** of the Montenegrin Mountain Hound (opposite), this rare breed has striking white markings that distinguish it from its relative. Used to hunt fox and hare, or occasionally larger game, it also makes a gentle and devoted family dog.



# SERBIAN HOUND

HAPPIEST IN COMPANY, THIS HOUND NEEDS PLENTY OF OUTDOOR ACTION

FCI

**Height range**  
17-22in (44-56cm)



**Weight range**  
93-123lb (42-56kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Serbia



**This pack-hunting dog** with a booming voice tracks game of all sizes from rabbit to elk and boar. Away from the hunt, it is sweet-natured and makes a good companion for an active family, especially if there are other dogs around. The Serbian Hound is also a fine watchdog.



# HELLENIC HOUND

THIS FAST AND POWERFUL HOUND HAS A STRONG CHARACTER AND A GREAT NOSE FOR SCENT

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**Height range**  
18-22in (45-55cm)



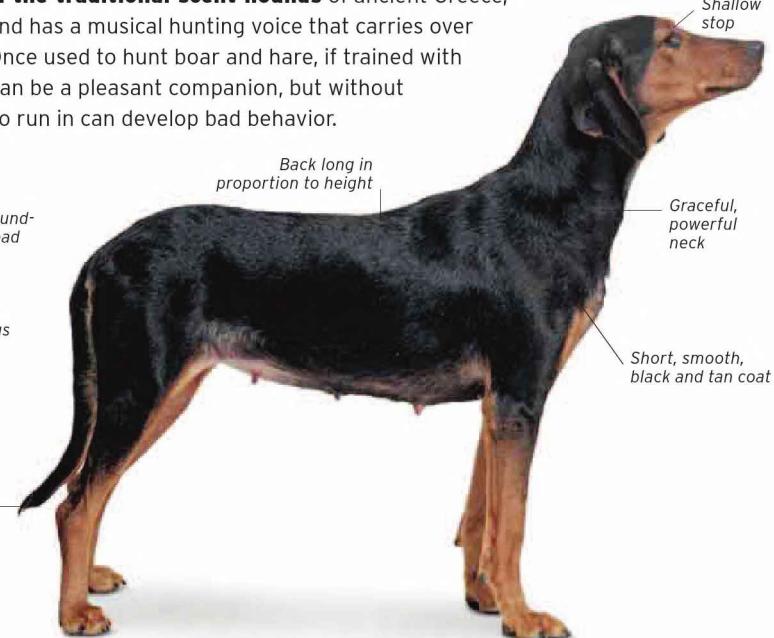
**Weight range**  
37-44lb (17-20kg)

**Life span** 11 years

**Origin** Greece



**Descended from the traditional scent hounds** of ancient Greece, the Hellenic Hound has a musical hunting voice that carries over long distances. Once used to hunt boar and hare, if trained with care, the breed can be a pleasant companion, but without plenty of space to run in can develop bad behavior.



# MOUNTAIN CUR

THIS TOUGH AND COURAGEOUS DOG IS A NATURAL HUNTER BUT RESPONDS WELL TO TRAINING

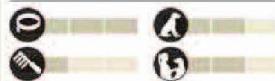
**Height range**  
16-26in (41-66cm)



**Weight range**  
40-60lb (18-27kg)

**Life span** 12-16 years

**Origin** USA

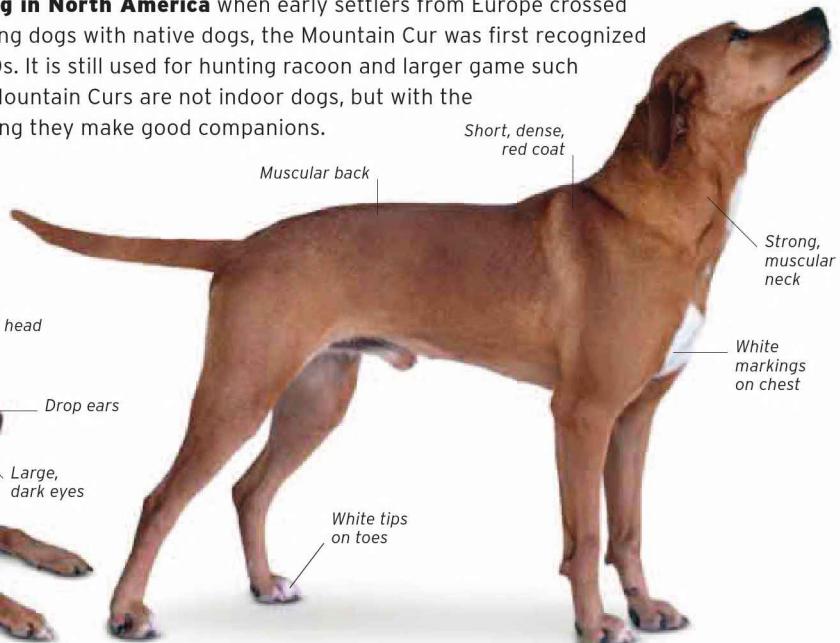


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Originating in North America** when early settlers from Europe crossed their hunting dogs with native dogs, the Mountain Cur was first recognized in the 1950s. It is still used for hunting racoon and larger game such as bears. Mountain Curs are not indoor dogs, but with the right training they make good companions.



# RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK

BOISTEROUS AND HIGHLY STRUNG, THIS DOG NEEDS AN ENERGETIC OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
24-27in (61-69cm)



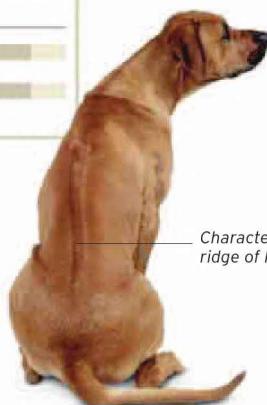
**Weight range**  
64-90lb (29-41kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Zimbabwe

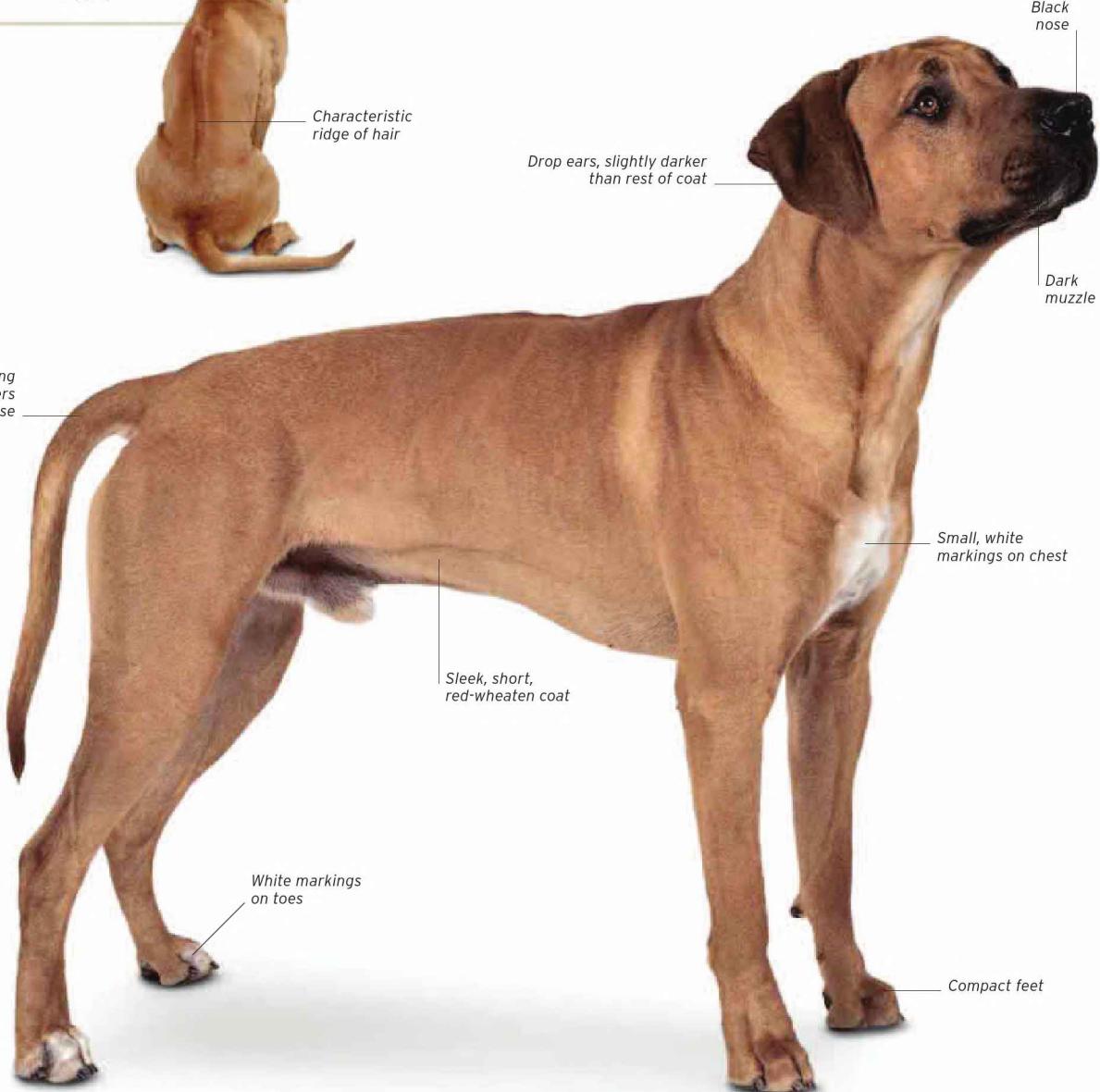


The distinctive ridge of hair along this dog's back, growing in the opposite direction to the rest of the coat, instantly identifies it. Native to Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia), the breed may have descended from dogs brought to southern Africa by European settlers. Because the Rhodesian Ridgeback was once used in packs to hunt lions, it is sometimes known as the African Lion Hound. Despite the breed's fierce image, it is kind-natured and affectionate, and is a good family companion for experienced owners. This dog needs to be kept occupied, since it may develop behavioral problems if bored or under-exercised.



Characteristic ridge of hair

Long tail tapers from base



### DIGGING INSTINCT

*Intent on his task, this Airedale Terrier is doing what comes naturally—excavating a hole. Most terriers are inveterate diggers and tunnelers.*



# TERRIERS

**Tough, fearless, self-confident, energetic**—a terrier can claim all of these descriptions, and more. The terrier group takes its name from the Latin word *terra* (earth), referring to the original use of various types of small dog as hunters of underground-dwelling vermin, such as rats. However, some modern terriers are large dogs, bred for different purposes.



Once a fighting dog, the Bull Terrier is now a family favorite

Many breeds of terrier originated in the UK, where they were traditionally regarded as hunting dogs for the working man. Some are named after the regions they first came from: Norwich Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Lakeland Terrier. Others are known by the types of animal they used to hunt: for example, Fox Terrier and Rat Terrier.

Terriers are by nature quick to react and show great persistence when on the track of quarry. They possess independent, some would say willful, characters and are ready to stand their ground against larger dogs. The dogs developed for hunting below ground, including the much-loved Jack Russell and Cairn Terriers, are small, sturdy, and short-legged. Terriers with longer legs, such as the Irish Terrier and the beautiful Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, were once used for hunting above

ground and also as guard dogs for protecting flocks. The largest terriers of all include the Airedale Terrier, originally bred for hunting badger and otter, and the impressively built Russian Black Terrier, which was specifically developed for military use and guard duties.

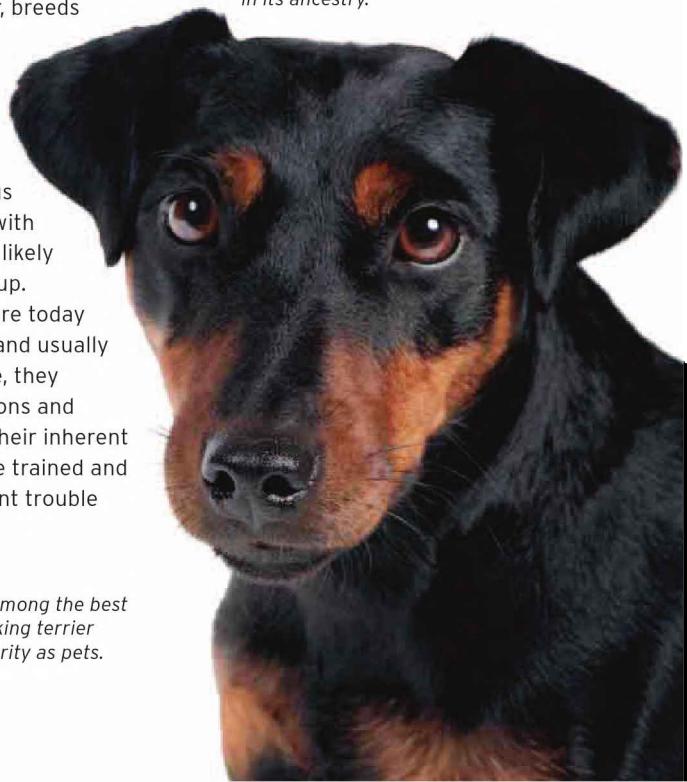
In the 19th century a different type of terrier became popular. Crosses between terriers and bulldogs produced such dogs as the Bull Terrier, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and the American Pit Bull Terrier, breeds intended for the vicious and now illegal sports of pit-fighting and bull-baiting. With their broad heads and powerful jaws, these dogs suggest a close affinity with mastiffs and are, in fact, likely to be related to that group.

Most types of terrier are today kept as pets. Intelligent and usually friendly and affectionate, they make excellent companions and watchdogs. Because of their inherent traits, terriers need to be trained and socialized early to prevent trouble



## LIVELY COMPANION

The sparky Jack Russell is among the best known of various small working terrier breeds now enjoying popularity as pets.



with other dogs and pets. Hunting-type terriers also love to dig and can wreak havoc in a yard if unsupervised. The modern breeds of those dogs historically used for fighting are now largely free from aggression and, when properly trained by an experienced owner, are usually trustworthy with families.

## MIXED HISTORY

Terriers have highly variable origins. This Miniature Pinscher has Italian Greyhound in its ancestry.

# WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

A CHEEKY AND CHEERFUL CHARACTER, THIS TERRIER CAN BE BOSSY WITH OTHER DOGS

AKC

**Height range**  
10-11in (25-28cm)



**Weight range**  
15-22lb (7-10kg)

**Life span** 9-15 years

**Origin** UK



**One of the best loved of all small terriers**, the "Westie" was developed in Scotland in the 19th century from Cairn Terriers (opposite). This hardy little dog's original role was to hunt fox, badger, and vermin such as rats. Today West Highland White Terriers are suitable town or country pets for all types of home. They have boundless energy and are always ready for walks or to play with children. Early social training is recommended for this breed, as they have large egos for their size and can be overbearing with other dogs.

Compact,  
sturdy body



Small, sharply  
pointed, erect ears

Profuse hair  
on head



Short, straight  
tail, held upright

Dark, bright  
eyes beneath  
heavy eyebrows

Thick, white  
coat; may need  
occasional  
trimming

Short legs

Forefeet larger  
than hind feet

# CAIRN TERRIER

THIS LIVELY DOG IS IDEAL WITH CHILDREN BUT MAY CHASE OTHER PETS

AKC

**Height range**  
11-12in (28-31cm)



**Weight range**  
13-18lb (6-8kg)

**Life span** 9-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Nearly black

Coat may be brindled.

**Originating in the Western Isles of Scotland**, the Cairn Terrier was bred for hunting vermin. Amusing and full of character, this sturdy terrier is small enough for apartment life and energetic enough for romping around a large country home; it fits in anywhere. The Cairn Terrier's urge to chase anything that moves should be discouraged early on.



Shaggy eyebrows overhang dark, hazel eyes



# SCOTTISH TERRIER

THIS SMALL DOG HAS GREAT DIGNITY AND IS ALERT AND READY TO BE PROTECTIVE

AKC

**Height range**  
10-11in (25-28cm)



**Weight range**  
20-24lb (9-11kg)

**Life span** 9-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Wheaten

Coat may be brindled.

Body thickset, but not heavy



**This breed was first named in the late 19th century**, but dogs of this type existed in the Scottish Highlands much earlier. Powerful and agile, despite their short stature, "Scotties" were bred as vermin-hunters like the West Highland White Terrier (opposite) and Cairn Terrier (above). Affectionate and watchful, the Scottish Terrier is a good home companion.



# CESKY TERRIER

TOUGH, FEARLESS, AND SOMETIMES WILLFUL, THIS DOG NEEDS PATIENT TRAINING

AKC

**Height range**  
10-13in (25-32cm)



**Weight range**  
13-22lb (6-10kg)



**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Czech Republic



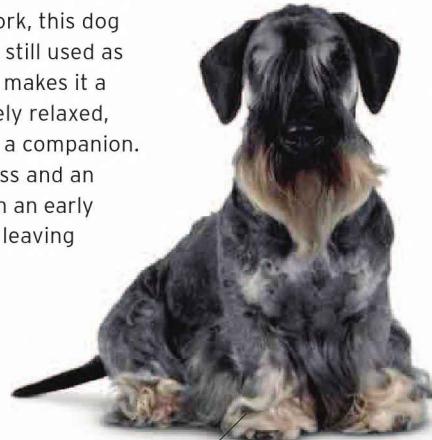
**Other colors**



Liver

Can have yellow, gray, or white markings on the beard and cheeks, neck, chest, belly, and limbs, sometimes with a white collar or a white tip to the tail.

A **20th-century breed** developed for burrowing work, this dog is also known as the Czech or Bohemian Terrier. It is still used as a working dog, and its natural wariness of strangers makes it a useful watchdog. For a terrier, this dog has a relatively relaxed, playful character and it is sometimes simply kept as a companion. However, the breed retains some terrier stubbornness and an inclination to snap, so needs consistent training from an early age. The typical clip of the coat is short on the body, leaving long curtains of hair on the face, legs, and belly.



Triangular, drop ears

Yellow-white color of lower leg and feet matches beard

Hair left long on front of head



Slightly wavy, gray-blue coat has silky sheen

Tail carried low at rest

Long hair forms beard

Forefeet are larger than hind feet

# SEALYHAM TERRIER

THIS POWERFUL, INTELLIGENT, AND SPIRITED DOG IS AN ATTRACTIVE BUT CHALLENGING BREED

AKC

**Height range**  
10–12in (25–30cm)



**Weight range**  
18–20lb (8–9kg)

**Life span** 14 years

**Origin** UK



Small, drop ears



**Originally bred in Wales** to tackle badgers and otters, this breed has no working role today but is kept as a pet. Their territorial nature makes Sealyham Terriers good watchdogs but they can be aggressive toward other dogs, and an innate stubbornness means that persistence in training is required. The show clip is distinctive, but requires regular maintenance.

Chest is broad and deep between short legs



Medium-sized, dark, round eyes

Clipped hair gives jaw square appearance

# NORFOLK TERRIER

THIS STURDY, CHEERFUL DOG IS HAPPY IN A TOWN OR COUNTRY HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
9–10in (22–25cm)



**Weight range**  
11–13lb (5–6kg)

**Life span** 14–15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Red      Black and tan

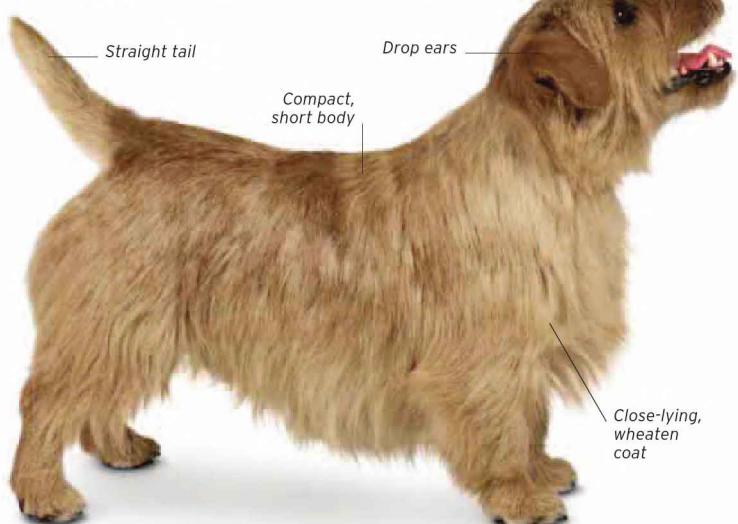
Coat may be grizzled.

**This small terrier** was bred from various rat-catching dogs, and is an energetic hunter. Because ratters work in packs, this breed is more sociable with other dogs than most terriers, but cannot be trusted with other pets. It makes a good guard dog or companion for families with older children.

Oval eyes with keen, alert expression



Feet are small and round



Strong, blunt muzzle



# YORKSHIRE TERRIER

THIS DOG'S CUTE LOOKS AND DIMINUTIVE SIZE BELIE A FEISTY TEMPERAMENT

AKC

**Height range**  
8-9in (20-23cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 7lb (Up to 3kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Oblivious to its tiny toy stature**, the Yorkshire Terrier has the bravery, energy, and confidence that might be expected of a dog several times its size. An intelligent dog, it responds well to obedience training. However, it is inclined to take advantage of owners who let it get away with behavior that would be unacceptable in a larger dog and can become yappy, snappy, and demanding. With proper handling, this terrier displays its natural character: sweet, affectionate, loyal, and spirited.

The Yorkshire Terrier was developed to catch the rats and mice that infested the woolen mills and mine shafts in the north of England. It was gradually miniaturized through breeding from the smallest individuals, and over time became a fashion accessory that was carried around by its lady owner. However, such pampering is at odds with the Yorkshire Terrier's dynamic nature and it is much happier when allowed to walk for at least half an hour each day. The long,

glossy show coat is wrapped around folded papers and secured with elastic bands to protect it outside the show ring. It is very time-consuming to maintain but the dogs generally love the extra attention.

## CLIPPED COAT

Owners who do not intend to show their dogs usually clip the coat short every few months.





# AUSTRALIAN TERRIER

THIS JOYFUL DOG IS GOOD WITH FAMILIES BUT BARKS AT STRANGERS

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 10in (Up to 26cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 15lb (Up to 7kg)

**Life span** 15 years

**Origin** Australia



**Other colors**



Blue with tan

**This terrier is likely to have been the result of crosses** between various terriers, including the Cairn Terrier (see p.189), the Yorkshire Terrier (see p.192), and the Dandie Dinmont Terrier (see p.217), which were brought to Australia by British settlers in the 19th century. Diminutive yet spirited, the "Aussie" is an excellent house dog but is best exercised on a leash because of a strong instinct to chase.



Erect ears

Shorter hair on lower legs



Straight back

Hair forms soft topknot on top of head

Distinct stop

Shorter hair on muzzle

Slight feathering on forelegs

Harsh, straight, dense, red coat

# SILKY TERRIER

THIS AFFECTIONATE AND SOCIALE BREED NEEDS FIRM LEADERSHIP

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 9in (Up to 23cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 9lb (Up to 4kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** Australia



**This attractive dog** was produced from crosses between the Australian Terrier (above) and the Yorkshire Terrier (see p.192) in the late 19th century. A typical terrier, the Silky Terrier has a fondness for digging holes, and its instinct to chase may put other small pets at risk. Regular grooming is needed to keep this dog's long coat tangle-free.

Lighter-colored topknot falls over eyes



Hair parts down center of back



V-shaped, erect ears

Upturned, high-set tail

Small, catlike feet hidden by long, tan hair



Long, silky, gray-blue and tan coat

# PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER

THIS ENERGETIC DOG, WITH A STRONG HUNTING INSTINCT, NEEDS FIRM HANDLING

AKC

**Height range**  
13–14in (33–36cm)



**Weight range**  
13–18lb (6–8kg)

**Life span** 15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



White

May have black markings.

**Created in England in the early 19th century** by a West Country cleric, the Reverend John Russell, this dog was one of two strains originally classified together as the Jack Russell Terrier. Today the longer-legged breed is known as the Parson Russell Terrier, while the shorter-legged dog retains the name of Jack Russell Terrier (see p.196). Intelligent, high-spirited, and restless, the Parson Russell Terrier needs a loving home where fun is a high priority. Behavioral problems, such as excessive barking or snappiness, may occur if this dog is under-exercised or left alone for long

periods of time. There are two coat varieties: smooth-haired and rough-haired; both coats have a harsh texture.

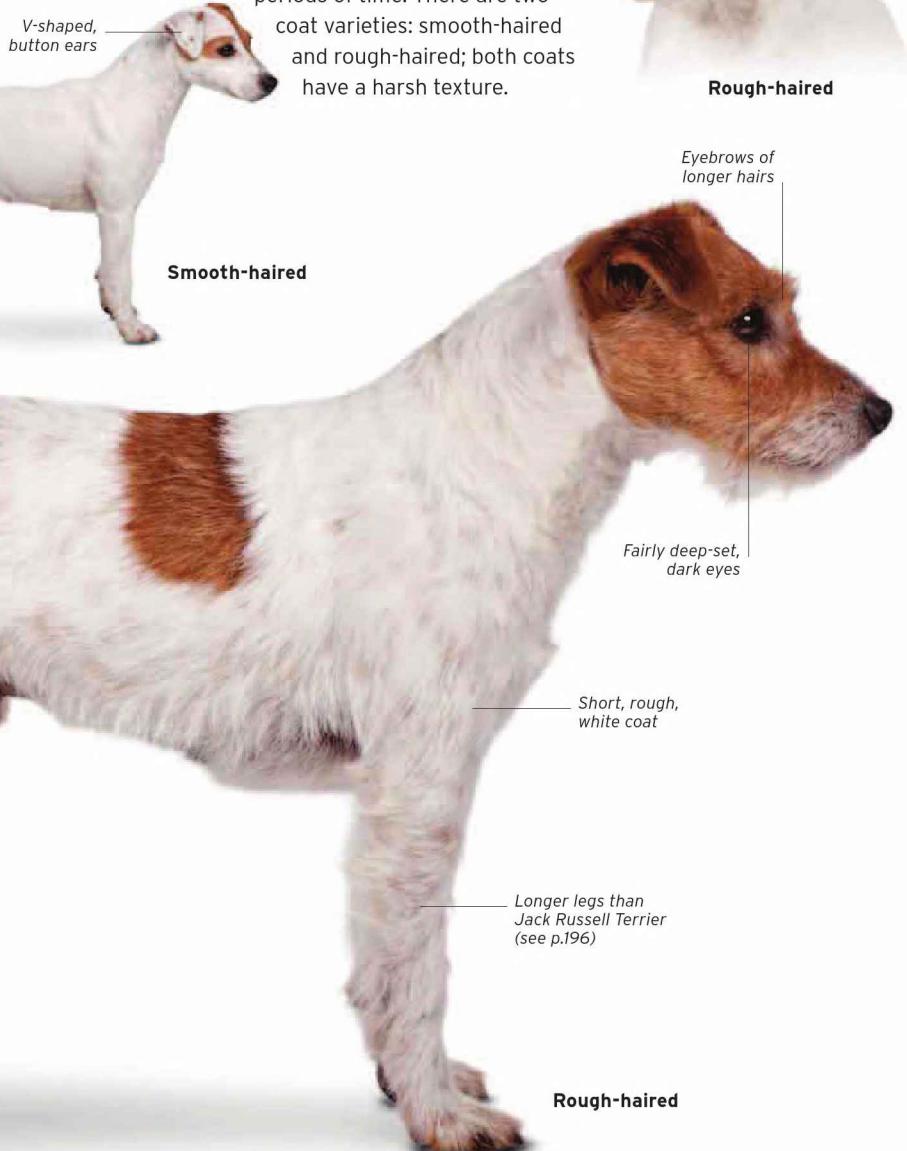


Rough-haired



Smooth-haired

High-set,  
white tail  
with tan base



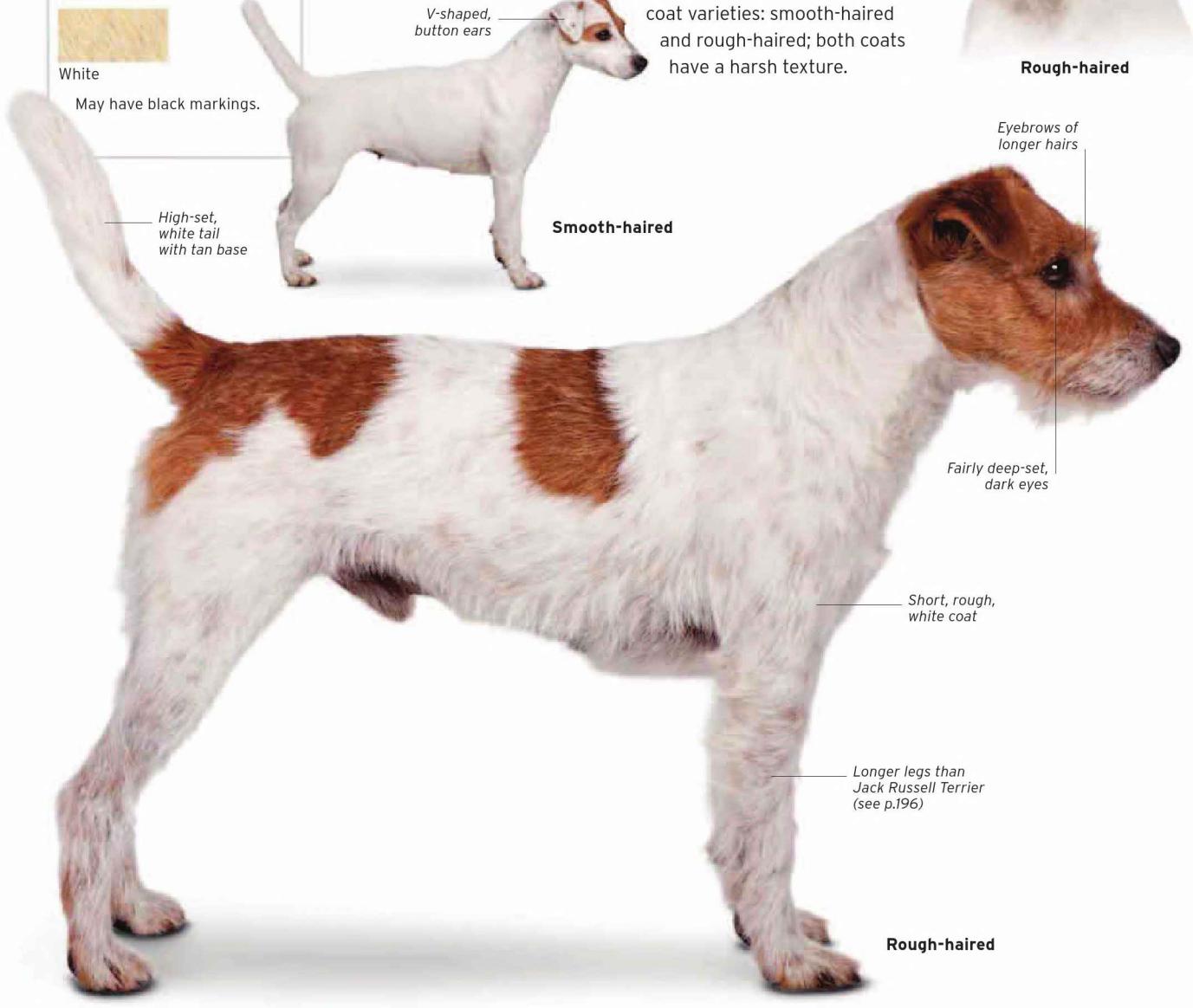
Eyebrows of  
longer hairs

Fairly deep-set,  
dark eyes

Short, rough,  
white coat

Longer legs than  
Jack Russell Terrier  
(see p.196)

Rough-haired



# RUSSELL TERRIER

THIS ACTIVE DOG IS A FEISTY BUNDLE OF ENERGY

AKC

**Height range**  
10-12in (25-30cm)



**Weight range**  
11-13lb (5-6kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



White with black

**Bouncy and bold, this working terrier** is named after the Reverend John Russell, who bred them in the 1800s to flush out foxes. Today this breed makes an excellent rat-catcher and an affectionate and exuberant companion. It has shorter legs than its more squarely built cousin, the Parson Russell Terrier (see p.195).

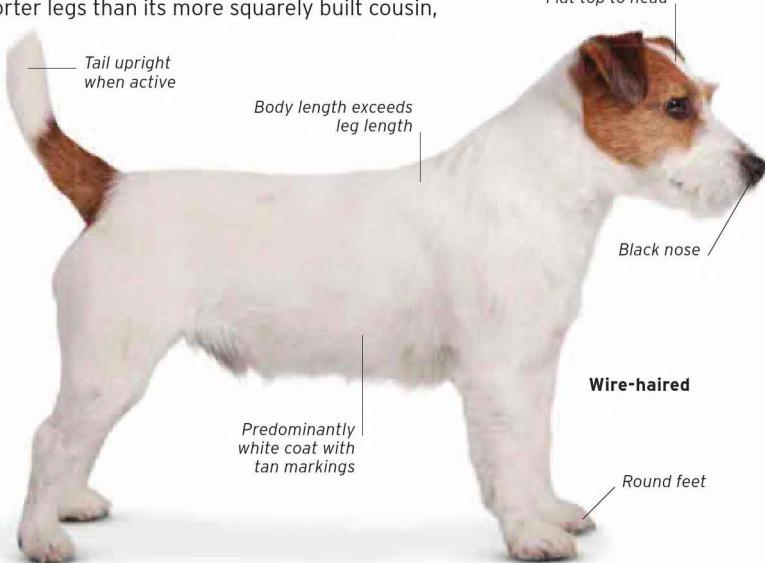
There are two coat types:  
smooth-haired  
and wire-haired.



**Smooth-haired**

Black lips

White coat  
with black  
and tan  
markings



Flat top to head

Tail upright  
when active

Body length exceeds  
leg length

Black nose

Wire-haired

Round feet

Predominantly  
white coat with  
tan markings

# GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER

A RUTHLESS AND BRAVE HUNTER, THIS TERRIER IS GENTLE AND LOYAL WITH THE FAMILY

AKC

**Height range**  
14in (36cm)



**Weight range**  
35-37lb (16-17kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** Ireland



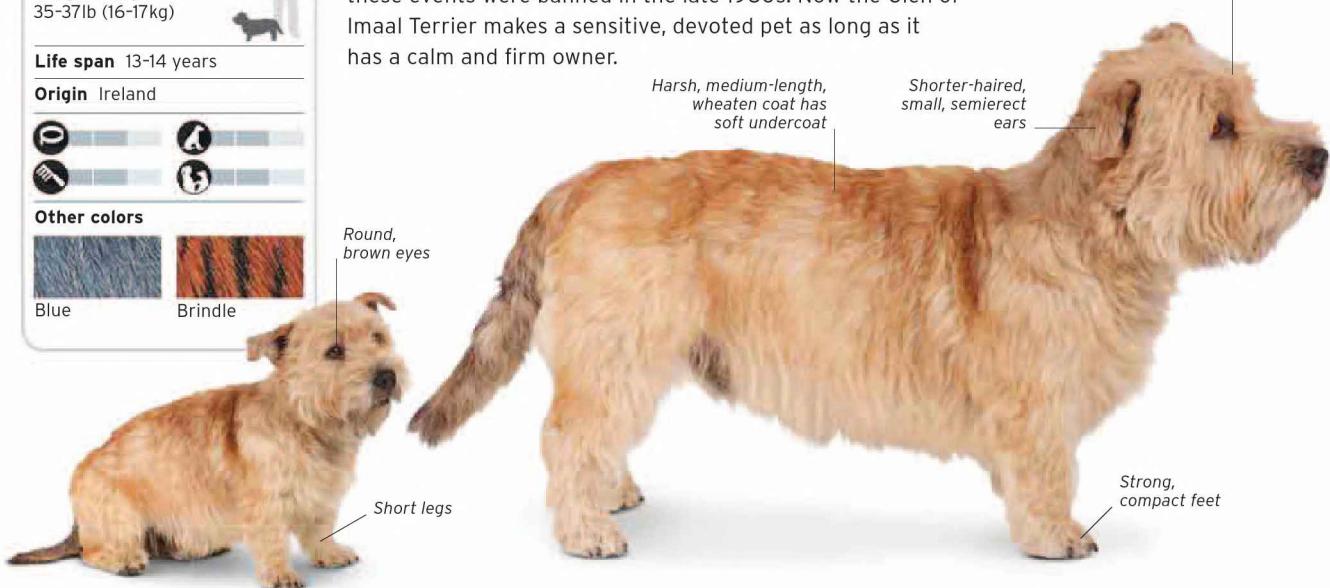
**Other colors**



Blue

Brindle

**This sturdy little dog** is more active than its size suggests. It comes from County Wicklow and was used in badger trials until these events were banned in the late 1960s. Now the Glen of Imaal Terrier makes a sensitive, devoted pet as long as it has a calm and firm owner.



Broad, slightly domed head with well-developed stop

Harsh, medium-length,  
wheaten coat has  
soft undercoat

Shorter-haired,  
small, semierect  
ears

Round,  
brown eyes

Short legs

Strong,  
compact feet

# NORWICH TERRIER

A PLUCKY AND FRIENDLY FAMILY PET WITH AN ENDEARING PERSONALITY

AKC

**Height range**  
10in (25-26cm)



**Weight range**  
10-12lb (5-6kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Wheaten



Red  
Red coats may be interspersed with black hairs (grizzled).

**One of the smallest working terriers**, the Norwich Terrier, like its cousin the Norfolk Terrier (see p.191), strikes a happy balance between courage and gentleness. With its easy-going nature, it is good with children but will bark at strangers. Like all ratting terriers, it is playful and loves to chase.



Dark, bright, oval-shaped eyes

Short, straight, strong forelegs



Short, compact back with black shading

Erect ears differentiate the Norwich Terrier from the Norfolk Terrier (see p.191)

Long, coarse hair on neck creates ruff around face

Tan coat

Rounded, catlike feet

# BOSTON TERRIER

A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, DETERMINED, FRIENDLY, AND ALERT COMPANION DOG

AKC

**Height range**  
15-17in (38-43cm)



**Weight range**  
11-24lb (5-11kg)

**Life span** 13 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Brindle

Brindle coats have white markings.

**Dubbed "the American Gentleman"** for its quirky yet dapper looks and docile nature, the Boston Terrier makes a good house pet for town or country. This mix of bulldog and several terrier types has lost its ratting instincts and enjoys human company. It has a boisterous streak and needs regular exercise.



Wide-set, round, dark eyes

Low-set, naturally short tail



Square head with flat top

Erect, pointed ears

Short muzzle with black nose

Black coat with white markings

Small, round, compact feet

# BULL TERRIER

A FORMIDABLE-LOOKING DOG, BUT KIND AND WELL BEHAVED WITH THE RIGHT OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
21–22in (53–56cm)



**Weight range**  
50–70lb (23–32kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Largely the result of cross-breeding between the Bulldog (see p.94) and terriers of various types, the Bull Terrier was developed for pit-fighting in 19th-century England. A failure at vicious sports, this dog achieved greater success as a pet. The modern breed is normally good-natured and does well with a firm owner.



# MINIATURE BULL TERRIER

THIS SMALL AND STRONG DOG LOVES FUN AND BOISTEROUS GAMES

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 14in (Up to 36cm)



**Weight range**  
24–33lb (11–15kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** UK

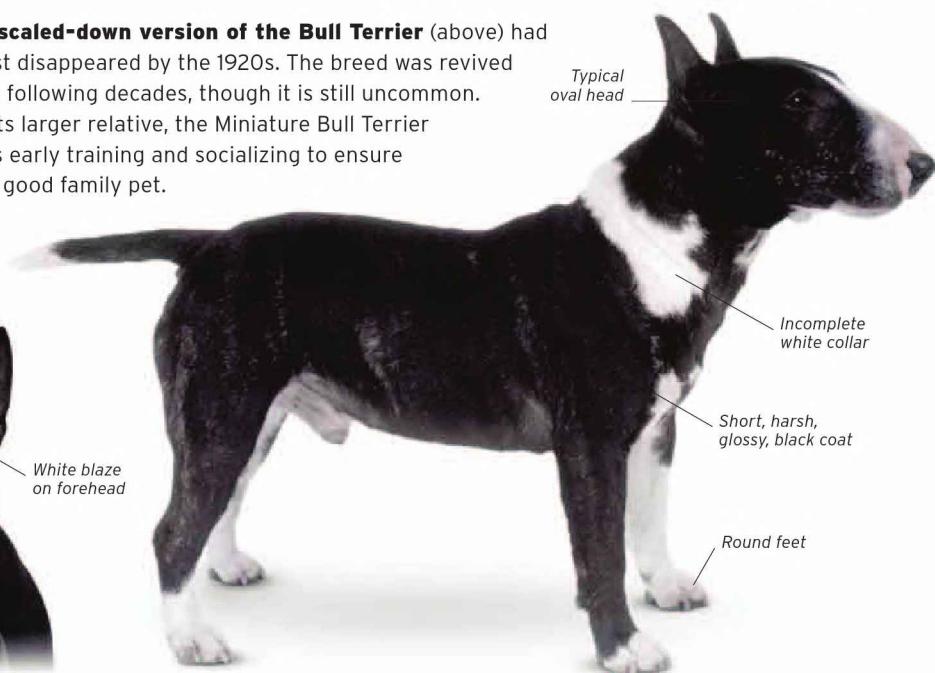
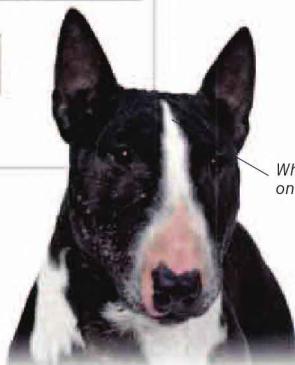


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

This scaled-down version of the Bull Terrier (above) had almost disappeared by the 1920s. The breed was revived in the following decades, though it is still uncommon. Like its larger relative, the Miniature Bull Terrier needs early training and socializing to ensure it is a good family pet.



# AIREDALE TERRIER

THE LARGEST OF ALL TERRIERS, THIS IS A GOOD FAMILY DOG BUT MAY BE BOISTEROUS

AKC

**Height range**  
22-24in (56-61cm)



**Weight range**  
40-64lb (18-29kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** UK



**Justly known as the "King of Terriers,"** the Airedale Terrier is big, square, and strong. Originating in the valley of the Aire River in Yorkshire, this breed was first developed around a century ago by local hunters who wanted a robust terrier for catching vermin and larger game such as otters. The breed's subsequent uses have included guarding and military work, but it is also a popular companion. Friendly, intelligent, and full of character, this dog, like many terriers, loves the thrill of the chase and can get up to mischief when bored.



# BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER

THIS BIG, TOUGH, AND VERY PROTECTIVE DOG IS USUALLY FRIENDLY AND MANAGEABLE

**Height range**  
26–30in (66–77cm)



**Weight range**  
83–143lb (38–65kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** Russia



**First developed in the 1940s**, this massively built and hardy terrier was the special creation of the Soviet Army in the former USSR. The breeders' aim was to produce a large dog suitable for military work and able to withstand the severe cold of Russian winters. Among many breeds used in its development were the

Rottweiler (see p.81), the Giant Schnauzer (see p.41), and the Airedale Terrier (see p.199).

Still relatively uncommon, the Black Russian Terrier is becoming more widely recognized outside its native land. Formidable in size and appearance, the breed is not naturally aggressive and with responsible handling is a friendly and well-adjusted house dog.

AKC



Dense beard and whiskers on muzzle



# IRISH TERRIER

THIS TERRIER IS WELL-MANNERED IN THE HOUSE BUT NEEDS FIRM CONTROL AROUND OTHER DOGS

AKC

**Height range**  
18–19in (46–48cm)



**Weight range**  
25–27lb (11–12kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** Ireland



**Other colors**



Wheaten

**This handsome breed** emerged in County Cork in Ireland and is believed to have a long history, though its earliest ancestry is unknown. The Irish Terrier has a delightful temperament and can be trusted with children, but outside the home it is inclined to be belligerent toward other dogs.



V-shaped, button ears

Small, white mark on chest



Long head, narrow between ears

Small, dark eyes with bushy eyebrows

Bearded muzzle

Harsh, wiry, red coat

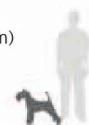
Deep chest

# WELSH TERRIER

THIS SMART, NEAT DOG IS HIGH-SPIRITED BUT EASY TO TRAIN

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 15in (up to 39cm)



**Weight range**  
20–22lb (9–10kg)

**Life span** 9–15 years

**Origin** UK

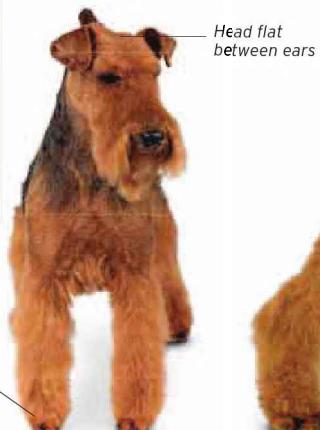


**Other colors**



Black grizzle and tan

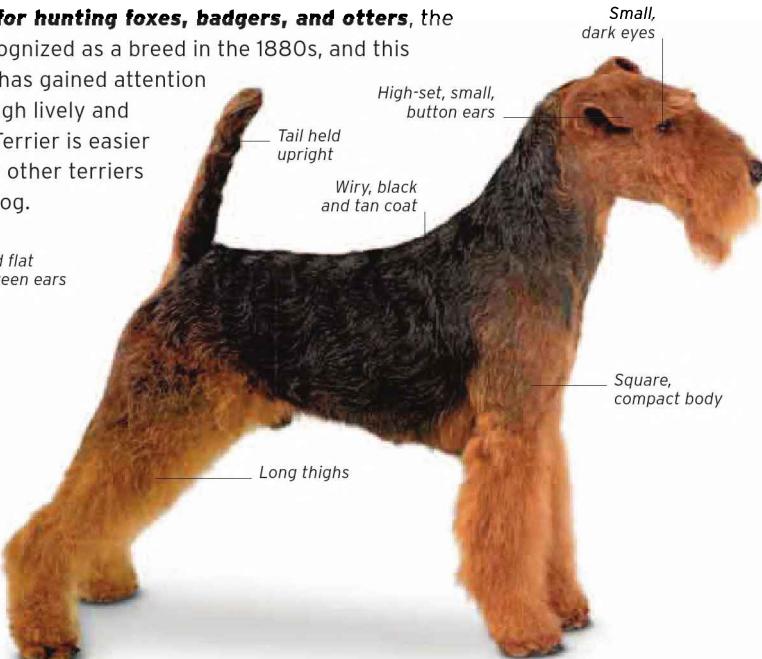
**Once used in packs for hunting foxes, badgers, and otters**, the Welsh Terrier was recognized as a breed in the 1880s, and this medium-sized terrier has gained attention as a show dog. Although lively and energetic, the Welsh Terrier is easier to manage than many other terriers and is a good house dog.



Head flat between ears

Long thighs

Small, round, catlike feet



Small, dark eyes

High-set, small, button ears

Tail held upright

Wiry, black and tan coat

Square, compact body

# GERMAN HUNTING TERRIER

THIS TIRELESS, FEARLESS, INDEPENDENT DOG ENJOYS A WORKING LIFE

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**Height range**  
13–16in (33–40cm)



**Weight range**  
18–22lb (8–10kg)

**Life span** 13–15 years

**Origin** Germany



**This classic hunter** is the result of Welsh and English terriers being crossed by four Bavarian dog breeders. The German Hunting Terrier is happy to sleep outdoors by night and hunt all day, above or below ground and across all types of terrain, and even water. It needs plenty of exercise and clear leadership. There are two coat types—rough-coated and smooth-coated.



# KERRY BLUE TERRIER

A LIVELY, PLAYFUL, AND BOISTEROUS DOG WITH A BIG HEART

AKC

**Height range**  
18–19in (46–48cm)



**Weight range**  
33–37lb (15–17kg)

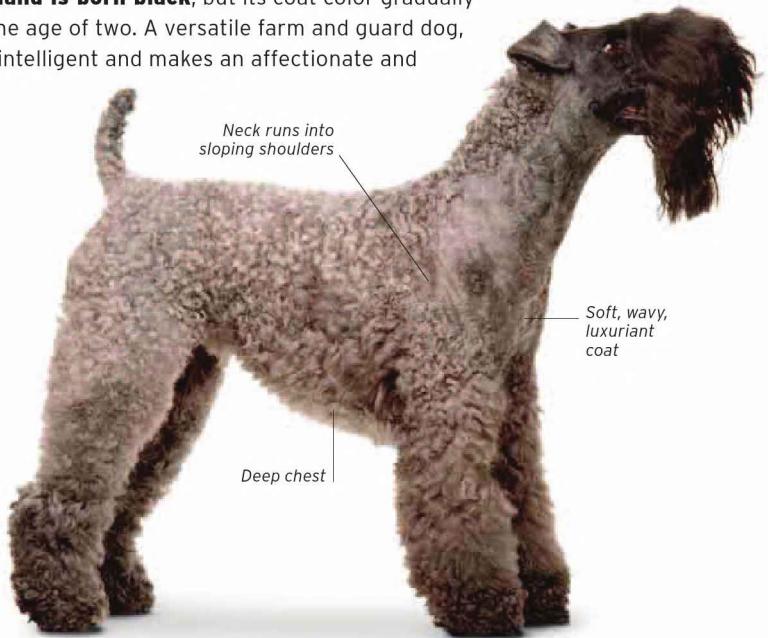
**Life span** 14 years

**Origin** Ireland



**The national dog of Ireland** is born black, but its coat color gradually changes to blue before the age of two. A versatile farm and guard dog, the Kerry Blue Terrier is intelligent and makes an affectionate and biddable pet as long as it is well trained and handled firmly.

Beard covers strong jaw and black nose



# SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER

THIS HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, AFFECTIONATE DOG MAKES A FAITHFUL FAMILY FRIEND

**Height range**  
18–19in (46–49cm)



**Weight range**  
35–46lb (16–21kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** Ireland



## Similar to the other Irish terrier breeds

the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is probably one of the oldest Irish breeds. It has been used as a ratter and a guard dog, and for herding livestock. The breed has a puppylike temperament even into adulthood, so although good with children, it can be too boisterous with toddlers. A highly intelligent dog, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier responds well to training.

*Topknot falls over eyes*

*Large, black nose*



# DUTCH SMOUSHOND

AN EASY TO LOOK AFTER, ADAPTABLE, INTELLIGENT, AND COMPANIONABLE DOG

**Height range**  
14–17in (35–42cm)



**Weight range**  
20–22lb (9–10kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



*Darker drop ears covered in shorter hair*

*Unkempt, coarse, wiry, yellow coat, with weatherproof undercoat*

*Thin, black-rimmed lips*



*Forelock falls forward giving a disheveled appearance*

*Legs slightly less hairy than body*

*Catlike feet with black nails*



# BEDLINGTON TERRIER

LOOKS DECEIVE IN THIS KEEN, SWIFT, AND TENACIOUS BREED

AKC

**Height range**  
16-17in (40-43cm)



**Weight range**  
18-22lb (8-10kg)

**Life span** 14-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**

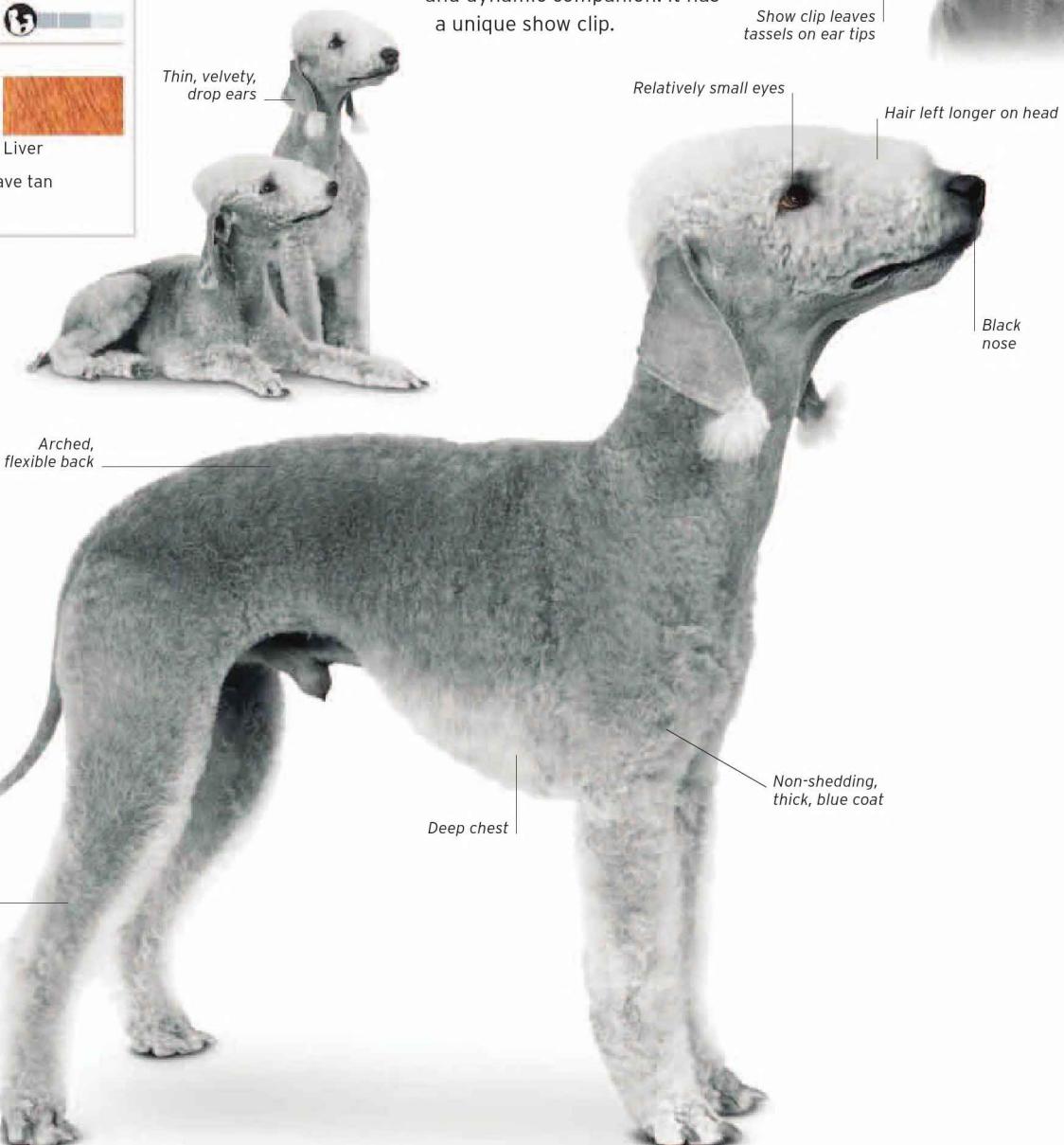


Sandy

Liver

All colors may have tan markings.

**The typical terrier spirit** lies beneath the sheep-like coat of the Bedlington Terrier. It was bred from the Whippet (see p.128) and other terriers to hunt hare and rabbits above ground. Its sight hound blood has given it not only great speed but a more tolerant temper than some terriers, and it is now kept as a companion. The Bedlington Terrier needs to be sufficiently occupied to avoid behavioral problems developing. If given enough activity, it is an affectionate and dynamic companion. It has a unique show clip.



# BORDER TERRIER

AN ENERGETIC AND CHEERFUL TERRIER WITH A RELAXED PERSONALITY

**Height range**  
10–11in (25–28cm)



**Weight range**  
11–15lb (5–7kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Wheaten

Red



Blue and tan

**Originally used for hunting foxes and rats,** the Border Terrier still excels in trials but is also a highly popular pet. Its temperament, which is unusually cooperative for a terrier, makes it more tolerant of small children and other dogs. The protective wiry coat is easily stripped in summer.



# LAKELAND TERRIER

THIS ROBUST AND CHEERFUL DOG IS BEST SUITED TO AN EXPERIENCED OWNER

**Height range**  
13–15in (33–37cm)



**Weight range**  
15–18lb (7–8kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** UK

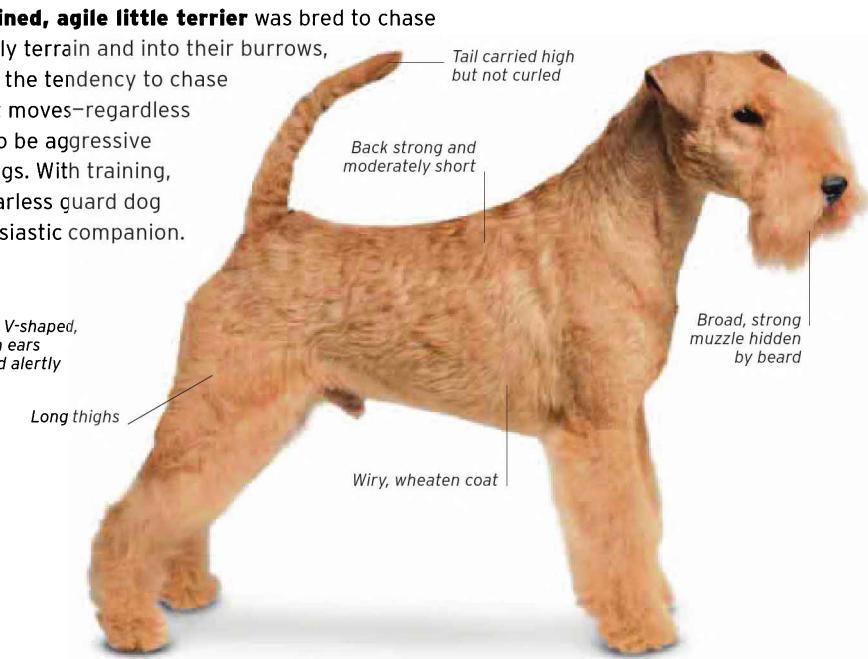


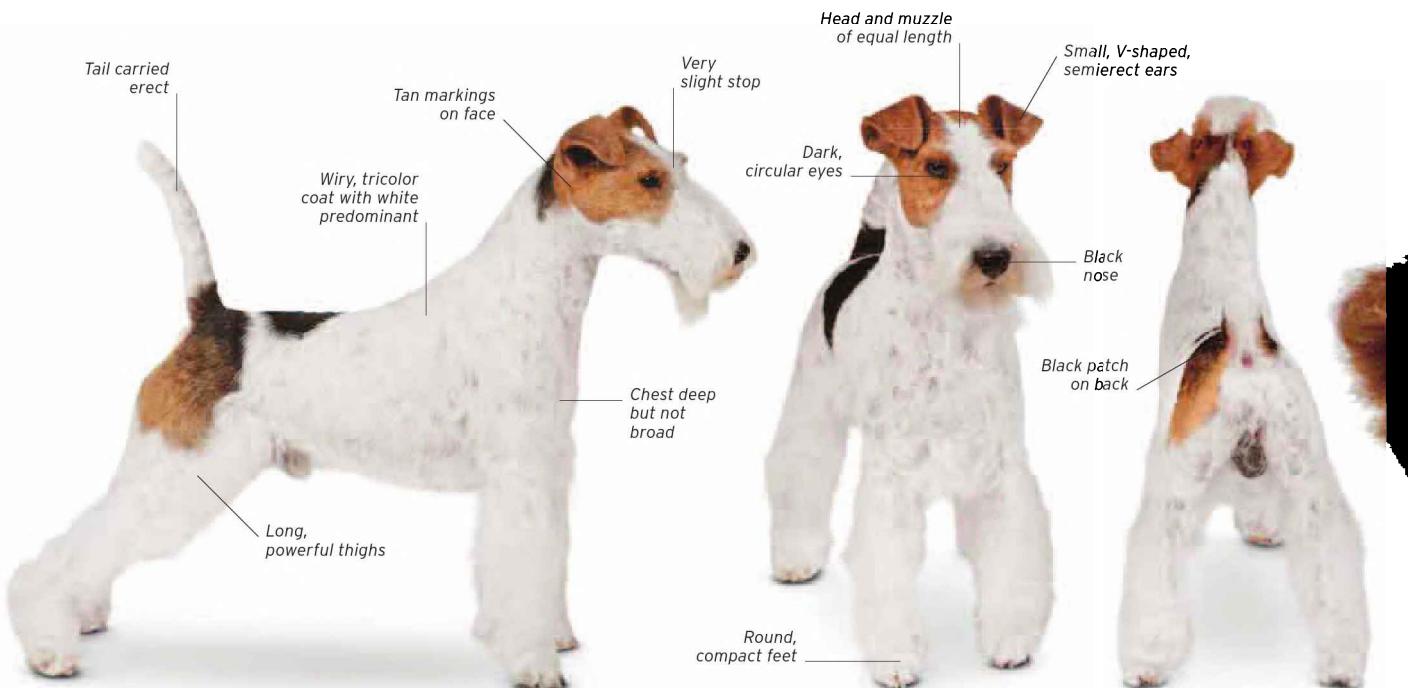
**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**This determined, agile little terrier** was bred to chase foxes over hilly terrain and into their burrows, and it retains the tendency to chase anything that moves—regardless of size—and to be aggressive with other dogs. With training, it makes a fearless guard dog and an enthusiastic companion.





## WIRE FOX TERRIER

THIS CHEERFUL, FRIENDLY DOG IS GOOD WITH CHILDREN AND ENJOYS LONG WALKS

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 15in (Up to 39cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 18lb (Up to 8kg)

**Life span** 10 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



White

May have tan or black markings.

**An energetic and sometimes vocal** companion, the Wire Fox Terrier from England was originally kept to kill vermin, hunt rabbit, and tackle foxes that had been run to ground. Its bold and fearless nature and love of digging make early socialization and training essential to prevent snappiness and curb any tendency to dig. If this is done, the Wire Fox Terrier makes a wonderful family pet that loves to play and readily reciprocates any affection it receives.

The Wire Fox Terrier's coat needs regular grooming and "plucking" to remove any shed hair, and more extensive stripping three or four times a year. The coat should never be clipped because this does not remove shed hair and may cause irritation, and also leads to deterioration in coat texture and color. The Wire Fox Terrier is ancestral to several other dog breeds, including the Toy Fox Terrier (see p.208), the Brazilian Terrier

(see p.209), the Rat Terrier (see p.211), the Parson Russell Terrier (see p.195), and the Jack Russell Terrier (see p.196).

### SMOOTH FOX TERRIER

Much rarer than its wire-haired cousin, the Smooth Fox Terrier's shorter coat requires less grooming. This dog's close-fitting coat clearly shows its very distinctive wedge-shaped head.





# JAPANESE TERRIER

AN ELEGANT AND LIVELY LITTLE DOG WITH A SENSITIVE AND PLAYFUL NATURE

FCI

**Height range**  
12-13in (30-33cm)



**Weight range**  
4-9lb (2-4kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Japan



**Other colors**



Black, tan, and white



Small, black nose

Short, smooth, glossy, white coat, with black markings

Dark, oval-shaped eyes  
Typical black markings on head

**Also known as the Nippon or Nihon Terrier**, this rare breed is strong and athletic for its size. Its ancestors are thought to include the English Toy Terrier (see p.210) and the now extinct Toy Bull Terrier. The Japanese Terrier has been kept as a lapdog, ratter, and retriever, and makes an adaptable family pet as well as a good watchdog.



High-set, button ears

Strong, slightly arched back

Pronounced stop

Black spots on legs

# TOY FOX TERRIER

THIS SMALL DOG IS FUN-LOVING AND BRAVE, BUT CAN BE BOSSY

AKC

**Height range**  
9-12in (23-30cm)



**Weight range**  
4-7lb (2-3kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



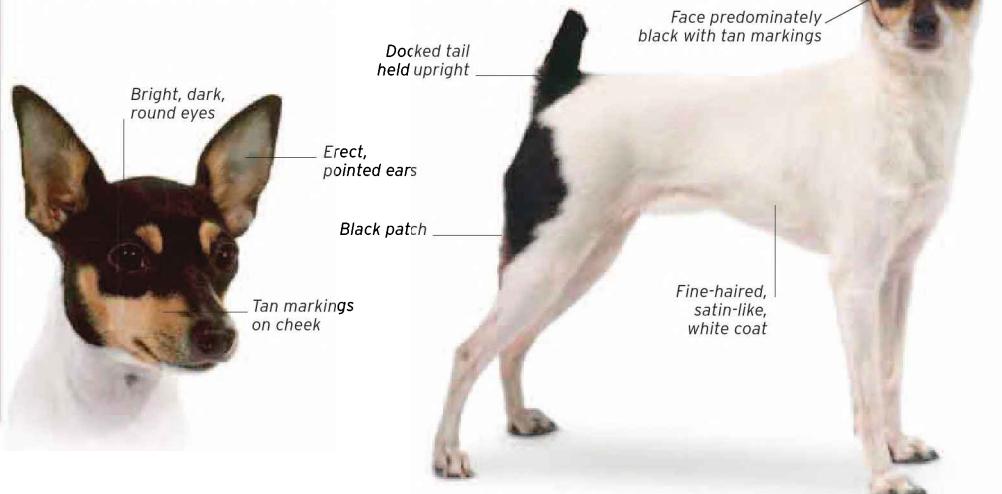
White and tan

White and black



White, chocolate, and tan

**Also called the American Toy Terrier**, this breed is a cross between the Smooth Fox Terrier (see p.206) and various toy breeds. The result is a dog that is a good ratter but also family-friendly. As with all toy breeds, the Toy Fox Terrier is not recommended as a pet in a home where there are babies and toddlers, but older children will enjoy its zest for life.



Face predominately black with tan markings

Docked tail held upright

Erect, pointed ears

Bright, dark, round eyes

Black patch

Tan markings on cheek

Fine-haired, satin-like, white coat

# BRAZILIAN TERRIER

WITH A STRONG TERRIER TEMPERAMENT, THIS FRISKY, SPIRITED DOG IS QUICK TO LEARN

FCI

**Height range**  
13–16in (33–40cm)



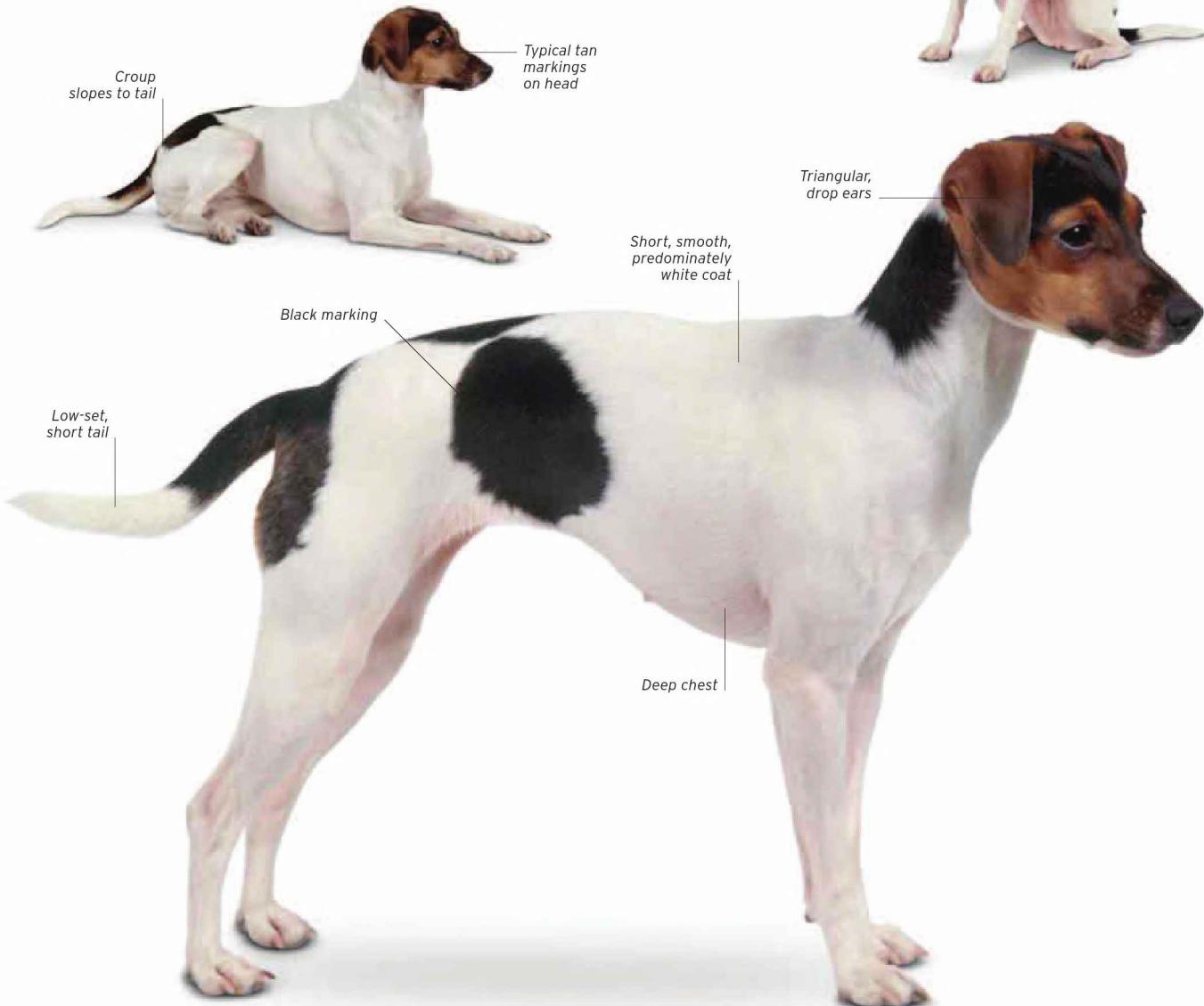
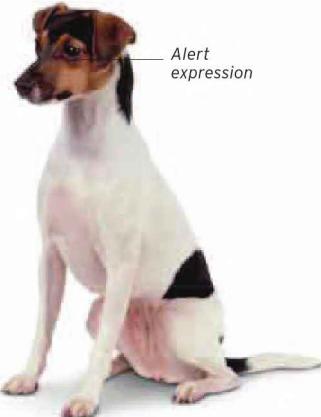
**Weight range**  
15–22lb (7–10kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Brazil



**Bred from European terriers** crossed with local Brazilian farm dogs, this breed has marked hunting instincts and is eager to explore and dig as well as track, chase, and kill rodents. Like its smaller cousin, the Jack Russell Terrier (see p.196), the Brazilian Terrier needs to know who is boss. It rewards a firm owner with devotion and obedience and makes a protective—and vocal—watchdog. Ever active, it thrives on a long, daily walk to keep it mentally and physically stimulated, otherwise it becomes restless. When well trained, the Brazilian Terrier makes an excellent family pet.



# ENGLISH TOY TERRIER

A PERKY, FRIENDLY, AND CONFIDENT LITTLE COMPANION DOG

KC

**Height range**  
10-12in (25-30cm)



**Weight range**  
7-9lb (3-4kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** UK



**The oldest British toy breed**, the English Toy Terrier used to be called the Miniature Black and Tan Terrier. It differs from its larger cousin, the Manchester Terrier (opposite), only in its size and its erect ears. English Toy Terriers were popular as town pets during Queen Victoria's reign, when toy dogs became fashionable. Before that it was a rat-catcher. Like other terriers, this breed veers from cuddly family pet to voracious rodent-hunter. It bonds with its owner and makes a good watchdog. Because it is small, the English Toy Terrier needs less exercise than the Manchester Terrier and adapts well to city living.



# MANCHESTER TERRIER

THIS DEVOTED FAMILY PET ADAPTS WELL TO TOWN OR COUNTRY LIFE

AKC

**Height range**  
15–16in (38–41cm)



**Weight range**  
11–22lb (5–10kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

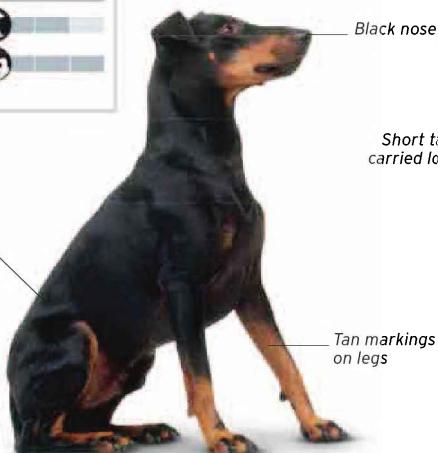
**Origin** UK



**With its sleek good looks,** the Manchester Terrier makes an elegant and lively companion dog, bigger than the related English Toy Terrier (opposite). It takes its name from the weekly rat-killing contests in Manchester that occurred in the 19th century and at which it excelled. Ruthless with vermin, it is gentle with its owners.

Small,  
V-shaped,  
button  
ears

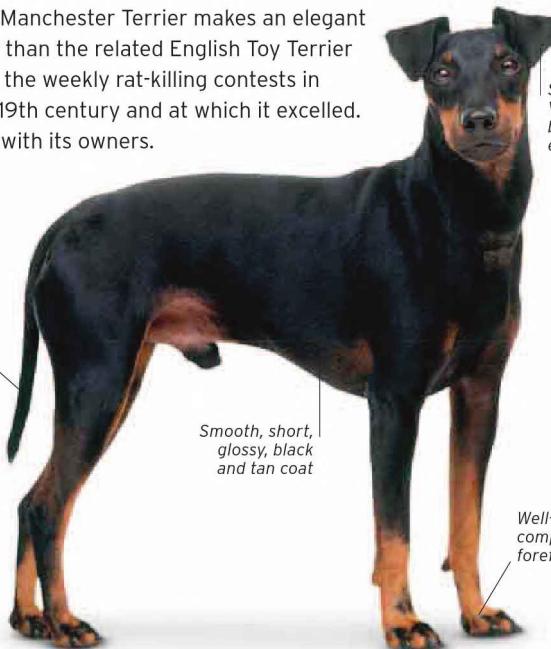
Slightly rounded back



Black nose

Short tail carried low

Tan markings on legs



Smooth, short, glossy, black and tan coat

Well-arched, compact forefeet

# RAT TERRIER

AN ENERGY-CHARGED BUNDLE OF FUN FOR HUMANS BUT A TERROR FOR VERMIN

**Height range**



**Miniature:**  
8–14in (20–36cm)

**Standard:**  
14–22in (36–56cm)

**Weight range**

**Miniature:**

7–9lb (3–4kg)

**Standard:**  
11–35lb (5–16kg)

**Life span** 11–14 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Tan markings are common.

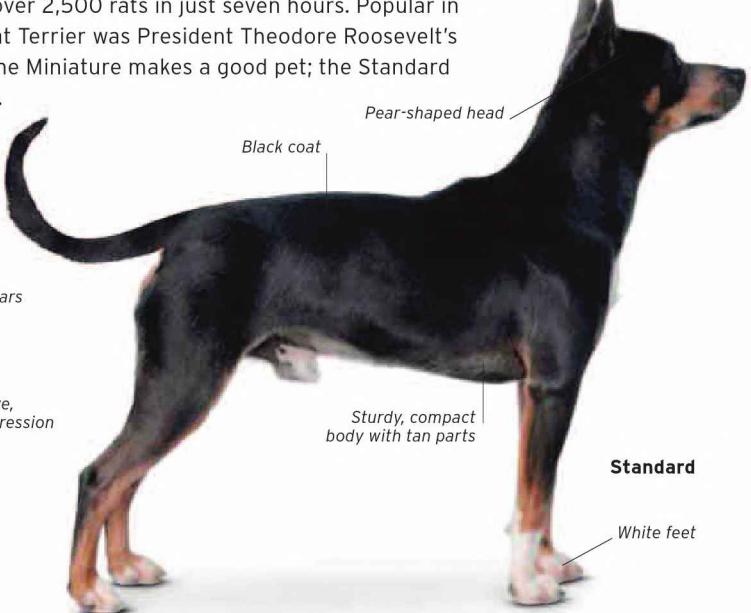
**This terrier is a phenomenal rat-catcher**—one dog is reputed to have rid a barn infested with over 2,500 rats in just seven hours. Popular in the United States, the Rat Terrier was President Theodore Roosevelt's choice of hunting dog. The Miniature makes a good pet; the Standard suits an energetic owner.

There are two ear types: erect and button.



Erect ears

Inquisitive, alert expression



Pear-shaped head

Black coat

Sturdy, compact body with tan parts

Standard

White feet

# AMERICAN HAIRLESS TERRIER

THIS DISTINCTIVE-LOOKING DOG, WITH TERRIER TRAITS, IS ALERT AND FRIENDLY

**Height range**  
10-18in (25-46cm)



**Weight range**  
7-13lb (3-6kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** USA

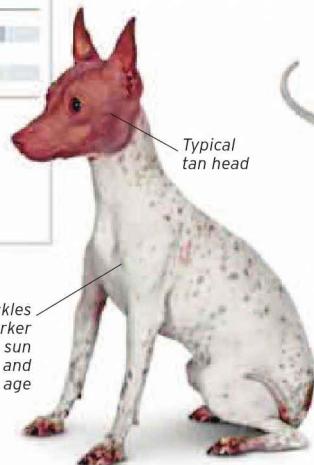


**Other colors**



Any skin color

**The first hairless Rat Terriers** (see p.211) were the result of a genetic mutation, but were then bred with each other to produce hairless puppies. Apart from its lack of hair, this is a typical, lively terrier. It needs a coat in winter to stay warm and to avoid sunburn in summer. Ears may be erect, semierect, or button.



Large, candle-flame ears  
Round, expressive eyes

Brown nose matches head coloring

# PATTERDALE TERRIER

THIS INDEPENDENT AND TENACIOUS HUNTER-DIGGER NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED OWNER

**Height range**  
10-15in (25-38cm)



**Weight range**  
11-13lb (5-6kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Red

Liver or bronze

Black and tan

Coats may be grizzled.

**The isolated valleys of the Lake District** in England each had their own terrier—this one originates from the village of Patterdale. It remains popular in the UK but has gained favor in the United States too. It makes an excellent hunting companion since it never gives up on its prey. There are two coat types: smooth and broken.

High-set tail

Head reflects its Staffordshire Bull Terrier bloodlines (see p.214)

Coarse, black topcoat

Smooth-coated

Eyes set wide apart  
High-set, triangular, drop ears



# KROMFOHRLANDER

THIS EVEN-TEMPERED, LOVABLE TERRIER IS GOOD WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY

FCI

**Height range**  
15–18in (38–46cm)



**Weight range**  
20–35lb (9–16kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** Germany



**A recent German breed**, only recognized since the 1950s, this dog takes its name from its place of origin in Germany. It was bred from a Wire Fox Terrier (see p.206) and a locally owned dog. The result is a kindly, attractive, low-maintenance, eager-to-please dog, which makes a good watchdog and, like other terriers, is a keen ratter. While wary of strangers, it is gentle and playful with familiar people and dogs. There are two coat types: rough-haired and smooth-haired.

Triangular,  
drop ears



Thick coat lying  
close to body

Rough-haired

Gently sloping stop



Irregular-shaped  
tan markings

Typical,  
symmetrical  
head markings



Feathering on  
upper thighs



White coat

Tan speckling  
on legs

Smooth-haired

Forefeet and hind feet  
similar in shape

# STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER

THIS FEARLESS DOG LOVES CHILDREN AND CAN ACHIEVE HIGH LEVELS OF OBEDIENCE

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**Height range**  
14-16in (36-41cm)



**Weight range**  
24-37lb (11-17kg)

**Life span** 10-16 years

**Origin** UK

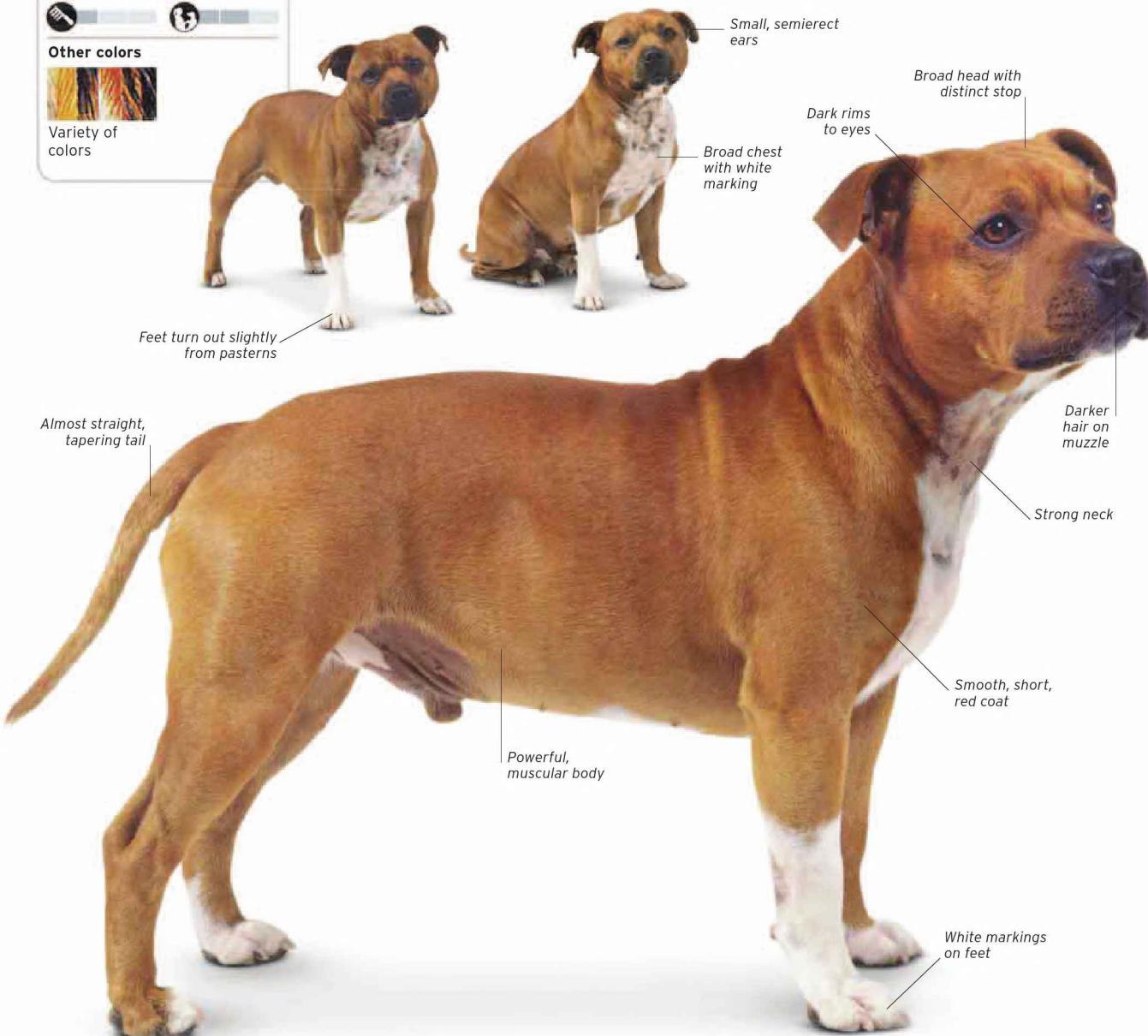


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Originally bred for pit-fighting in the 19th century**, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier was developed from crosses between bulldogs and terriers. The modern "Staffie," as it is often affectionately known, has moved on from its historical background to become a people-loving pet, enormously popular in both town and country. This dog is robust, boisterous, and possesses legendary courage. A Staffordshire Bull Terrier is unlikely to back down if challenged by an unfamiliar dog. Firm handling and early obedience training are essential.



# AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER

A LARGER VERSION OF THE ENGLISH STAFFIE, THIS IS A COURAGEOUS AND COMPANIONABLE DOG

AKC

**Height range**  
17-19in (43-48cm)



**Weight range**  
57-67lb (26-30kg)

**Life span** 10-16 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Developed from the Staffordshire Bull Terrier** (opposite), this dog was recognized as a separate breed in the United States in the 1930s. Apart from being more heavily built than its English counterpart, the American Staffordshire Terrier shares all the characteristics of the original "Staffie." It is bold and intelligent and makes a loyal family pet.

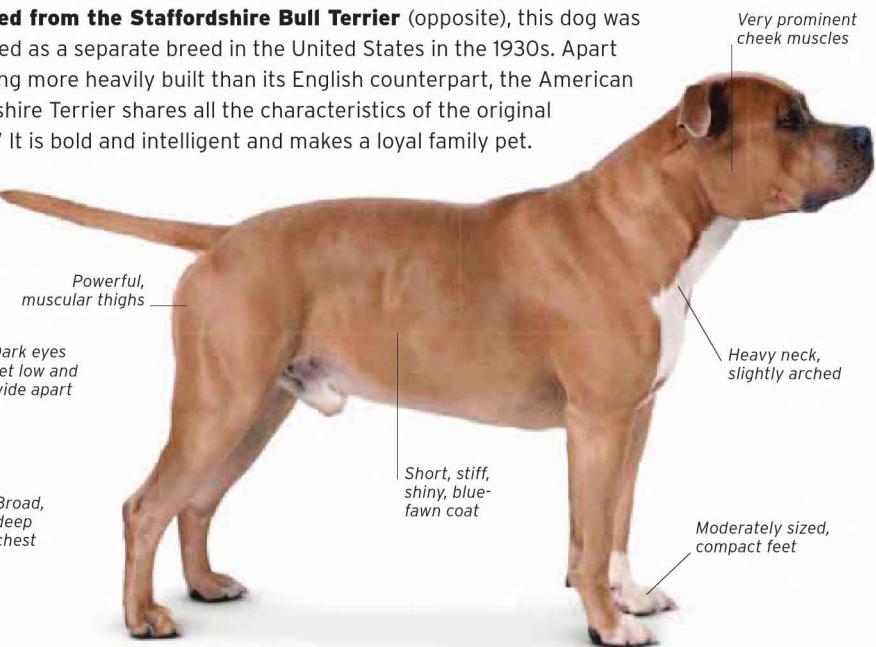


Powerful,  
muscular thighs

Dark eyes  
set low and  
wide apart

Broad,  
deep  
chest

White feet



Very prominent  
cheek muscles

Heavy neck,  
slightly arched

Short, stiff,  
shiny, blue-  
fawn coat

Moderately sized,  
compact feet

# AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR MOST OWNERS, THIS DOG NEEDS SKILLED HANDLING

**Height range**  
18-22in (46-56cm)



**Weight range**  
30-60lb (14-27kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Any color

Merle colors discouraged.

**The ancestors of the American Pit Bull Terrier** were dogs brought to the United States in the 19th century by Irish immigrants. Although bred for fighting, this dog became much loved as a working or family dog. The breed has lately acquired a reputation for aggression, which is vigorously refuted by its supporters.

Tapering tail

Short, dense,  
glossy, red coat

Body stockily  
built, muscular,  
and agile



High-set,  
semierect ears

Distinctive  
wrinkles on  
forehead

Muscular,  
heavy neck

Deep, moderately  
wide chest, with  
small, white markings

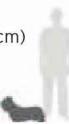
# SKYE TERRIER

FULL OF CHARACTER, THIS DOG OFTEN BECOMES DEVOTED TO ONE PERSON

AKC

**Height range**

Up to 10in (up to 25-26cm)



**Weight range**

24-40lb (11-18kg)



**Life span**

12-15 years

**Origin**

UK



**Other colors**



Cream



Black

May have white spot on chest.

**A very old breed from the Western Isles** of Scotland, the Skye Terrier was originally used for fox- and badger-hunting. With a long, low-slung body, the Skye Terrier could easily slip into the narrow underground passages used by its quarry. This elegant little dog is active and good-spirited, and makes an excellent pet, becoming devoted to family and home. The long coat that is characteristic of the breed can take several years to grow to its full adult length. To prevent the hair from matting, a Skye Terrier needs a weekly grooming session.

Erect ears,  
fringed with  
long, silky hair

Soft, light gray  
hair covers  
brown eyes



Adult and two puppies

Darker hair  
on face

Black nose

Hair on ears darker  
than body hair

Silky, fawn coat

Body much longer  
than leg length

Long, straight, gray coat  
parts down center of back

Lighter patches on coat



# DANDIE DINMONT TERRIER

THIS LOVEABLE AND AFFECTIONATE DOG IS GOOD WITH OTHER PETS IF SOCIALIZED EARLY

AKC

**Height range**  
8–11in (20–28cm)



**Weight range**  
18–24lb (8–11kg)

**Life span** Up to 13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Mustard  
May have white chest hair.

**This terrier comes from the border country** between England and Scotland, where it was developed to hunt badger and otter. It was named the Dandie Dinmont Terrier after a character who owned a similar-looking dog in a novel by Sir Walter Scott. Game, sensitive, and intelligent, the Dandie Dinmont Terrier thrives on love and attention.



Large, domed head covered in soft, silky, light-colored hair

Long, tapering tail with feathering on underside

Lighter-colored lower leg

Body length greatly exceeds leg length

Pendant ears set well back

Large, wide-set, dark hazel eyes

Pepper coat of dark bluish black hair



# MINIATURE PINSCHER

THIS DOG IS HAPPY TO LIVE IN A SMALL SPACE BUT NEEDS REGULAR EXERCISE

AKC

**Height range**  
10–12in (25–30cm)



**Weight range**  
8–10lb (4–5kg)

**Life span** Up to 15 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Blue and tan



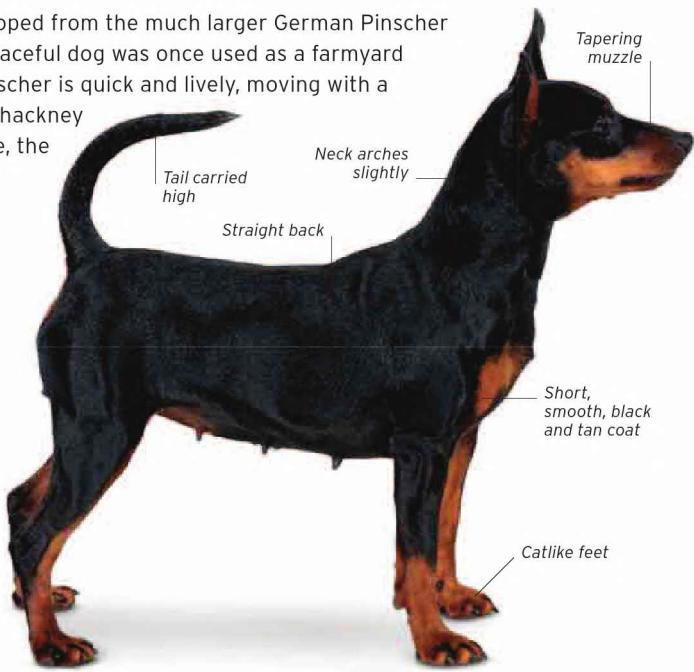
Brown and tan

**Bred in Germany** and developed from the much larger German Pinscher (see p.218), this sturdy but graceful dog was once used as a farmyard rat-hunter. The Miniature Pinscher is quick and lively, moving with a characteristic high-stepping, hackney gait. Perfect for a small home, the breed has sharp senses that make it a good watchdog.



High-set, erect ears

Well-defined tan markings



Tapering muzzle

Tail carried high

Neck arches slightly

Straight back

Short, smooth, black and tan coat

Catlike feet

# GERMAN PINSCHER

A GREAT COMPANION AND WATCHDOG FOR A FIRM OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
17-19in (43-48cm)



**Weight range**  
24-35lb (11-16kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Germany



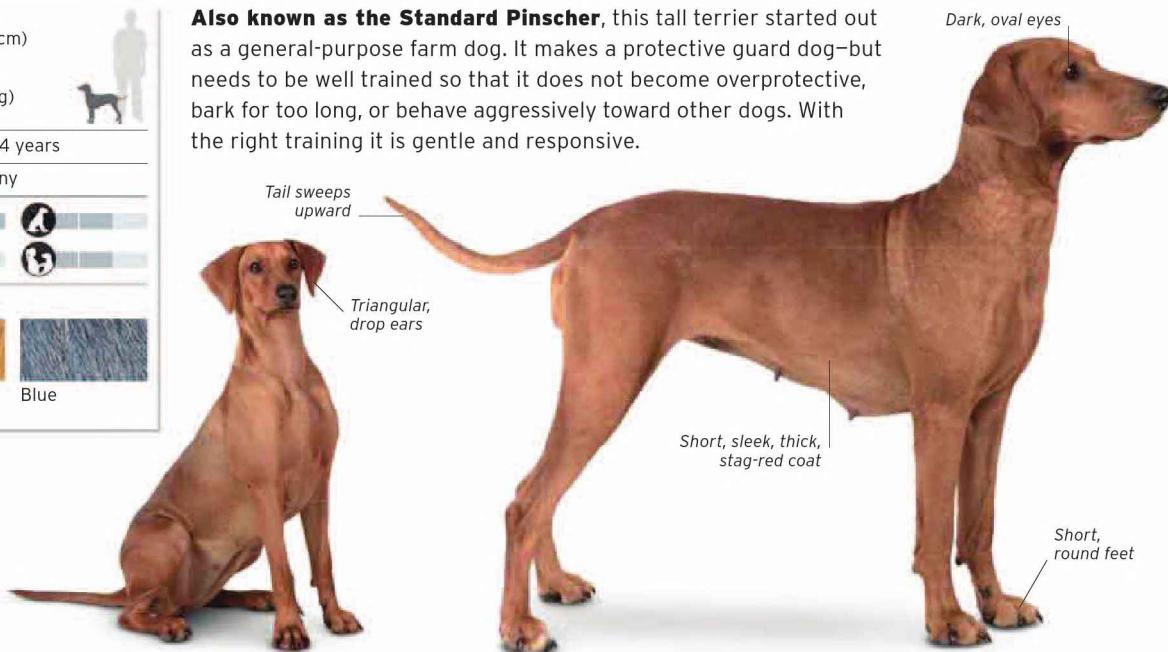
**Other colors**



Isabella

Blue

**Also known as the Standard Pinscher**, this tall terrier started out as a general-purpose farm dog. It makes a protective guard dog—but needs to be well trained so that it does not become overprotective, bark for too long, or behave aggressively toward other dogs. With the right training it is gentle and responsive.



# MINIATURE SCHNAUZER

THIS CHEERFUL, FRIENDLY, FUN-LOVING DOG IS RELIABLE WITH ALL THE FAMILY

AKC

**Height range**  
13-14in (33-36cm)



**Weight range**  
13-15lb (6-7kg)

**Life span** 14 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



White

Black

Black and silver

**Popular in North America**, as well as in its native Germany, the Miniature Schnauzer is named for its distinctive muzzle (*schnauze* means snout in German). An intelligent little dog, it responds well to obedience training. Despite its small size, it is energetic and needs play off the leash as well as a brisk daily walk to keep it healthy and happy.



# AUSTRIAN PINSCHER

THIS ALERT AND FAITHFUL WATCHDOG IS SUITABLE FOR A RURAL OWNER

FCI

**Height range**  
17–20in (42–50cm)



**Weight range**  
26–40lb (12–18kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Austria



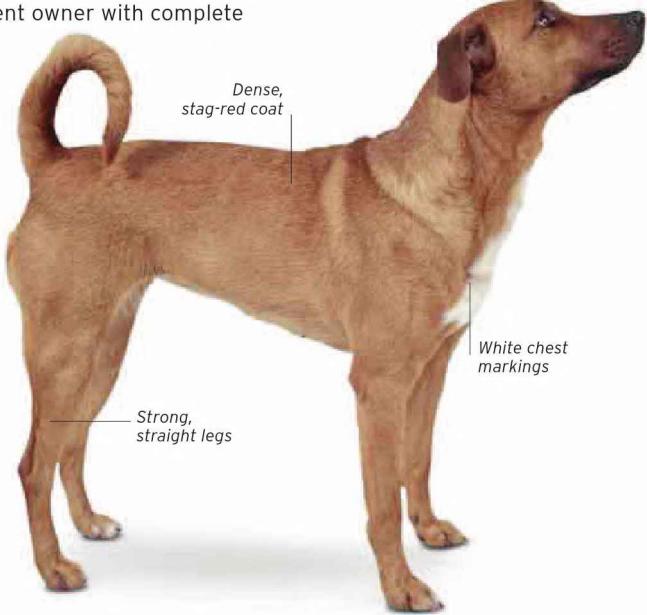
**Other colors**



Russet gold  
or brownish  
yellow

Black and tan

**Bred as an all-purpose guard and herding farm dog** in its native Austria, this breed rewards a confident owner with complete loyalty and devotion. Barking at anything suspicious, it makes an excellent watchdog for isolated locations, but its protective instincts and fearlessness can lead to aggression.



# AFFENPINSCHER

THIS MISCHIEVOUS, MONKEY-LIKE LITTLE DOG CAPTIVATES WITH ITS AMUSING ANTICS

AKC

**Height range**  
9–11in (24–28cm)



**Weight range**  
7–9lb (3–4kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** Germany



Blunt  
muzzle with  
wide nostrils



**Sometimes called the Black Devil**, the Affenpinscher is among the oldest of the European toy dogs. It retains its terrier instincts though, and is a brave watchdog and ratter despite its size. With its bright, sometimes stubborn personality, this dog learns easily but needs to know who is boss. It loves to play and gets on well with children who handle it considerately.

Domed,  
broad  
forehead





#### SOFT MOUTH

Gundogs used for retrieving, like this dual-purpose English Springer Spaniel, are trained to carry game without chewing it.

# GUNDOGS

**Before the advent of firearms**, hunters used dogs to help them locate and chase game. With the introduction of guns, a different type of dog was required. Gundogs were developed to carry out specific tasks and to work more closely with the hunters. The breeds fall into several categories based on the type of work they were bred to perform.



The Lagotto Romagnolo is bred for retrieving from water

The dogs in the gundog group, which all hunt by scent, are classified broadly in three main divisions: the pointers and setters, which locate prey; the spaniels, which flush game out of cover; and the retrievers, which collect fallen prey and bring it back to the hunter. Breeds that combine these functions are known as HPR (hunt/point/retrieve) dogs and include the Weimaraner, German Shorthaired Pointer, and the Vizsla.

Pointers have been used as hunting dogs since the 17th century. They have the extraordinary ability to indicate the location of prey by "pointing"—freezing into position with nose, body, and tail aligned. A pointer remains motionless until the hunter either flushes out the game or instructs the dog to do so. The English Pointer, which features in many old sporting portraits alongside hunting squires and their "bags" of game birds, is a classic example of the type.

Setters also direct attention to game by freezing. Typically used to hunt quail, pheasant, and grouse, these dogs crouch, or "set," when they pick up a scent. Originally, setters were trained to work with hunters who caught game with nets while their dogs prevented the prey from making an escape on the ground.

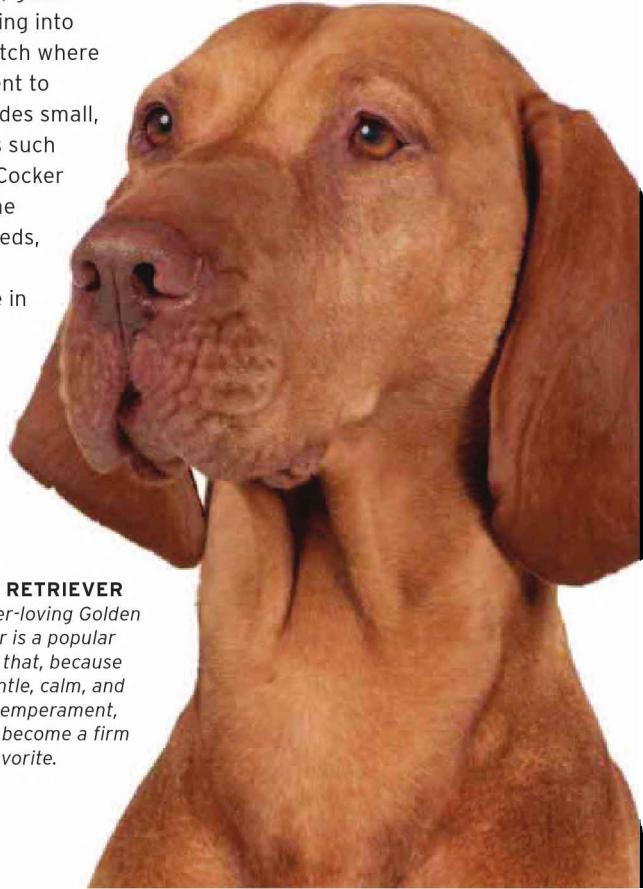
Spaniels drive out, or flush, game birds, forcing them to take wing into the line of the guns. They watch where a bird falls and are usually sent to retrieve it. This division includes small, silky coated, long-eared dogs such as the Springer Spaniel and Cocker Spaniel, used for finding game on land, and less familiar breeds, such as the Barbet and the Wetterhoun, which specialize in flushing waterbirds.

The retrievers were bred specifically for retrieving waterfowl. In common with

some breeds of the spaniel division, these gundogs often have water-resistant coats. They are renowned for their "soft" mouths, and quickly learn to carry game without damaging it.

## VERSATILE VIZSLA

*The Vizsla is one of various gundog breeds that are skilled at multitasking and combine several functions.*



## FAMILY RETRIEVER

*The water-loving Golden Retriever is a popular bird dog that, because of its gentle, calm, and lovable temperament, has also become a firm family favorite.*

# COCKER SPANIEL

A SMALL GUNDOG WITH A HAPPY DISPOSITION

AKC

**Height range**  
13–15in (34–39cm)



**Weight range**  
15–31lb (7–14kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**

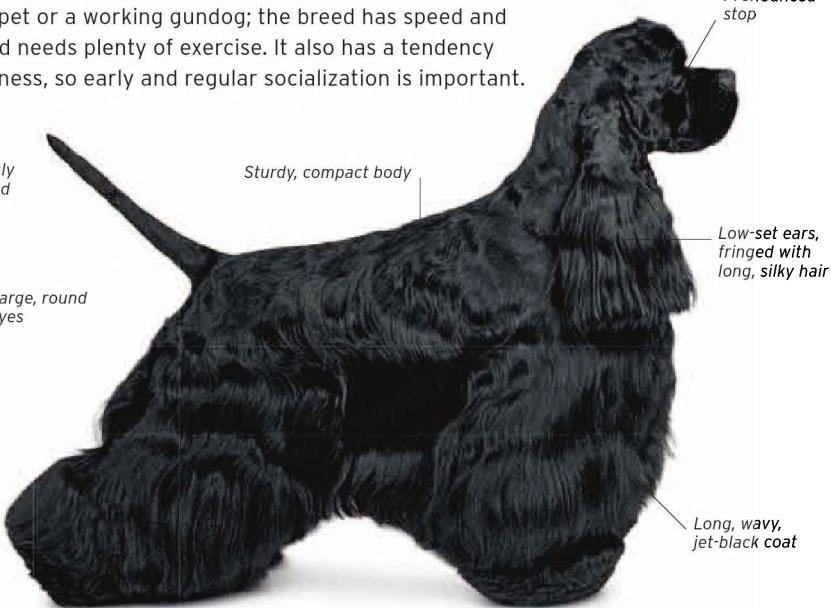


Any color

**Known for its sweet, playful nature**, the Cocker Spaniel is suited to life as a pet or a working gundog; the breed has speed and stamina and needs plenty of exercise. It also has a tendency toward shyness, so early and regular socialization is important.



Red coat with lighter underparts



# ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL

THIS GUNDOG IS GENTLE, AFFECTIONATE, AND INTELLIGENT

AKC

**Height range**  
15–16in (38–41cm)



**Weight range**  
29–33lb (13–15kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



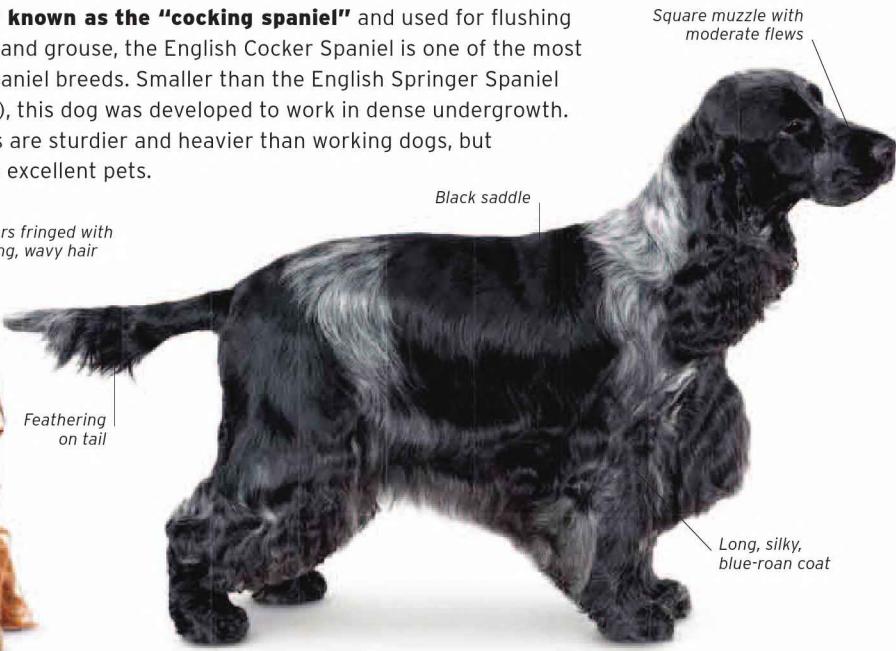
Any color

Solid colors should have no white markings.

**Originally known as the "cocking spaniel"** and used for flushing woodcock and grouse, the English Cocker Spaniel is one of the most popular spaniel breeds. Smaller than the English Springer Spaniel (see p.226), this dog was developed to work in dense undergrowth. Show dogs are sturdier and heavier than working dogs, but both make excellent pets.



Red coat with feathering on chest and legs



# GERMAN SPANIEL

THIS GREAT FAMILY DOG IS NOT FOR THE INEXPERIENCED OWNER OR CITY DWELLER

FCI

**Height range**  
17-21in (44-54cm)



**Weight range**  
40-55lb (18-25kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Red

Brown

Red roan

**An excellent retriever**, this dog loves the water. The German Spaniel has masses of stamina and is happiest working, although long, brisk walks will keep it content. This breed will live outdoors, but thrives indoors with a family, and makes a good working gundog and pet.



# FIELD SPANIEL

A HIGH-ENERGY WORKING GUNDOG SUITABLE FOR THE COUNTRY DWELLER

AKC

**Height range**  
17-18in (44-46cm)



**Weight range**  
40-55lb (18-25kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**

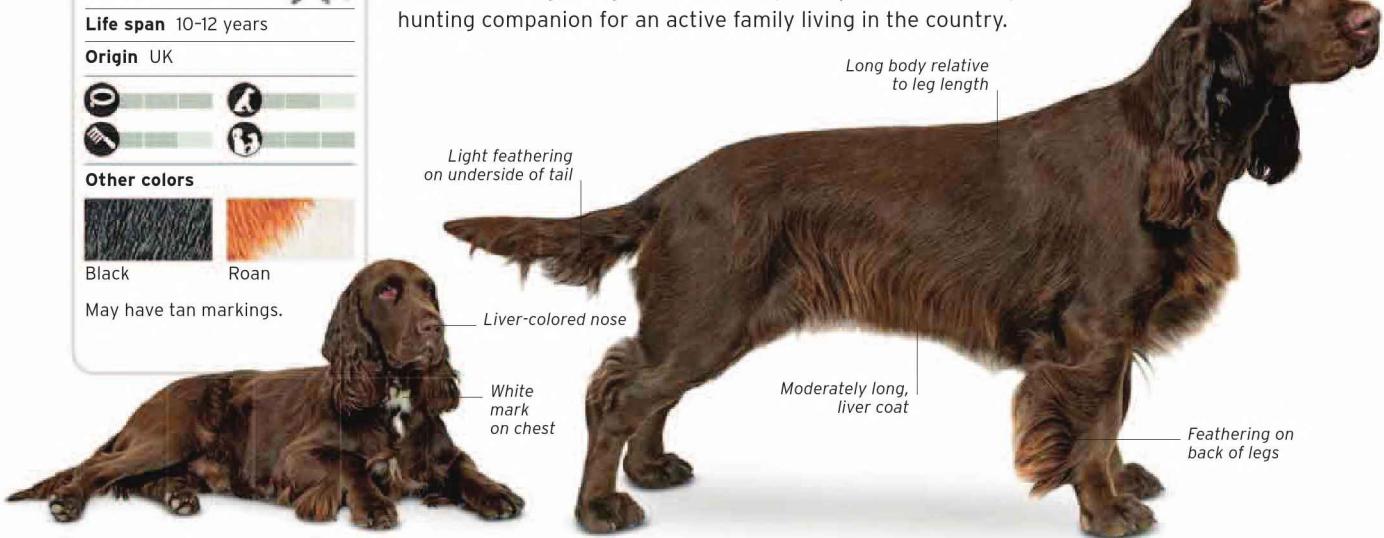


Black

Roan

May have tan markings.

**Originally a cross between the Sussex Spaniel** (see p.224) and the English Cocker Spaniel (opposite), the Field Spaniel was used for retrieving from water and heavy cover. This docile but high-energy, medium-sized gundog needs to be kept busy and makes the perfect hunting companion for an active family living in the country.



# BOYKIN SPANIEL

THIS CHEERFUL, ENERGETIC SPANIEL MAKES A LOYAL AND INTELLIGENT COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
14-18in (36-46cm)



**Weight range**  
24-40lb (11-18kg)

**Life span** 14-16 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Liver

May have white hair  
on chest and toes.

**The official state dog of South Carolina**, the Boykin Spaniel is a devoted companion and gets along well with other dogs and children. Its easy-going nature and willingness to work make it an ideal gundog or pet for an active family. The Boykin Spaniel's curly coat requires regular grooming.



Traditionally  
docked tail

Distinctive,  
oval, brown  
eyes

Curly, dark  
chocolate coat

Compact,  
round feet

Shorter hair  
on face

# SUSSEX SPANIEL

A KINDLY DOG WITH A FROWNING FACE THAT BELIES AN EASY-GOING, ENTHUSIASTIC NATURE

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 16in (38-41cm)



**Weight range**  
40-51lb (18-23kg)

**Life span** 12-15 years

**Origin** UK



**Although active by nature**, this English gundog from Sussex will adapt to life in a smaller household providing it is exercised sufficiently. Unlike other gundogs, the Sussex Spaniel will bark, or "give tongue," while working—a trait frowned upon in all other gundog breeds; also distinctive is the rolling action to its gait.



Pendant ears  
covered with  
long, silky hair

Long, rich,  
golden-liver coat

Body length exceeds  
leg length

Hazel  
eyes under  
wrinkled brow

Shorter  
hair  
on face

Feathering  
on chest

Round feet  
with feathering  
between toes

# CLUMBER SPANIEL

THIS BIG, GOOD-TEMPERED DOG ENJOYS FAMILY LIFE AND A COUNTRY HOME

AKC

**Height range**  
17-20in (43-51cm)



**Weight range**  
55-80lb (25-34kg)

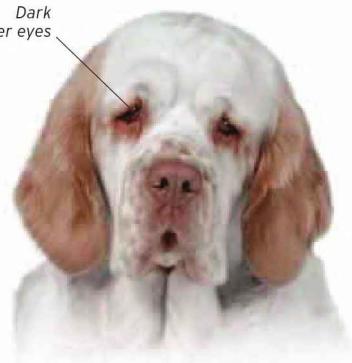
**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** France



**Although its history has been romanticized,** this dog is thought to have originated in 18th-century France, where it was favored by the aristocracy. During the French Revolution Clumber Spaniels may have been brought to England and further developed at Clumber Park in Northumberland, home of the Duke of Newcastle. Muscular and low to the ground, this dog is the most solidly built of all the spaniels. Its calm and steady nature made the breed popular as a gundog but it is now more commonly kept as a pet. Gentle and well behaved, the Clumber Spaniel is easy to train as a companion dog.

Dark amber eyes



Broad head

Broad, deep muzzle with well-defined stop

Large, drop ears

Heavy-boned, firm body, low to the ground

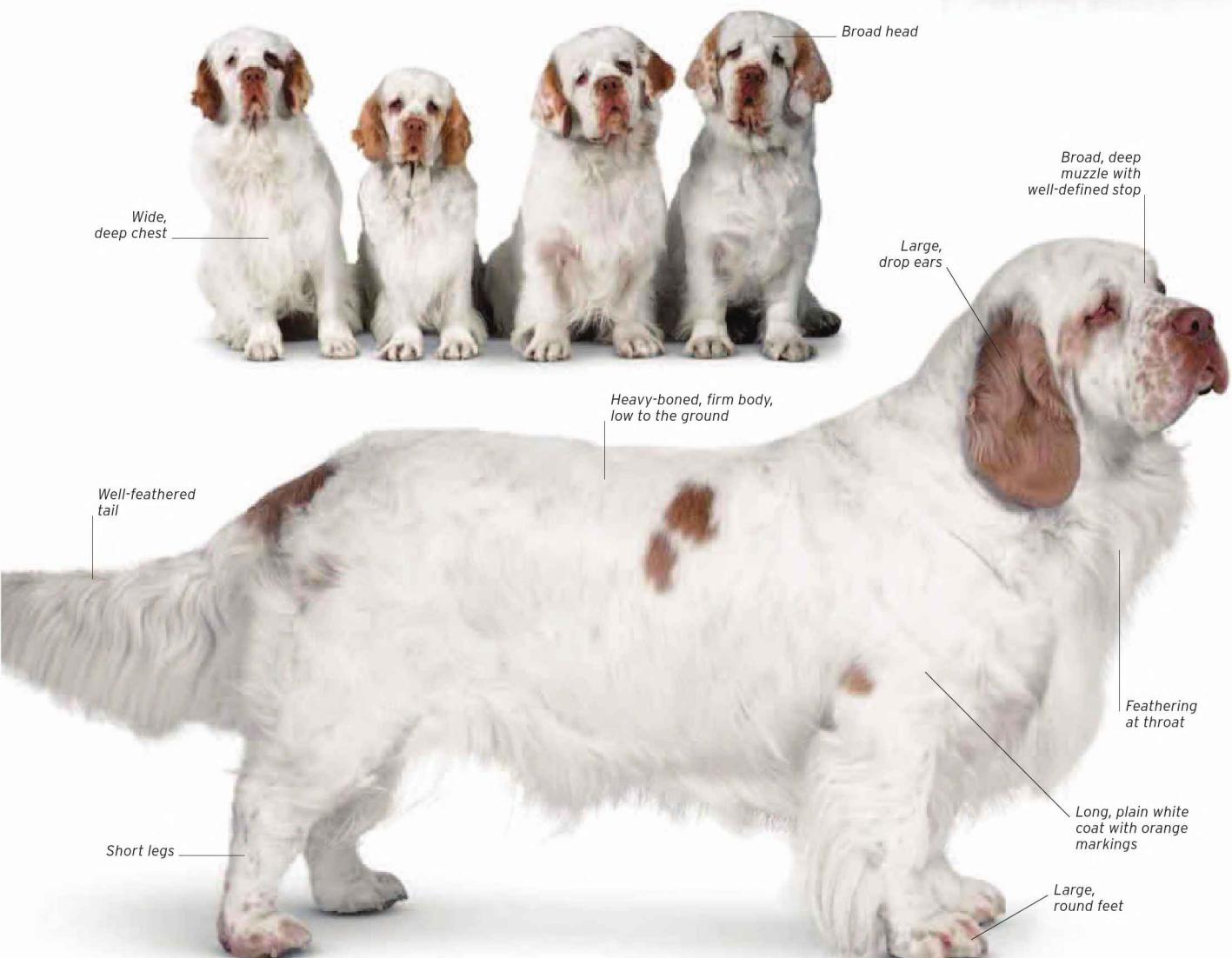
Well-feathered tail

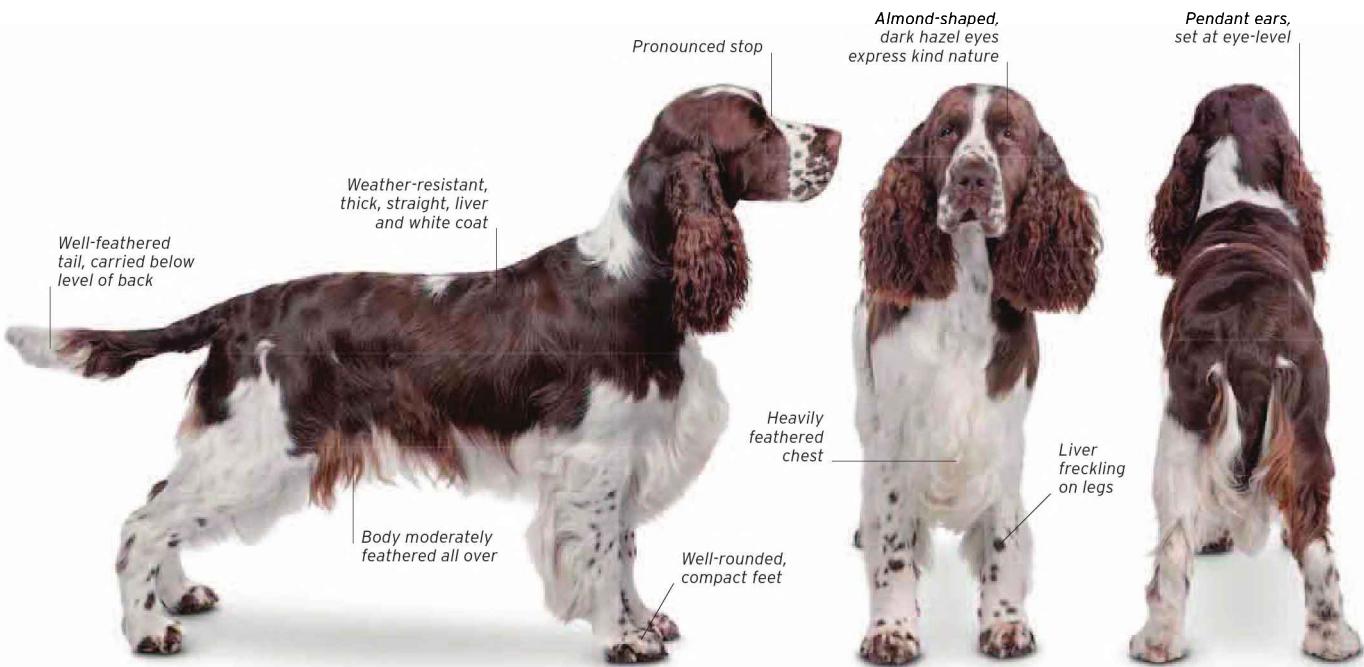
Feathering at throat

Long, plain white coat with orange markings

Short legs

Large, round feet





# ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL

FULL OF ENTHUSIASM AND AFFECTION, THIS IS A SOCIALE WORKING OR COMPANION DOG

AKC

**Height range**  
18–22in (46–56cm)

**Weight range**  
40–50lb (18–23kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Black and white

May have tan markings.

**This classic gundog** is so called because it was originally used to “spring” game—startle birds into the air. Spaniels used as gundogs were once classified according to their size: the larger dogs (called Springers, see pp.226–29) were used for flushing game and the smaller ones (called Cocker, see pp.222–23) for flushing woodcock. Until the beginning of the 20th century the English Springer Spaniel was not recognized as an official breed, although it had developed into a distinct type known as the Norfolk Spaniel.

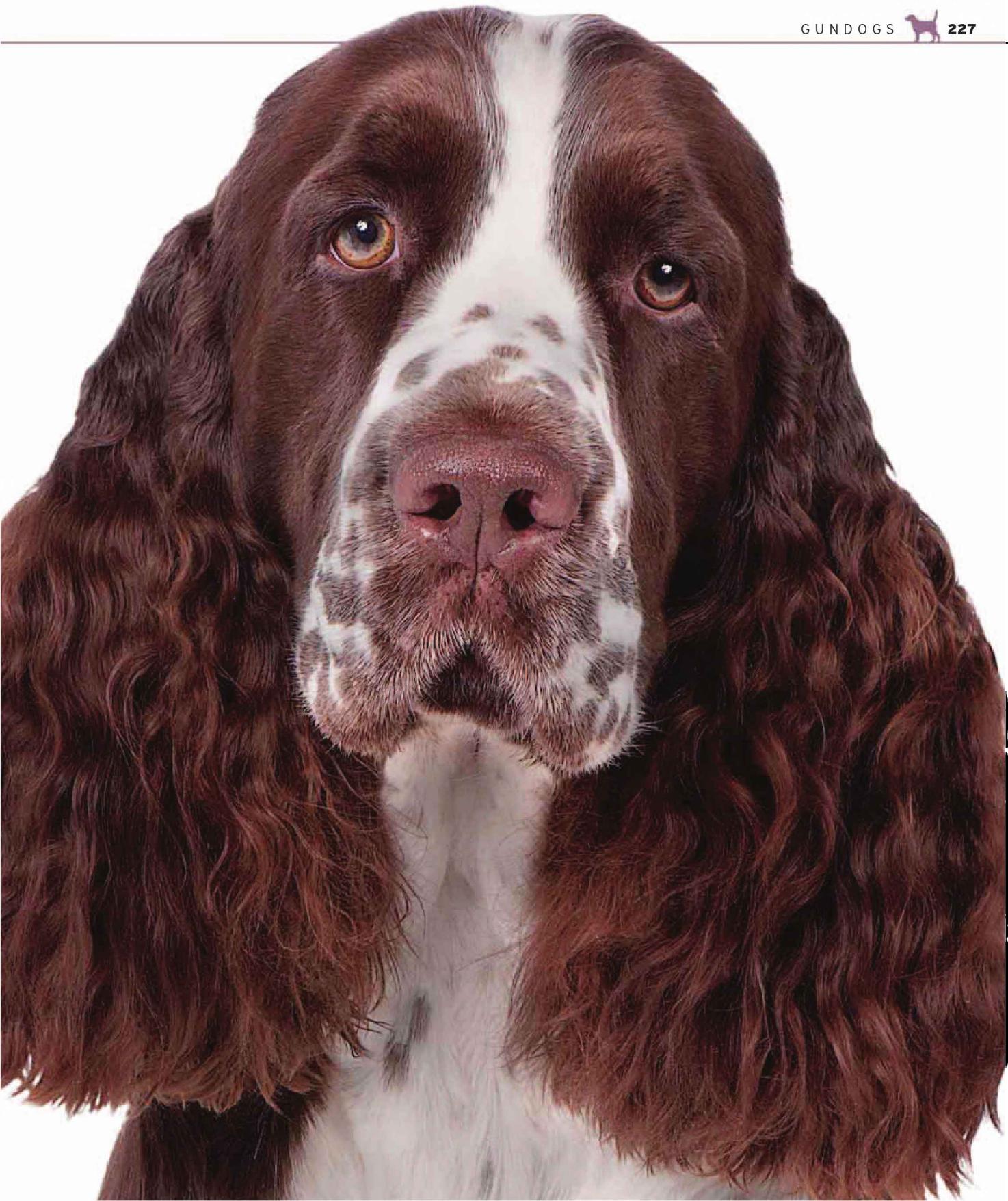
The English Springer Spaniel will work with hunters in the field all day, undeterred by rough terrain or adverse weather conditions, even jumping into freezing water when necessary. This breed is a popular choice with game shooters but its friendly, biddable disposition makes it an excellent family dog too. It likes company, including children, other dogs, and the household cat. If left alone for too long, it may resort to

excessive barking. A nonworking dog needs long, energetic daily walks and will enjoy having a stream to splash in, mud to roll in, or toys thrown for it to retrieve. This breed is bright and willing to learn, and will respond to calm authority. It is highly sensitive, so giving harsh or loud commands is likely to be counterproductive.

The English Springer Spaniel’s love of the outdoors means that it needs weekly grooming to prevent its thick coat from becoming matted and dirty and regular trimming, especially of the long feathering on the ears and legs.

There are two types of English Springer Spaniel: working and show. Dogs bred specifically to work in the field tend to have their tails docked and be slightly smaller and of lighter build than dogs produced for showing. Both types make equally good companion dogs.





# WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL

THIS GREAT WORKING DOG LOVES TO BE INCLUDED IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

AKC

**Height range**  
18–19in (46–48cm)



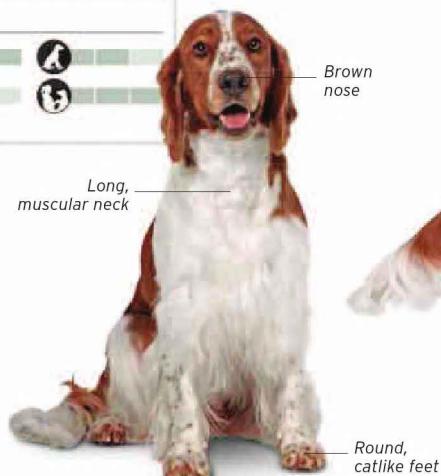
**Weight range**  
35–51lb (16–23kg)

**Life span** 12–15 years

**Origin** UK



**A close cousin of the English Springer Spaniel** (see p.226) and the English Cocker Spaniel (see p.222), this medium-sized Welsh gundog has a jolly disposition and makes a fine family dog and hunting companion. It is inclined to wander, so early and consistent training is imperative.



# IRISH WATER SPANIEL

THE CLOWN OF THE SPANIEL FAMILY, THIS DOG NEEDS AN ACTIVE LIFE

AKC

**Height range**  
20–23in (51–58cm)



**Weight range**  
44–66lb (20–30kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** Ireland



**This tireless dog** is an ideal companion for hikers. Its dark liver coat is virtually waterproof, and the breed's enthusiasm for plunging into ice-cold water earned it the nickname of "Bogdog." Although gentle and faithful, it is slow to mature and can be headstrong, so needs thorough training when young.

**Smooth hair on throat forms V-shaped patch**

**Naturally oily, dense coat**



**Nose matches coat color**

**Smooth tail except at base**

**Broad, level back**  
**Puce-liver coat forms dense ringlets**

**Smoother hair on face**

**Large, round feet well covered with hair**



# AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL

THIS DOG IS EAGER TO PLEASE AND EASY TO CARE FOR

AKC

**Height range**  
15–18in (38–45cm)



**Weight range**  
26–46lb (12–21kg)

**Life span** 10–12 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Chocolate

May have a few white hairs on chest and toes.

**Originally bred as an all-around hunting and water dog** in the Great Lakes region of the United States, the American Water Spaniel's moderate size and lean build allowed it to work from boats as well as on shore. The breed is still used to flush and retrieve waterfowl, but also makes an easy-going companion for an active family. Its dense, curly coat is inherited from ancestors that include the Irish Water Spaniel (opposite) and the Curly Coated Retriever (see p.259). Some dogs have a less tightly curled coat, called the Marcel coat.

Broad head



Ears covered with curly hair



Adult and puppy

Light brown eyes



# SPANISH WATER DOG

AN ADAPTABLE WORKING DOG WITH A NO-NONSENSE ATTITUDE

KC

**Height range**  
16–20in (40–50cm)



**Weight range**  
31–49lb (14–22kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** Spain



**Other colors**



**This distinctive breed** has had many roles and names in its homeland, where it is now called the Perro de Agua. Merchants from North Africa or Turkey may have brought this type of dog to Andalusia, where it is most likely to be found today. The Spanish Water Dog has been used for herding, hunting, and towing boats in ports. It is a biddable, generally level-headed companion but can be impatient with children. Until the 1980s the breed was known only in southern Spain, and it remains rare today.



# PORTUGUESE WATER DOG

ACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT, THIS DOG NEEDS AN OWNER TO MATCH

AKC

**Height range**  
17–22in (43–57cm)



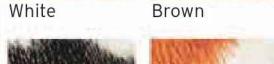
**Weight range**  
35–55lb (16–25kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** Portugal



**Other colors**



Black and brown dogs  
may have white  
markings.

**Although classed as a gundog**, this dog was used to retrieve fishermen's nets as often as hunters' game. The breed's adaptability springs from a lively mind and desire to please, but if not kept busy it can be destructive. There are two coat types: long and wavy or short and curly.



Forehead has central furrow

Hind quarters clipped for work and showing

Round feet



Round eyes are set well apart

Curved tail with plume at tip

Long, wavy, black coat

Long and wavy coat

# POODLE (STANDARD)

THIS INTELLIGENT RETRIEVER DOG MAKES AN EASY FAMILY COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
Over 15in (Over 38cm)



**Weight range**  
46–71lb (21–32kg)

**Life span** 10–13 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Any solid color

**Claimed by France but probably from Germany,**

this breed was originally a water dog, and the standard size remains closest to those roots. It is popular for crossbreeding because it is robust, clever, and good-tempered. A simple all-over clip is easiest to maintain.



Dark, almond-shaped eyes

Strong, well-chiseled face and jaw



Head carried high

Long, wide, pendant ears

Profuse, dense, curly, black coat

Small, oval feet, with arched toes

# FRENCH WATER DOG

THIS RELAXED, AFFECTIONATE DOG NEEDS DAILY GROOMING

FCI

**Height range**  
21-26in (53-65cm)



**Weight range**  
35-60lb (16-27kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**One of Europe's oldest water dogs**, with ancestors dating back to the Middle Ages, the French Water Dog has contributed to many other breeds. Its coat is perfect protection for a working dog but its high maintenance may be one reason why this breed is no longer popular, despite its tolerant, friendly attitude to children and to other dogs.



# FRISIAN WATER DOG

THIS CAPABLE, RESERVED BREED DOES BEST WITH A FIRM OWNER

FCI

**Height range**  
22-23in (55-59cm)



**Weight range**  
33-44lb (15-20kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



**Other colors**



Dark brown

**Also known as the Dutch Spaniel** or Wetterhoun, this breed was originally used by fishermen to control otters. It is still used for flushing and retrieving, but also as a guard and farm dog. Its independent, slightly suspicious character makes it unsuitable for city living, but it is a reliable and rugged dog for a rural home.



# CORDED POODLE

**SMART AND FRIENDLY, THIS DOG IS WRAPPED IN EASY-CARE DREADLOCKS**

**Height range**  
9-24in (24-60cm)



**Weight range**  
45-71lb (21-32kg)

**Life span** 10-13 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Any color

**Like other poodles**, this is a friendly, intelligent, and level-headed dog that makes a good guard or companion. Corded Poodles have been bred from separate lines of the well-known Standard Poodle (see p.231) for many years but as yet are not recognized as a breed in their own right. Their look was popular in the 19th century but today is rarely seen—even in France. This kind of cording is more often found on herding breeds, offering protection against both weather and predators. Most poodle coats will cord with a little encouragement, and once the cords have formed, are fairly easy to look after.



Muzzle has straight bridge

Black, corded coat



Long, elegant, narrow head

Oblique, almond-shaped eyes

Ears covered with many cords

Level back

Fine, dense, corded, white coat

# BRITTANY

THIS ADAPTABLE AND RELIABLE DOG IS IDEAL FOR AN ACTIVE OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
19–20in (47–51cm)



**Weight range**  
31–40lb (14–18kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Liver and white



Black and white



Black, tan, and white

Colors may be merged and not clearly defined (roan).

**Also known as the Brittany Spaniel**, and as the Epagneul Breton in its native France, this versatile gundog flushes and retrieves game but is best at simply locating game birds. An old-established breed, the Brittany almost disappeared in the 19th century but today has regained popularity both as a sporting dog and a good-natured family companion.



# LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO

THIS AFFECTIONATE AND BOISTEROUS DOG IS BEST SUITED TO A COUNTRY LIFE

KC

**Height range**  
16–19in (41–48cm)



**Weight range**  
24–35lb (11–16kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



Orange

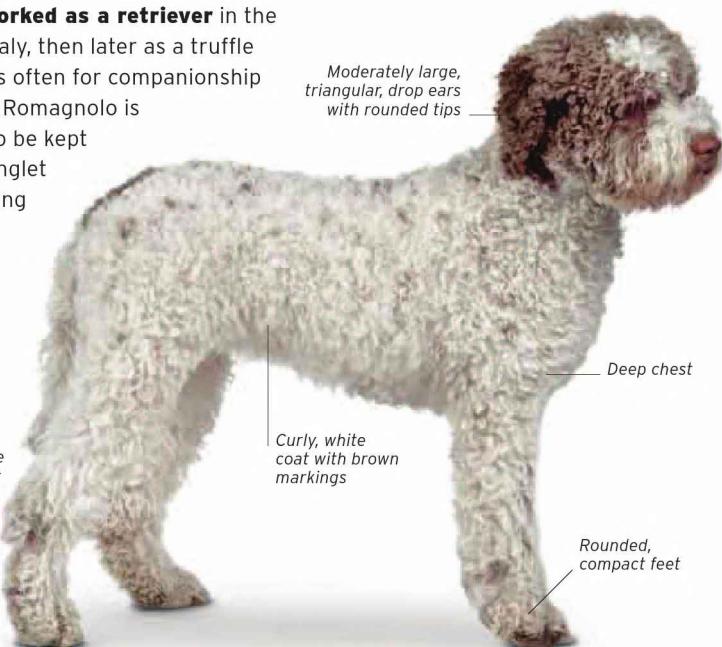


Brown



Roan  
Orange and roan coats may have a brown mask.

**This breed originally worked as a retriever** in the marshland of northern Italy, then later as a truffle hound. Today it is bred as often for companionship as for work. The Lagotto Romagnolo is good-natured and likes to be kept busy. Its characteristic ringlet coat needs weekly combing and annual clipping.



# PONT-AUDEMER SPANIEL

THIS ENGAGING BREED IS ENERGETIC OUTDOORS BUT RELAXED IN THE HOME

FCI

**Height range**  
20-23in (51-58cm)



**Weight range**  
40-53lb (18-24kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**

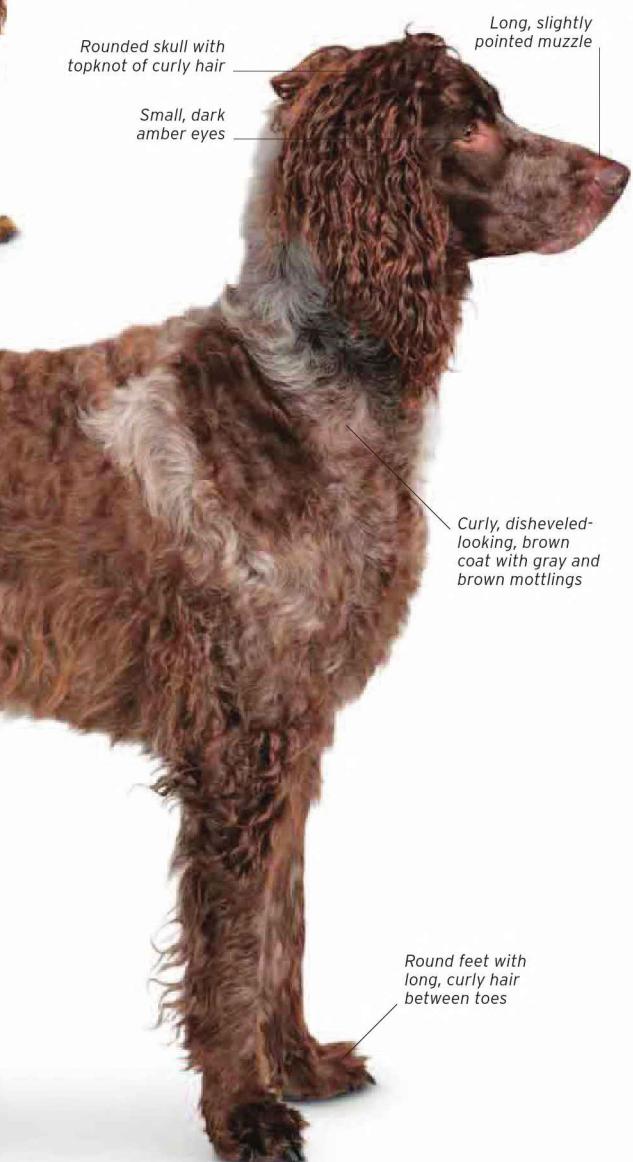


Brown

**This French pointer and retriever** is a specialist at hunting in water and swampland. The breed is thought to have been developed in the 19th century, and may include the Irish Water Spaniel (see p.228) in its ancestry. The Pont-Audemer Spaniel has never been well known, even in France, and by the 20th century was nearly extinct. It survived in small numbers and is still used for hunting but also makes a gentle house dog. The curly, slightly ruffled-looking coat is not particularly difficult to maintain, though it does need regular care.



Drop ears covered with long, silky hair



# SMALL MUNSTERLANDER

A LIVELY, INTELLIGENT DOG STILL USED MAINLY FOR HUNTING

KC

**Height range**  
20-21in (52-54cm)



**Weight range**  
40-60lb (18-27kg)

**Life span** 13-14 years

**Origin** Germany



**One German name for the breed**, Heidewachtel or "heath quail dog," describes this dog's first purpose of flushing game birds. Although it is a cheerful and affectionate companion, hunters quickly snap up almost all of the small numbers that are bred each year. Despite its name, this breed is not directly related to the Large Munsterlander (below).



# LARGE MUNSTERLANDER

THIS HUNTING DOG IS HAPPIEST IN THE HOME

KC

**Height range**  
23-26in (58-65cm)



**Weight range**  
64-68lb (29-31kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Germany



**The Grosser Munsterlander**, as it is called in Germany, is more closely related to the German pointers than the Small Munsterlander (above). It is slow to mature, but makes a calm, highly trainable, and versatile gundog. It positively thrives on close human company and is good with children.



# FRISIAN POINTING DOG

THIS ADAPTABLE, ROBUST FARM DOG IS EASY TO LIVE WITH

FCI

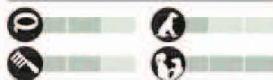
**Height range**  
20-21in (50-53cm)



**Weight range**  
42-55lb (19-25kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** The Netherlands

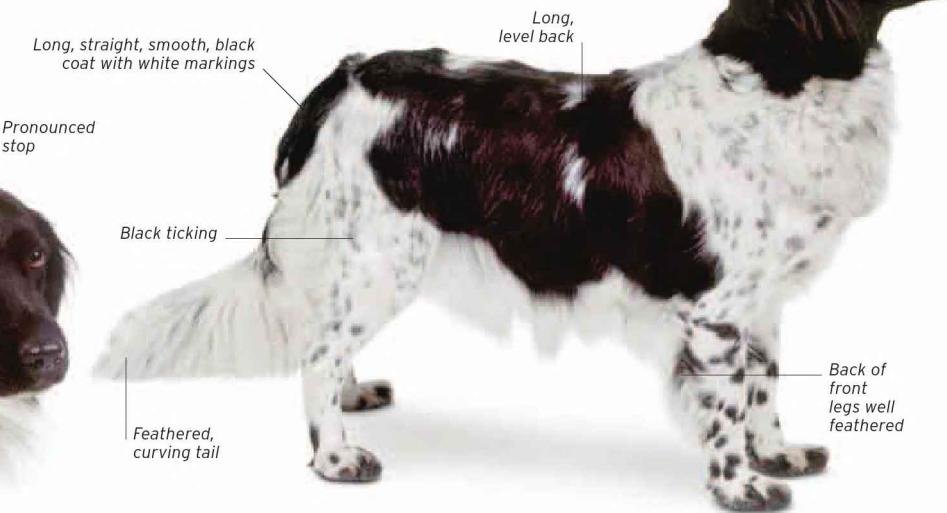


**Other colors**



Orange with  
white  
markings.

**Bred by farmers**, this dog, also known as the Stabyhoun, tracks, points, and retrieves alongside hunters. It makes an active and even-tempered family companion, and is excellent with children. This breed, despite efforts to improve its numbers, remains rare even in its native land.



# DRENTSCHE PARTRIDGE DOG

A DEDICATED HUNTING DOG, BUT CALM ENOUGH FOR CITY LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
22-25in (55-63cm)



**Weight range**  
44-55lb (20-25kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** The Netherlands

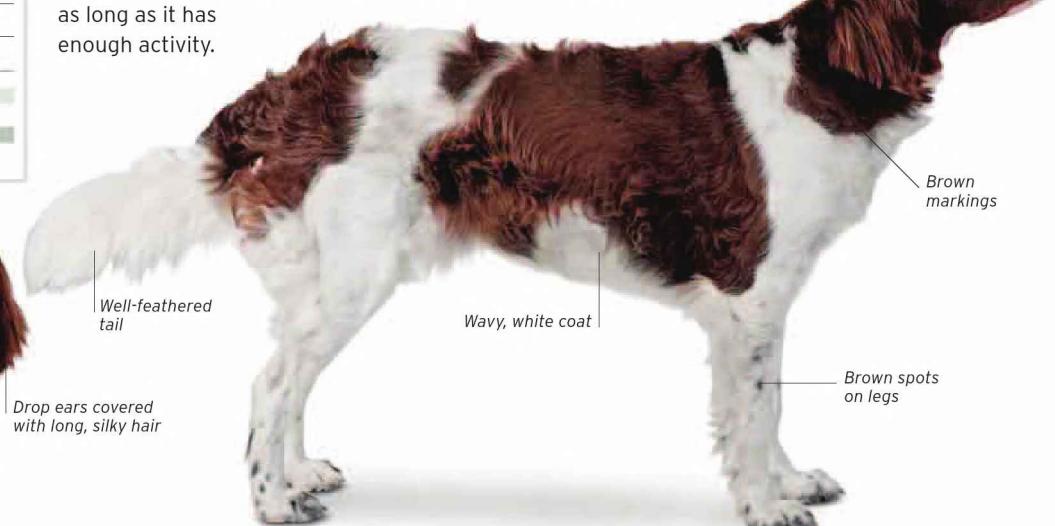


**Somewhere between a pointer and a retriever**, the Drentsche Partridge Dog, or Patrijshond, is a typically versatile European hunting dog related to the Small Munsterlander (opposite) and the French Spaniel (see p.240). It makes a reliable and relaxed family companion as long as it has enough activity.

Oval, amber eyes

Brown markings

Brown spots on legs



# KOOIKERHONDJE

THIS CHEERFUL, ENERGETIC DOG IS NOT SUITED TO CITY LIFE

KC

**Height range**  
14-16in (35-40cm)



**Weight range**  
20-24lb (9-11kg)

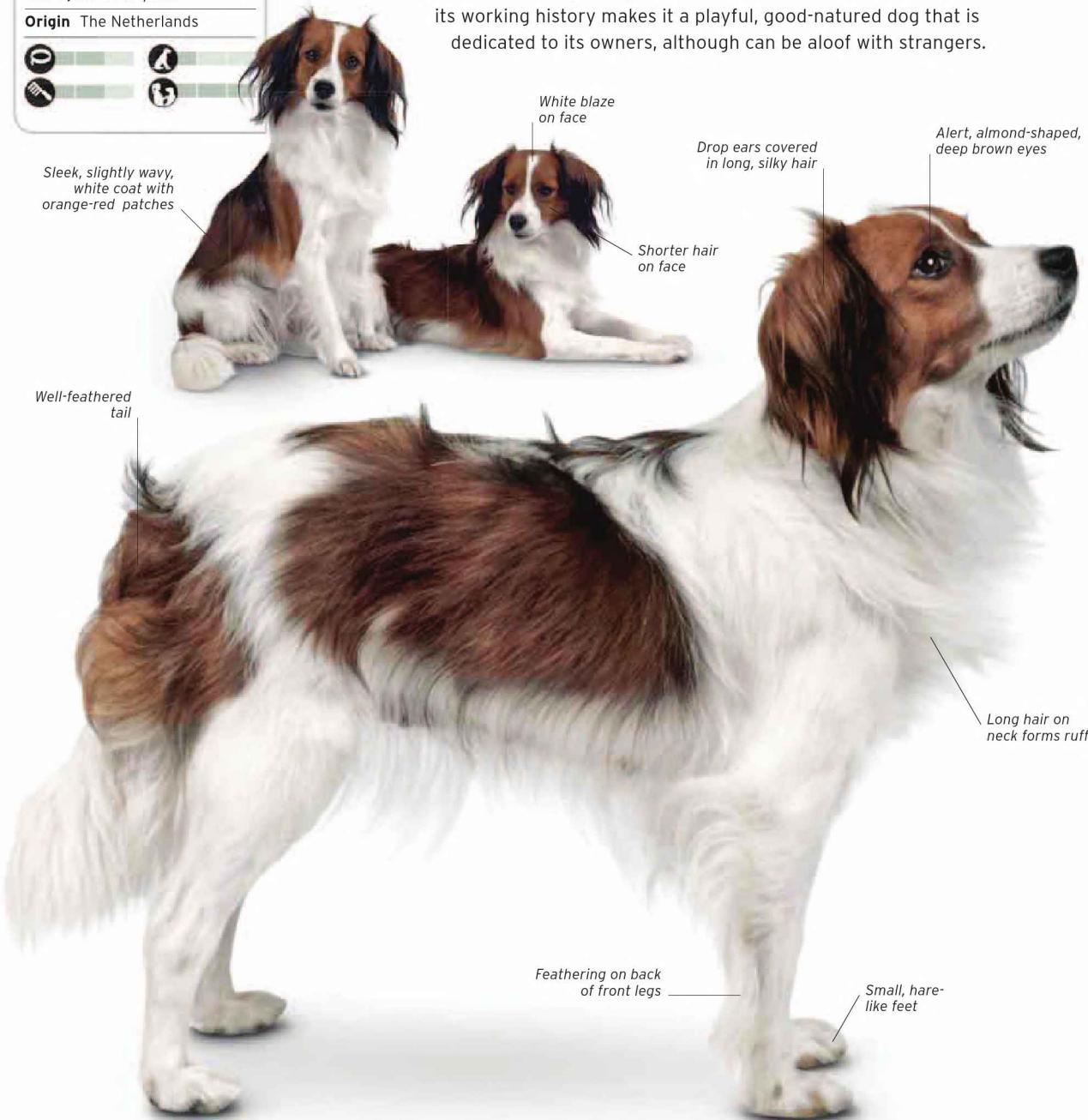
**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



Sleek, slightly wavy,  
white coat with  
orange-red patches

**This breed goes by several other names**, including Dutch Decoy Spaniel, which describes its original and unusual role. Romping and waving its flag-like tail, never barking, it was used for centuries to lure and drive curious waterfowl into tunnel traps or "kooien" for hunters to catch alive—a task it still performs today for researchers wanting to tag and release birds. It is a rare breed, but its working history makes it a playful, good-natured dog that is dedicated to its owners, although can be aloof with strangers.



# PICARDY SPANIEL

THIS DOG LOVES OPEN SPACES BUT MAKES A CALM COMPANION AT HOME

FCI

**Height range**  
22-24in (55-60cm)



**Weight range**  
44-55lb (20-25kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France



**One of the oldest spaniel breeds**, the Picardy Spaniel is still used in France to flush birds in woodland and wetland areas. An enthusiastic swimmer, it makes a placid, reliable, and affectionate family dog, which will even adapt to city life if given a reasonable amount of exercise.



# BLUE PICARDY SPANIEL

THIS PLAYFUL, GENTLE SPANIEL LOVES PLENTY OF ATTENTION AND EXERCISE

FCI

**Height range**  
23-24in (57-60cm)



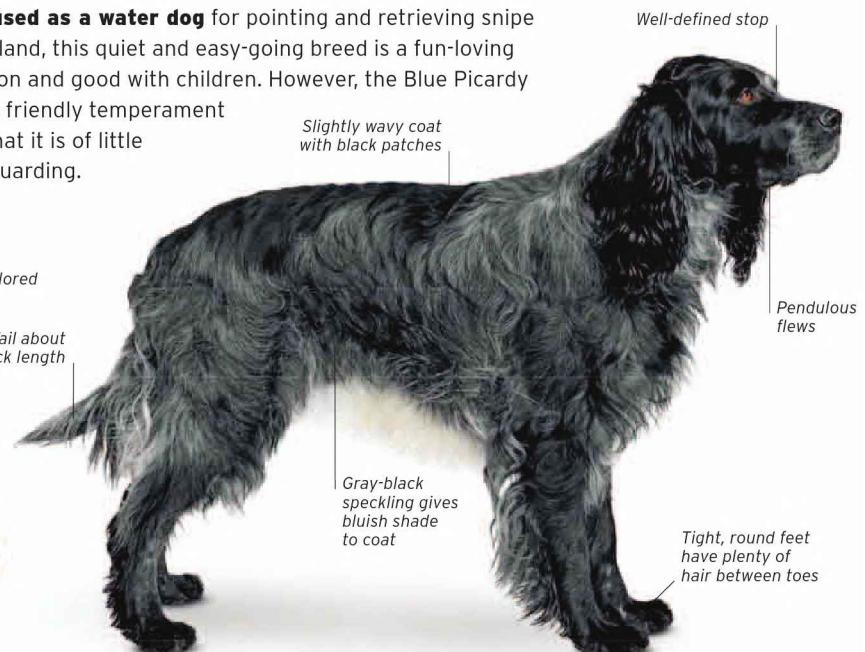
**Weight range**  
44-46lb (20-21kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** France



**Mainly used as a water dog** for pointing and retrieving snipe in marshland, this quiet and easy-going breed is a fun-loving companion and good with children. However, the Blue Picardy Spaniel's friendly temperament means that it is of little use for guarding.



# FRENCH SPANIEL

THIS FRIENDLY, ELEGANT GUNDOG IS HAPPY ON CITY STREETS OR IN WIDE OPEN SPACES

FCI

**Height range**  
22–24in (55–61cm)

**Weight range**  
44–55lb (20–25kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

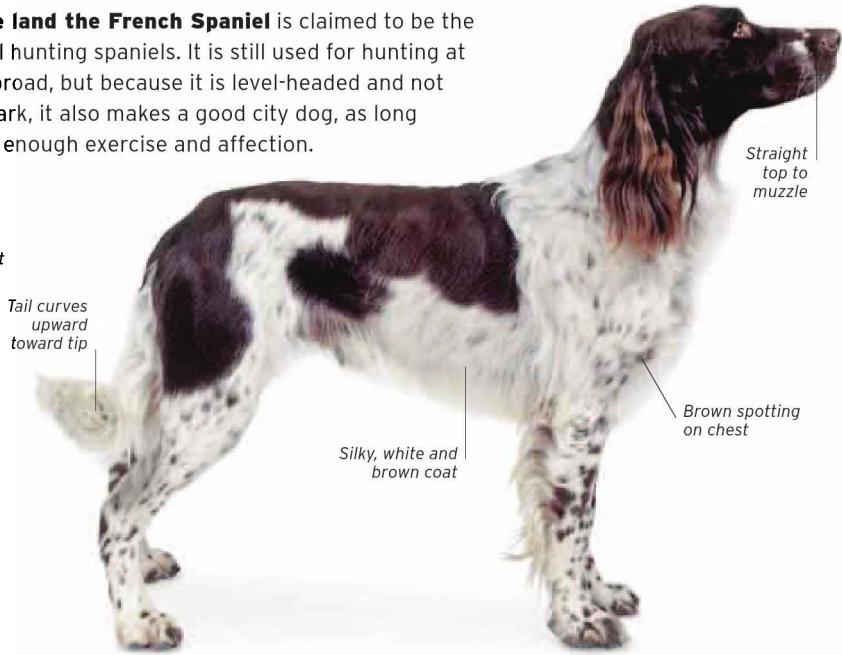
**Origin** France



Pendant ears  
set quite  
far back on  
the head



**In its native land the French Spaniel** is claimed to be the original of all hunting spaniels. It is still used for hunting at home and abroad, but because it is level-headed and not inclined to bark, it also makes a good city dog, as long as it is given enough exercise and affection.



# ENGLISH SETTER

THE PERFECT COUNTRY-HOUSE DOG IN BOTH LOOKS AND CHARACTER

AKC

**Height range**  
24–25in (61–64cm)

**Weight range**  
55–65lb (25–30kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Orange or  
lemon belton  
Liver belton  
Liver beltons may have  
tan markings.

Square muzzle with  
slightly pendulous flews

**Developed to track, set, and retrieve birds**, this breed is still worked today, although different bloodlines are used for hunting or home life. Elegant in appearance, the English Setter is a cheerful and tireless companion that needs a good deal of space and activity, but has a calm and reliable temperament.



# IRISH SETTER

AN EXUBERANT, ENTHUSIASTIC BREED FOR A PATIENT AND ACTIVE OWNER

AKC

**Height range**  
25–27in (64–69cm)



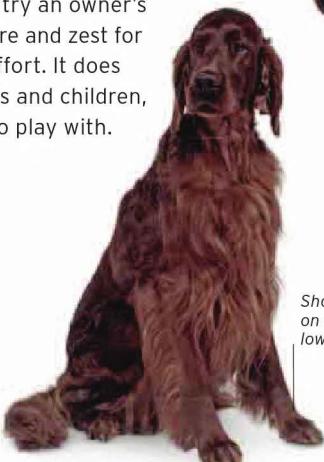
**Weight range**  
60–71lb (27–32kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Ireland



**The red dog, or Modder Rhu, of Ireland** started out as a hunting dog and is still an effective worker, but today is more commonly kept as a striking and spirited companion. Slow to mature, it needs firm training from an early age. The breed's devil-may-care attitude and tendency to get into scrapes when young can try an owner's patience, but its sociable nature and zest for life make it worth the extra effort. It does not simply tolerate other dogs and children, but actively seeks them out to play with.



# IRISH RED AND WHITE SETTER

THIS PLAYFUL DOG IS SLOW TO MATURE, BUT IT IS WORTH THE WAIT

**Height range**  
25–27in (64–69cm)

**Weight range**  
55–75lb (25–34kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Ireland



This setter has the red and white coloring that is typical of many hunting dogs, but today it is more often kept for company. Long overshadowed by the related Irish Setter (see p.241), this intelligent if impulsive breed is slowly gaining the popularity it deserves. Cheerful and energetic, it thrives on attention and firm guidance.



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# GORDON SETTER

AN OUTGOING BUT OBEDIENT CHARACTER BRED FOR WIDE OPEN SPACES

**Height range**  
24–26in (62–66cm)

**Weight range**  
57–66lb (26–30kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** UK



Originally employed in Scotland to track game birds and then freeze once it had located them, changes in hunting fashions have seen this breed move from field to fireside. It brings with it a level-headed and loyal nature, but also a need for daily, vigorous exercise and a good deal of space.



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# NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER

THIS GUNDOG HAS ADAPTED WELL TO THE FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

AKC

**Height range**  
18–21in (45–53cm)



**Weight range**  
37–51lb (17–23kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Canada



**This breed takes its name** from its role in an unusual form of duck and goose hunting. The dog used to retrieve sticks—thrown by hunters in a hide—with a great show of activity but no barking, and this would lure in, or “toll,” inquisitive birds. Once the birds were in range, the hunters could shoot them and the dog would retrieve them. The ideal dog for this role, its playful, quiet, and obedient qualities make it an excellent companion breed. It is also tireless, so needs plenty of exercise.

Almond-shaped eyes have alert expression



Triangular drop ears  
held slightly erect

Tapering muzzle with  
slightly wedge-shaped  
head



Level back

Close-fitting  
lips



Well-feathered  
tail, broad  
at base

Water-repellent,  
red coat with  
dense undercoat

Typical white  
chest markings

Typical white  
markings on feet

# GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

THIS INTELLIGENT BREED IS GENIAL AND GENTLE IF KEPT BUSY

**Height range**  
21–25in (53–64cm)



**Weight range**  
44–71lb (20–32kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Liver

Brown



Black

**A superlative hunting dog**, which tracks, points, and retrieves over any terrain from heathland to marshland, the German Shorthaired Pointer or Deutsch Kurzhaar is a loyal, obedient breed. In its homeland it has always been kept for the home as well as the hunt, and the breed is generally level-headed and reliable. This is an energetic dog, and individuals can become hyperactive and destructive if they are not given enough exercise. There are three coat types: wire-haired, long-haired, and short-haired. By far the best known is the German Shorthaired Pointer, called GSP by hunters in the UK.



**Short-haired**



**Wirehaired**

Broad, drop ears,  
rounded at tips

Medium-sized,  
brown eyes



# CESKY FOUSEK

THIS RURAL BREED IS INTELLIGENT AND ROBUST BUT MAY BE HEADSTRONG

FCI

**Height range**  
23–26in (58–66cm)



**Weight range**  
49–75lb (22–34kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Czech Republic



**Other colors**



Brown

Brown coats may have ticked markings on chest and lower limbs.

**This breed, variously claimed** to be of Czech, Slovakian, or Bohemian descent, is still a popular hunting dog in these areas but is rare elsewhere. It is loyal and trainable, and usually gentle around people, but is a natural hunter and so may be unreliable with other pets.



Tail traditionally docked  
to two-fifths of length

Deep-set,  
amber eyes  
with kind  
expression

Brown  
nose



Distinctive,  
bushy eyebrows

Large, drop ears

Beard of  
soft hair

Hard, protective,  
dark roan coat with  
brown patches

Compact, spoon-  
shaped feet

# WIREHAIR POINTING GRIFFON

THIS RUGGED AND RELIABLE BREED IS A FRIENDLY TOWN OR COUNTRY COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
20–24in (50–60cm)



**Weight range**  
50–60lb (23–27kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** The Netherlands



**Other colors**



Liver



White and  
orange



Roan, white,  
and brown

**Related to the German Shorthaired Pointer** (opposite), bred by Dutchman Edward Korthals, and adopted by French hunters, this is a versatile and easy-going breed. It is not the fastest gundog but is popular for hunting where obedient, close-working dogs are needed—qualities that also make it a valuable companion.



Hairy eyebrows

Shorter, liver  
hair on ears



Body length  
exceeds leg length

Long muzzle  
with hairy  
beard and  
moustache

Deep chest

Harsh, coarse,  
steel-gray coat, with  
dense undercoat

Round feet  
with tight,  
arched toes

# WEIMARANER

THIS BEAUTIFUL, INTELLIGENT DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF SPACE

AKC

**Height range**  
22–27in (56–69cm)



**Weight range**  
55–90lb (25–41kg)

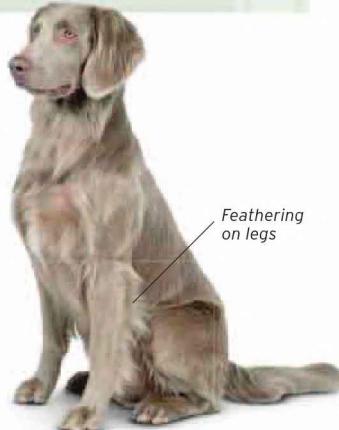


**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Germany



**Created as an all-purpose hunting**, pointing, and retrieving gundog, this 19th-century breed, nicknamed the "Gray Ghost," is a careful, almost stealthy dog in the field. While the Weimaraner may be reserved with strangers, it is a bouncy family companion and can be too boisterous for small children. Elegant lines, striking color, and grace in movement have contributed to this breed's popularity both as a pet and working dog, but it can stay active for hours, and needs an owner with similar stamina. There are two coat types: long-haired and short-haired.



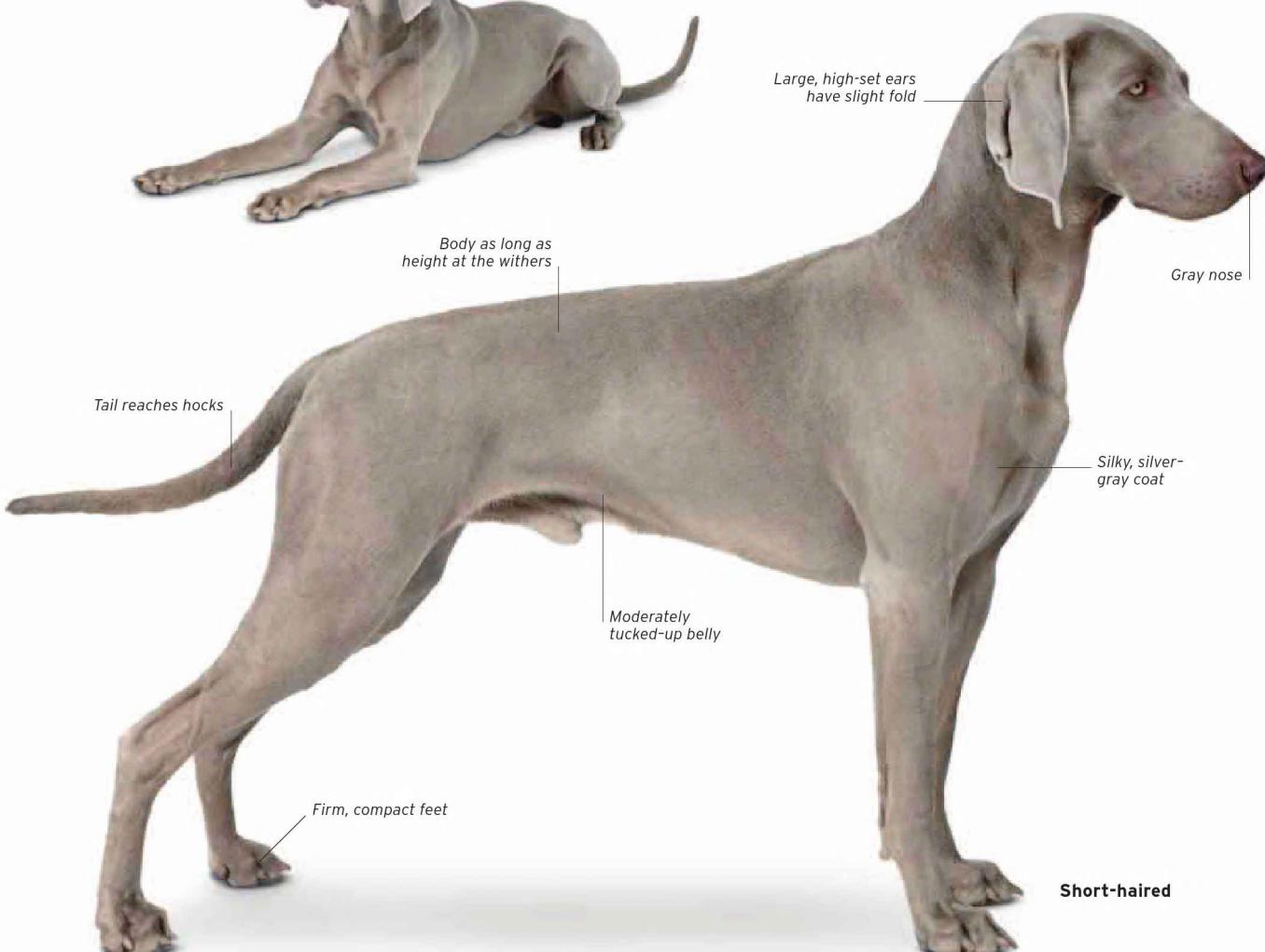
Long-haired



Striking, pale  
blue-gray eyes

Large, high-set ears  
have slight fold

Gray nose



# VIZSLA

THIS LOYAL AND GENTLE DOG IS HIGH-ENERGY BUT LOW MAINTENANCE

AKC

**Height range**  
21–25in (53–64cm)



**Weight range**  
44–66lb (20–30kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** Hungary



A typical European all-purpose hunting dog thought to date back to the 16th century, the short-haired version of the Vizsla is also known as the Hungarian Short-haired Pointer. It almost died out in World War II, but has since risen in popularity both with hunters and as a family companion. Extremely affectionate, the Vizsla is intelligent and responds well to training. It has almost boundless energy and will seek and retrieve sticks as readily as it will game—all day if allowed.

The wire-haired variety, which was developed in the 1930s, has a stronger build than the smooth-haired Vizsla.



Tight, arched,  
round, catlike feet



Slightly  
shorter hair  
on drop ears

Wire-haired

Eyes slightly darker  
than coat color

Tapering muzzle  
is square at end



Slightly curved  
tail tapers to  
pointed tip

Strong, muscular back

Nose color  
matches coat

Smooth, arched  
neck is muscular

Distinctive, sleek,  
golden-russet coat lacks  
insulating undercoat

Long forearms

Smooth-haired

# PORTUGUESE POINTING DOG

THIS TIRELESS AND ADAPTABLE HUNTING DOG IS BEST SUITED TO A WORKING LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
20-22in (52-56cm)



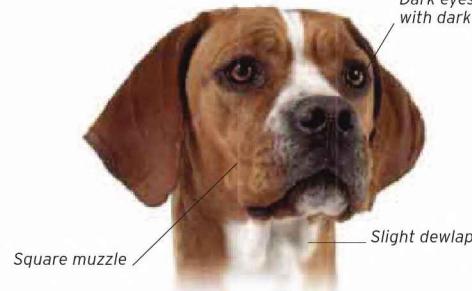
**Weight range**  
35-60lb (16-27kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Portugal



**Locally known as the Perdigueiro Português**, which literally means the Portuguese partridge dog, this breed was used as a pointer for hunters with falcons or nets. Still worked today, the Portuguese Pointing Dog is level-headed and biddable and so also makes an amenable companion. However, this tenacious hunter needs considerable mental and physical activity every day.



Dark eyes with dark rims

Slight dewlap

Square muzzle



# BRACCO ITALIANO

THIS RARE BREED IS ATHLETIC AND GOOD WITH CHILDREN

KC

**Height range**  
22-26in (55-67cm)



**Weight range**  
55-88lb (25-40kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**

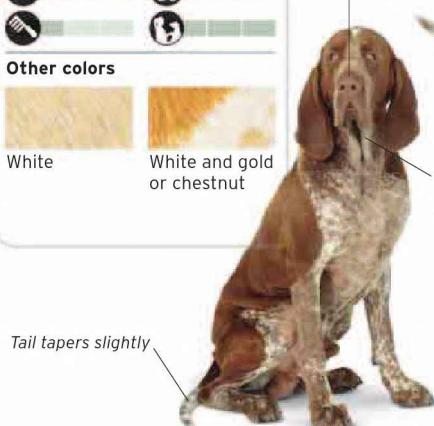


White



White and gold or chestnut

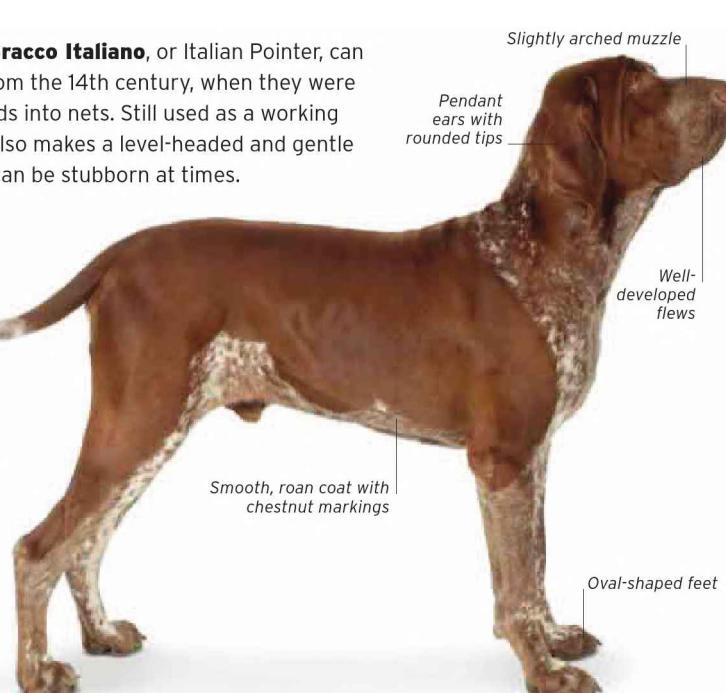
**Dogs similar to the Bracco Italiano**, or Italian Pointer, can be seen in paintings from the 14th century, when they were used to drive game birds into nets. Still used as a working dog today, this breed also makes a level-headed and gentle companion, though it can be stubborn at times.



Nose matches coat color

Powerful neck has soft dewlap

Tail tapers slightly



# SPINONE ITALIANO

THIS EASY-GOING AND RELAXED COMPANION IS NOT IDEAL FOR HOUSE-PROUD OWNERS

AKC

**Height range**  
23–28in (58–70cm)



**Weight range**  
64–86lb (29–39kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** Italy



**Other colors**



White

Orange roan

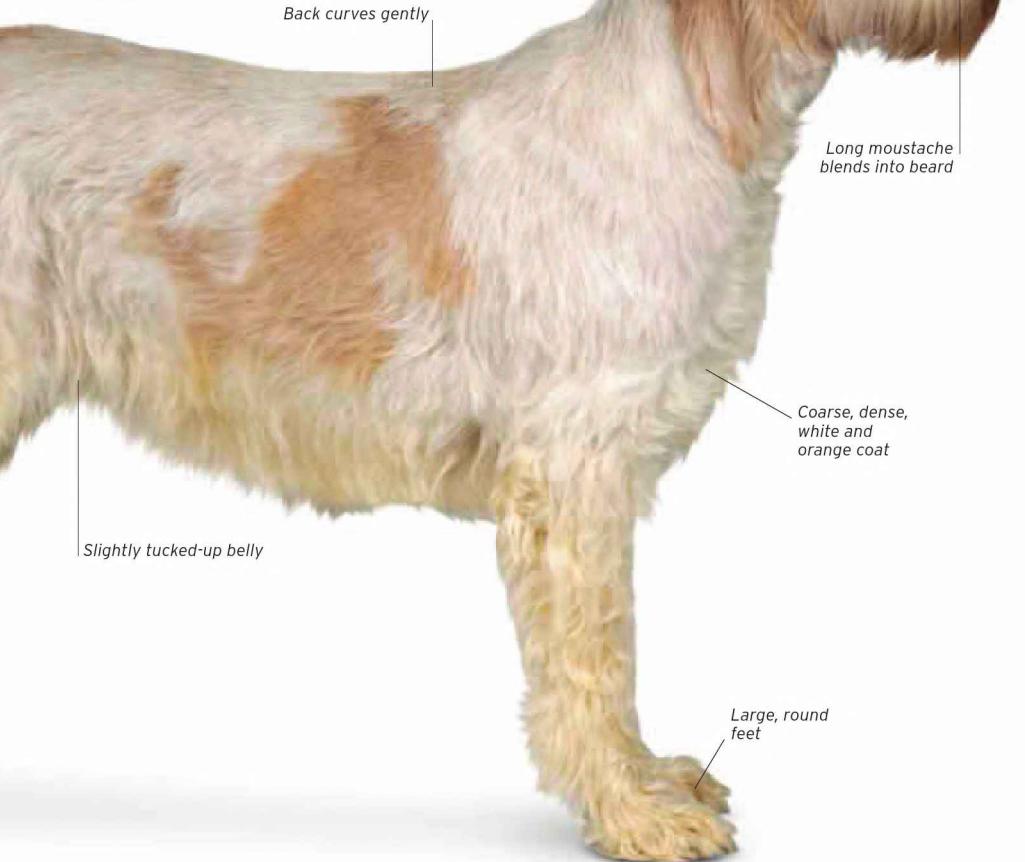


White and brown or brown roan

**This versatile tracker and retriever** from northern Italy was the region's most popular hunting breed until the 20th century, and is still worked—its shaggy coat is useful protection in heavy undergrowth. More recently it has become a popular companion breed, prized for its gentle temperament and loyalty. An inclination to move at a slightly slower pace than many gundogs makes the Spinone Italiano a comfortable walking companion. This breed is for those who love the "doggy" nature of dogs: the coarse coat may not be high maintenance but does retain smells, and the breed has a tendency to drool.



Broad, deep chest



# FRENCH PYRENEAN POINTER

A GRACEFUL DOG SUITED TO OUTDOOR-LOVING OWNERS

FCI

**Height range**  
19–23in (47–58cm)

**Weight range**  
40–53lb (18–24kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Chestnut-brown

Chestnut-brown dogs may have tan markings.



**The most popular of the French pointers**, the French Pyrenean Pointer is still rare and mostly used for hunting. A swift and tireless breed, it was created in southwest France to work in mountain terrain. It is gentle and affectionate at home, and makes an ideal companion for the more active owner.

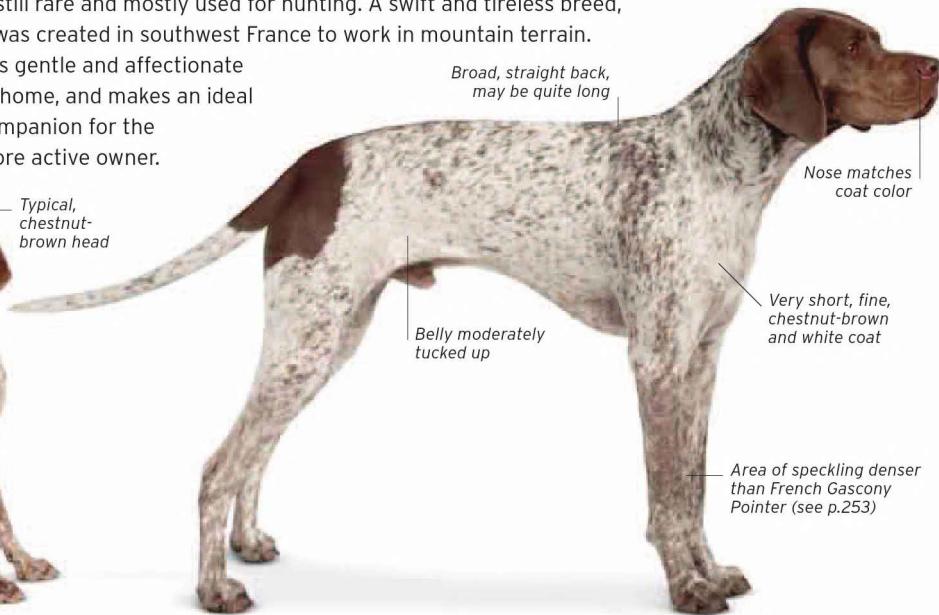


Typical, chestnut-brown head

Belly moderately tucked up

Very short, fine, chestnut-brown and white coat

Area of speckling denser than French Gascony Pointer (see p.253)



# SAINT GERMAIN POINTER

AFFECTIONATE WITH FAMILY, BUT RESERVED WITH STRANGERS, THIS DOG IS KEEN IN THE FIELD

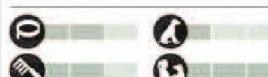
FCI

**Height range**  
21–24in (54–62cm)

**Weight range**  
40–57lb (18–26kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** France



Golden-yellow eyes

Flews cover lower jaw

**Also known as the Braque Saint-Germain**, this is a fleet-footed pointer and retriever of birds in field, woodland, and marshland. However, its coat is not sufficiently insulated to make it an all-weather dog. The Saint Germain Pointer is affectionate but sensitive, needing firm yet gentle handling, and adapts surprisingly well to urban family life.

Tapering, hock-length tail carried horizontally

Long, deep chest



Pink nose

Smooth, dull white coat with orange markings

Long feet with light-colored nails



# BOURBONNAIS POINTING DOG

THIS TOLERANT AND LEVEL-HEADED BREED IS A GOOD ALL-AROUND GUNDOG

FCI

**Height range**  
19-22in (48-57cm)



**Weight range**  
35-57lb (16-26kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France



**A versatile tracker, pointer, and retriever**, the Bourbonnais Pointing Dog is the oldest and perhaps the most level-headed of all the French gundog breeds. Robust in build, giving an impression of power, this dog is full of stamina when working but relaxed and affectionate when off duty.

Nose color  
matches brown  
of coat

Round feet

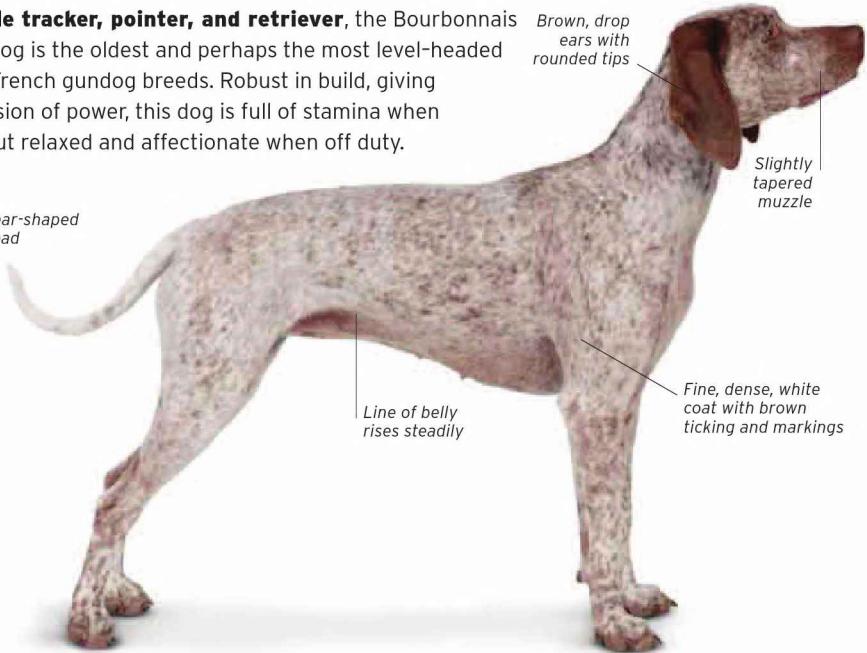
Pear-shaped  
head

Line of belly  
rises steadily

Brown, drop  
ears with  
rounded tips

Slightly  
tapered  
muzzle

Fine, dense, white  
coat with brown  
ticking and markings



# PUDELPOINTER

THIS WELL-BALANCED AND ROBUST BREED IS A DOG WORTH SEEKING OUT

FCI

**Height range**  
22-27in (55-68cm)



**Weight range**  
44-66lb (20-30kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Germany



**Other colors**



Dead leaf      Black

**Developed for both the field and home**, this cross of poodle and pointer aims to be the best of both: intelligent, hardy, and sociable, with excellent all-around working abilities. Most popular with hunters, the Pudelpointer is an amenable and cheerful rural companion.

Large, dark,  
amber eyes

Saber-like tail

White markings  
on chest

Curling  
forelock

Drop ears lie  
close to head

Beard and  
moustache  
lighter in  
color

Hard, rough,  
brown coat,  
with dense  
undercoat

Slightly  
tucked-up belly

Oval feet



# AUVERGNE POINTER

A GOOD-NATURED, OBEDIENT DOG WITH LOTS OF STAMINA

FCI

**Height range**  
21–25in (53–63cm)

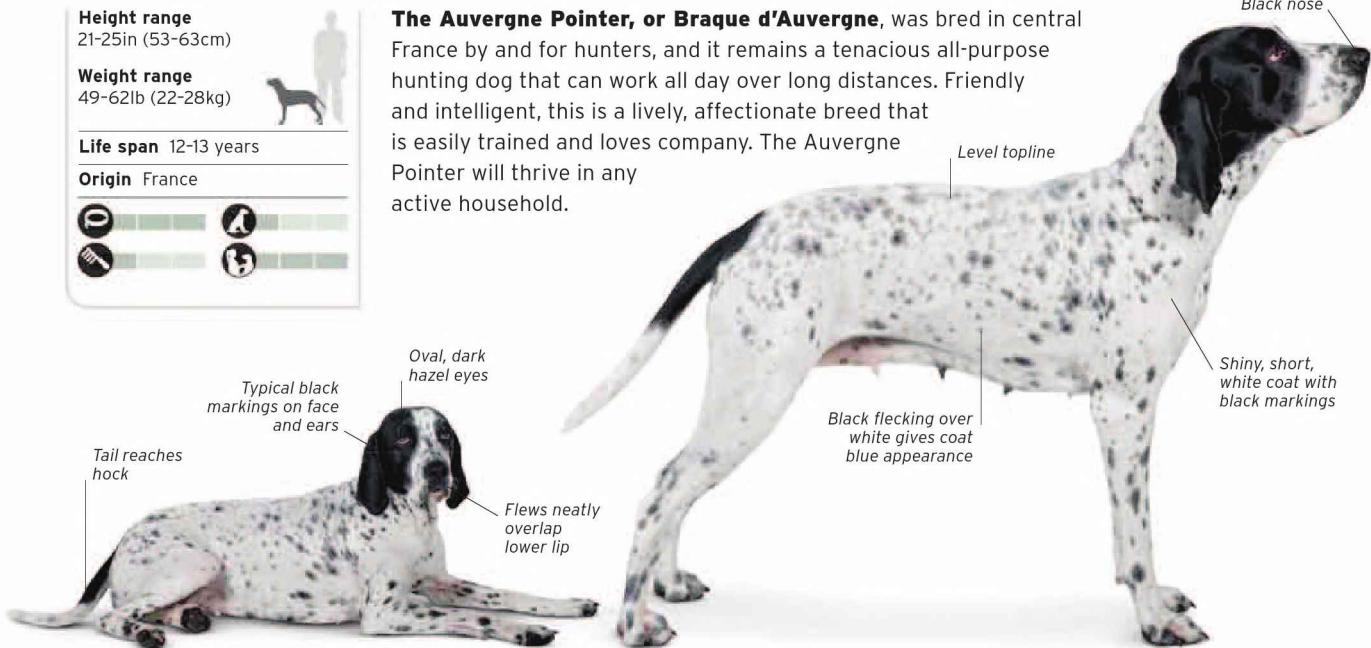
**Weight range**  
49–62lb (22–28kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** France



The Auvergne Pointer, or Braque d'Auvergne, was bred in central France by and for hunters, and it remains a tenacious all-purpose hunting dog that can work all day over long distances. Friendly and intelligent, this is a lively, affectionate breed that is easily trained and loves company. The Auvergne Pointer will thrive in any active household.



# ARIEGE POINTING DOG

AN ELEGANT BREED BEST SUITED TO A HIGHLY ACTIVE, DISCIPLINED LIFE

FCI

**Height range**  
22–26in (56–67cm)

**Weight range**  
55–66lb (25–30kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** France



Rare even in its homeland in southwest France, the Ariège Pointing Dog, or Braque de l'Ariège, is used for pointing and retrieving, and has some tracking ability. It is almost exclusively owned by hunters, and needs patient training to settle an enthusiastic nature that can spill over into wildness, and plenty to do if it is not to become destructive.



# FRENCH GASCONY POINTER

THIS DOG IS GENTLE AND INTELLIGENT AT HOME BUT AN AVID HUNTER OUTDOORS

FCI

**Height range**  
22-27in (56-69cm)



**Weight range**  
55-70lb (25-32kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Chestnut-brown

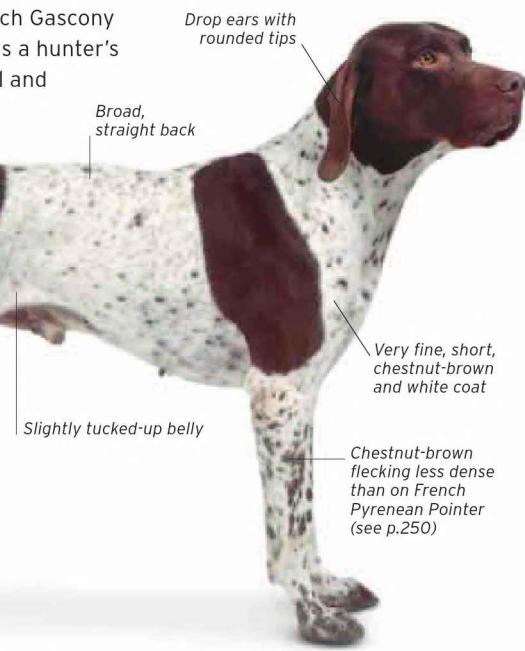
Chestnut-brown dogs may have tan markings.

**One of the oldest pointer breeds**, the French Gascony Pointer, from southwest France, is still kept as a hunter's dog as well as a household companion. Loyal and affectionate, it has a sensitive nature that responds best to gentle, consistent training. It is a determined and enthusiastic tracker in the field.



Chestnut-brown eyes

Compact, almost round feet



Drop ears with rounded tips

Broad, straight back

Very fine, short, chestnut-brown and white coat

Chestnut-brown flecking less dense than on French Pyrenean Pointer (see p.250)

Slightly tucked-up belly

# SLOVAKIAN ROUGH-HAIRED POINTER

THIS LOYAL, OBEDIENT, AND LEVEL-HEADED BREED LOVES TO WORK

KC

**Height range**  
22-27in (57-68cm)



**Weight range**  
55-77lb (25-35kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** Slovakia



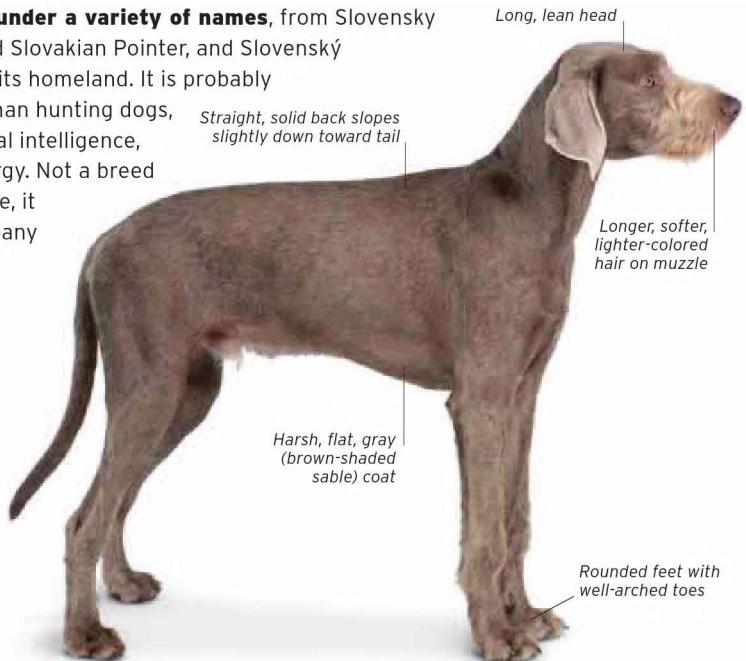
**This breed is found under a variety of names**, from Slovensky Pointer to Wire-haired Slovakian Pointer, and Slovenský Hrubosrstý Stavač in its homeland. It is probably descended from German hunting dogs, and shows their typical intelligence, good humor, and energy. Not a breed to leave alone at home, it thrives on company and activity.

Drop ears with short, soft hair



Almond-shaped, amber eyes

White markings on chest



Long, lean head

Straight, solid back slopes slightly down toward tail

Longer, softer, lighter-colored hair on muzzle

Harsh, flat, gray (brown-shaded sable) coat

Rounded feet with well-arched toes

# ENGLISH POINTER

THIS ATHLETIC DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF EXERCISE IF KEPT AS A PET

AKC

**Height range**  
24–27in (61–69cm)



**Weight range**  
45–75lb (20–34kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

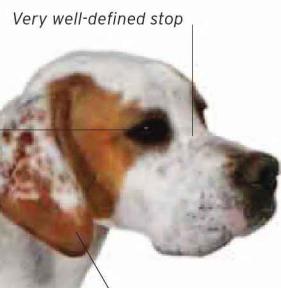
**Simply known as the Pointer in the UK and US,** this breed is swift and keen when tracking and pointing, tasks for which it has long been used; however, it does not retrieve particularly well. In character, English Pointers are gentle, loyal, and obedient. They are good-natured family companions and reliable with children but can be too boisterous with toddlers. They retain their hunting stamina and need plenty of outdoor space.



White blaze on head



Well-developed,  
soft flews



Very well-defined stop

Bright,  
hazel eyes

Drop ears



# SPANISH POINTER

GENTLE AND INTELLIGENT, THIS BREED IS NIMBLER THAN IT LOOKS

FCI

**Height range**  
23–26in (59–67cm)



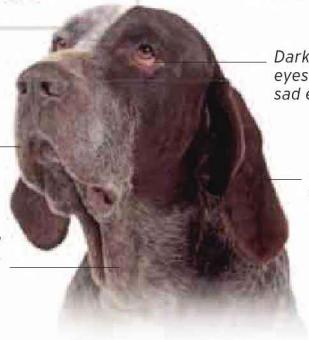
**Weight range**  
55–66lb (25–30kg)

**Life span** 12–14 years

**Origin** Spain

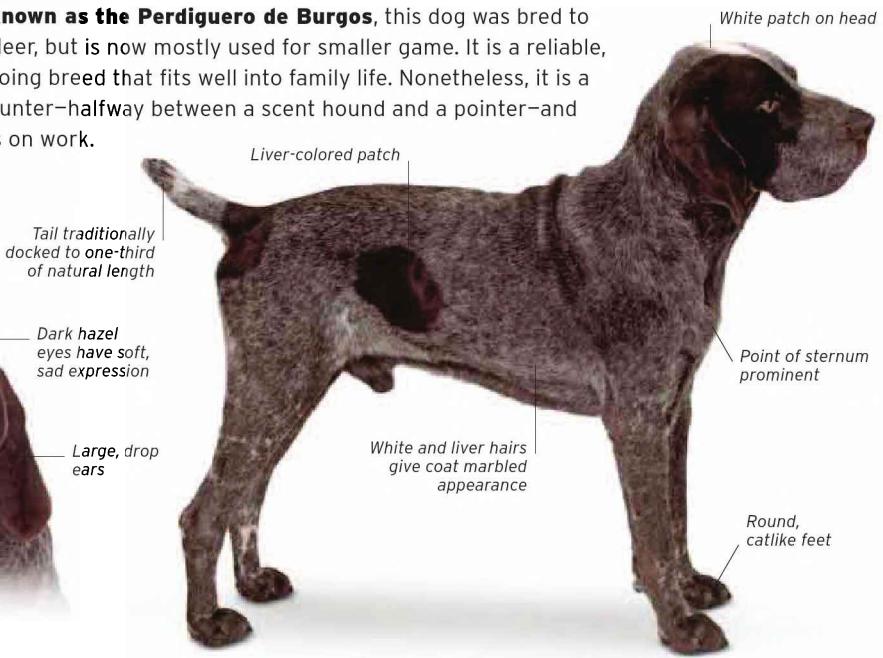


Well-developed  
flews cover  
lower lip



Well-defined  
dewlap on neck

**Also known as the Perdiguero de Burgos**, this dog was bred to track deer, but is now mostly used for smaller game. It is a reliable, easy-going breed that fits well into family life. Nonetheless, it is a keen hunter—halfway between a scent hound and a pointer—and thrives on work.



# OLD DANISH POINTER

THIS ADAPTABLE AND ROBUST DOG MAKES A GENTLE, PATIENT COMPANION

FCI

**Height range**  
20–24in (50–60cm)



**Weight range**  
57–77lb (26–35kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

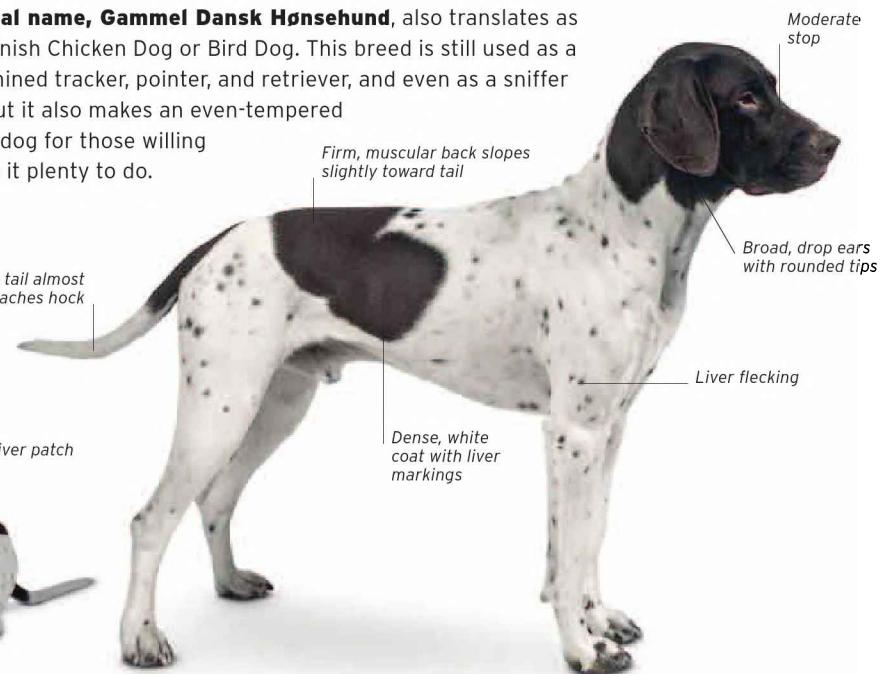
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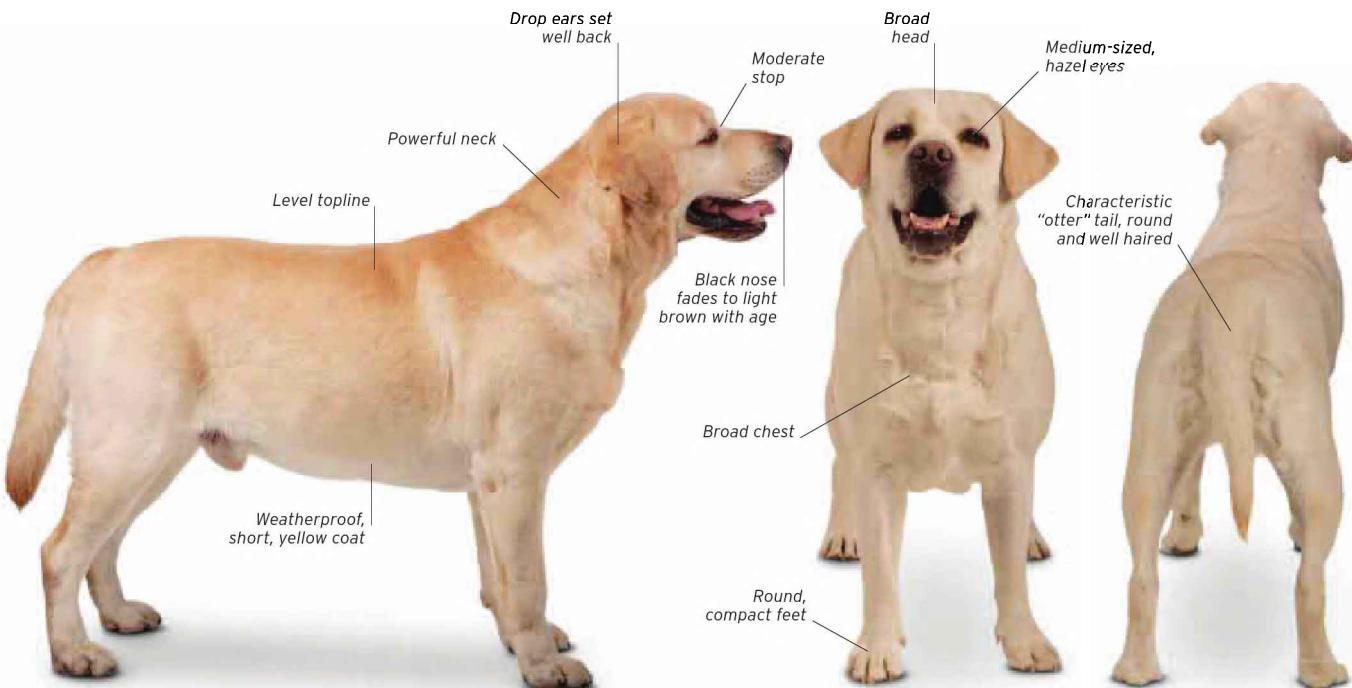


Muscular, slightly  
“throaty” neck



**Its local name, Gammel Dansk Hønsehund**, also translates as Old Danish Chicken Dog or Bird Dog. This breed is still used as a determined tracker, pointer, and retriever, and even as a sniffer dog, but it also makes an even-tempered family dog for those willing to give it plenty to do.





# LABRADOR RETRIEVER

THIS KIND AND INTELLIGENT FAMILY FAVORITE LOVES SPORTS AND SWIMMING

AKC

**Height range**  
22in (55-57cm)

**Weight range**  
55-82lb (25-37kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Canada



**Other colors**



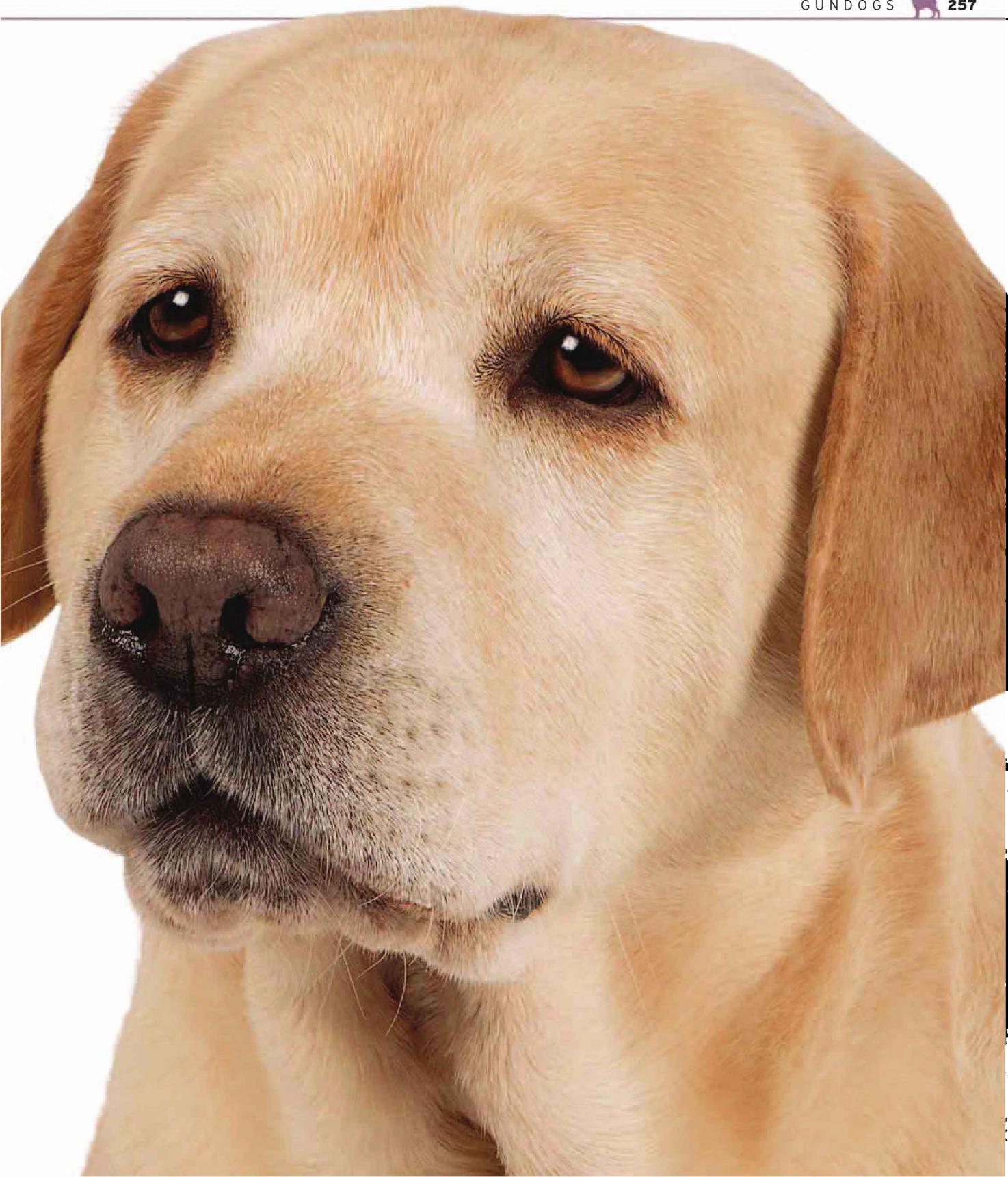
Chocolate      Black  
May have a small, white spot on chest.

**One of the most familiar dogs**, the Labrador Retriever has been topping "popular dog" lists for at least two decades. The dogs from which the present-day Labrador Retriever descended were not from Labrador, as is commonly supposed, but from Newfoundland. Here, from the 18th century onward, black dogs with waterproof coats were bred by local fishermen and used to help tow in catches and retrieve escaping fish. Dogs of this early type no longer exist, but a few were brought to England in the 19th century and these led to the development of the modern Labrador Retriever. By the early 20th century the breed was officially recognized and continued to be much admired by field sportsmen for its excellent retrieving skills.

Today the Labrador Retriever is still widely used as a gundog and has proved efficient at other types of work, such as tracking for

police forces. In particular, its steady character makes it a superb guide dog for the blind. However, it is as a family dog that this breed has gained great popularity. The Labrador Retriever is loving and lovable, easy to train, anxious to please, and reliable with children and household pets—but it has too amiable a character to make a good guard dog.

This breed has energy to burn and needs to be kept mentally as well as physically active. Long daily walks are essential, preferably with the chance to have a swim along the way. If this dog sees water, it will plunge straight in. Under-exercised and left to its own devices, a Labrador Retriever may be given to excessive barking or become destructive. It tends to gain weight quickly, and lack of exercise combined with its insatiable appetite can lead to weight problems.



# GOLDEN RETRIEVER

THIS EXUBERANT, EASY-GOING GUNDOG HAS BECOME A FAMILY FAVORITE

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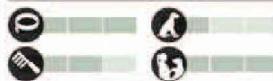
**Height range**  
20-24in (51-61cm)



**Weight range**  
55-75lb (25-34kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** UK

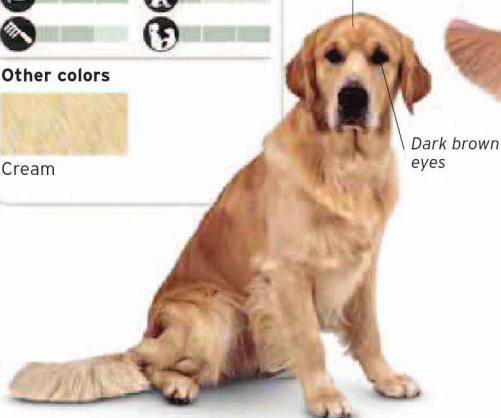


**Other colors**



Cream

**Bred as a powerful retriever for long-distance work**, the Golden Retriever is used by hunters and in field trials. It is also used as a guide dog and kept as a gregarious pet. Responsive and even-tempered, this dog's main aim in life is to please. Its friendly nature means it does not make a good guard dog.



*Powerful but well-chiseled head*

*Dark brown eyes*

*Long tail without a curl*

*Long, silky, golden coat*



*Dense, water-resistant, lighter undercoat*

*Round, catlike feet*

# FLAT COATED RETRIEVER

A GOOD-NATURED GREGARIOUS DOG WITH A CORE OF COMMON SENSE

AKC

**Height range**  
22-24in (56-61cm)



**Weight range**  
55-80lb (25-36kg)

**Life span** 11-13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Liver

**One of the earliest retriever breeds**, this was once a favorite among gamekeepers. Today it is still worked but is more often found as a good-natured and handsome pet. Lively and brimming with enthusiasm, the Flat Coated Retriever is also level-headed and obedient. It has a deep bark so can make a good guard dog.

*Triangular, drop ears with rounded tips*

*Dense, black coat*



*Well-feathered tail*

*Shallow stop*



*Feathering on chest*

*Round, close-knit feet*

# CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER

THIS EVEN-TEMPERED DOG IS SUITED TO COUNTRY LIFE

AKC

**Height range**  
21-26in (53-66cm)



**Weight range**  
55-80lb (25-36kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Straw bracken



Red-gold

May have small, white markings.

**This retriever originated in the northeastern United States** and has much in common with the Curly Coated Retriever (below). A superb water dog, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever has typical retriever gentleness but an alert and determined personality. For those who can provide enough activity, this is an intelligent and biddable companion.

Color of nose  
matches coat



# CURLY COATED RETRIEVER

THIS ROBUST, ENERGETIC WORKING DOG DOES NOT LIKE TO BE LEFT ALONE

AKC

**Height range**  
25-27in (64-69cm)



**Weight range**  
60-70lb (27-32kg)

**Life span** 12-13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Liver

Smooth, short hair on head

**Bred for hunting waterfowl**, this rare retriever is worked and used as an assistance dog, as well as kept as an affectionate and level-headed companion. High energy levels and a need for company make this dog more suited to a rural life than to an urban home.

Small, triangular, drop ears



### MEXICAN PET

A Chihuahua may fit into a handbag but it is not a fashion accessory. This little breed from Mexico needs exercise as much as any larger dog.





# COMPANION DOGS

**Almost any dog can provide companionship.** Many dogs once used for outside duties, such as herding, have moved indoors with the family. Usually, these breeds have been developed for specific tasks and so are traditionally grouped according to their primary function. With a few exceptions, the companion dogs included here are bred solely as pets.

Most companion dogs are small breeds, created primarily to sit on laps, look decorative, and entertain their owners without taking up much room. Some of them are toy versions of larger working breeds. The Poodle, for example, once used for herding or for retrieving waterfowl, was bred down in size to a toy dog that could no longer perform any practical function. Other, larger, dogs sometimes grouped with companion breeds include the Dalmatian, whose career included a short-lived spell as a carriage escort, as much for prestige as guard duty. Now that this job no longer exists, Dalmatians are rarely used for any working purpose.

Companion dogs have a long history. A number of them originated thousands of years ago in China, where small dogs were kept in the imperial courts as ornaments and a source of comfort. Until the late 19th century

companion dogs everywhere were almost exclusively the pampered pets of the wealthy. As such, they often featured in portraits, depicted sitting prettily in the drawing room or with children as a nursery plaything. Some, such as the King Charles Spaniel, owe their enduring popularity to the former patronage of royalty.

Appearance has always mattered in the breeding of companion dogs. Over the centuries selective breeding has produced characteristics, some bizarre, that serve no useful function but are designed to appeal—for example, the humanlike flat faces and large, round eyes of the Pekingese and



The Pug's flat face and round eyes are designed to appeal

the Pug. Some have extravagantly long coats, curly tails, or—in the case of the Chinese Crested—no hair at all apart from a few strategically placed tufts on the head or legs.

In modern times companion dogs are no longer a symbol of class. They find a place with owners of all ages and circumstances, in small apartments as well as large country homes. Although still chosen for their looks, these dogs are also sought after as friends that give and demand affection and adapt happily to family activities.



**LIVELY COMPANION**  
Although Dalmatians have great energy and stamina, they are nearly always kept as pets rather than for practical uses.

**SMALLEST DOG**  
Few, if any, companion breeds come smaller than the diminutive and delightful Russian Toy.



# BRUSSELS GRIFFON

A LIVELY, ALERT, WELL-BALANCED DOG WITH A TERRIER-LIKE DISPOSITION

AKC

**Height range**  
9–11in (23–28cm)



**Weight range**  
7–11lb (3–5kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Belgium

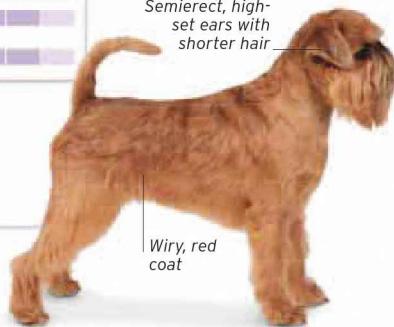


**Other colors**



Black and tan

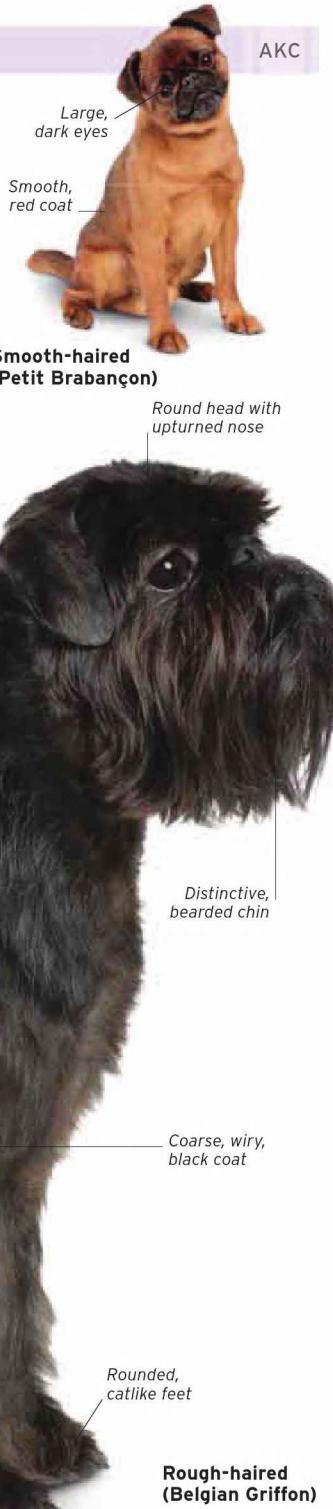
**Rough-haired  
(Brussels Griffon)**



Wiry, red coat

Semierect, high-set ears with shorter hair

**This stocky little dog originated in Belgium**, where it was kept as a stable dog and rode in hansom cabs. With traces of the Affenpinscher (see p.219) in its ancestry, there is a smooth-haired variety (known as the Petit Brabançon) and a rough-haired variety with a distinctive beard. In some countries the rough-haired type is also differentiated by color—black-coated dogs are known as Belgian Griffons; all other colorings as Brussels Griffon. Totally fearless, but very adaptable and affectionate, the breed enjoys a good walk and being pampered. It is not recommended for households with very young children.



**Smooth-haired  
(Petit Brabançon)**

Round head with upturned nose



Distinctive, bearded chin



Compact, square body

Coarse, wiry, black coat

Rounded, catlike feet

**Rough-haired  
(Belgian Griffon)**

# AMERICAN BULLDOG

THIS LOYAL, RELIABLE, AND BRAVE DOG HAS STRONG PROTECTIVE INSTINCTS

**Height range**  
20–27in (51–69cm)

**Weight range**  
60–125lb (27–57kg)

**Life span** Up to 16 years

**Origin** USA

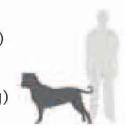


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Short, red coat

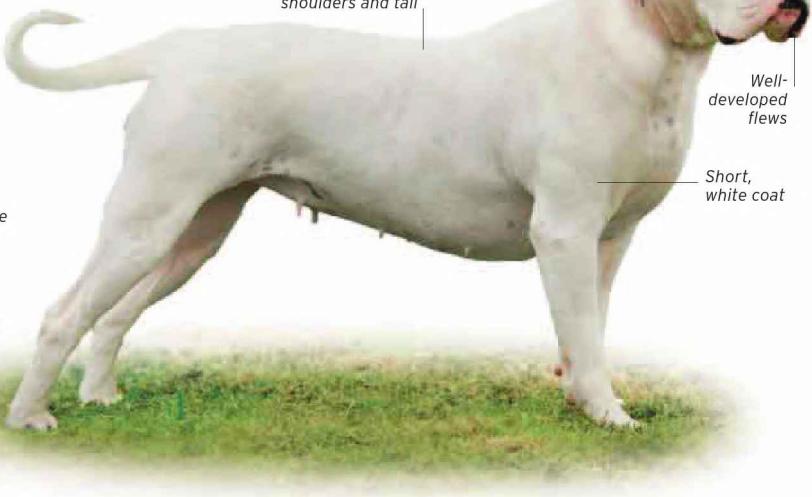


Variety of colors



**Early English settlers brought the Bulldog** (see p.94) with them to America. Two breeders, John D. Johnson and Alan Scott, used the English variety to develop the American Bulldog, which is taller, more active, and more versatile than its English counterpart. Male dogs are significantly heavier than females.

Characteristic dip between shoulders and tail



Large, broad head

Black nose

Broad, white chest

Small, button ears

Well-developed flews

Short, white coat

# OLDE ENGLISH BULLDOGGE

AN EXTREMELY STRONG BUT FRIENDLY AND LOVING COMPANION DOG

**Height range**  
16–20in (41–51cm)

**Weight range**  
50–80lb (23–36kg)

**Life span** 9–14 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Variety of colors



**This muscular dog is a recreation of the original** 19th-century Bulldog. It was developed in the United States during the 1970s by David Leavitt to eliminate some of the health problems that are now seen in the modern Bulldog (see p.94). Confident and courageous, these intelligent dogs are excellent family companions. However, they benefit from early socialization and training.

Round, brown eyes, set wide apart

Lower jaw is longer than upper jaw (undershot)

Broad chest

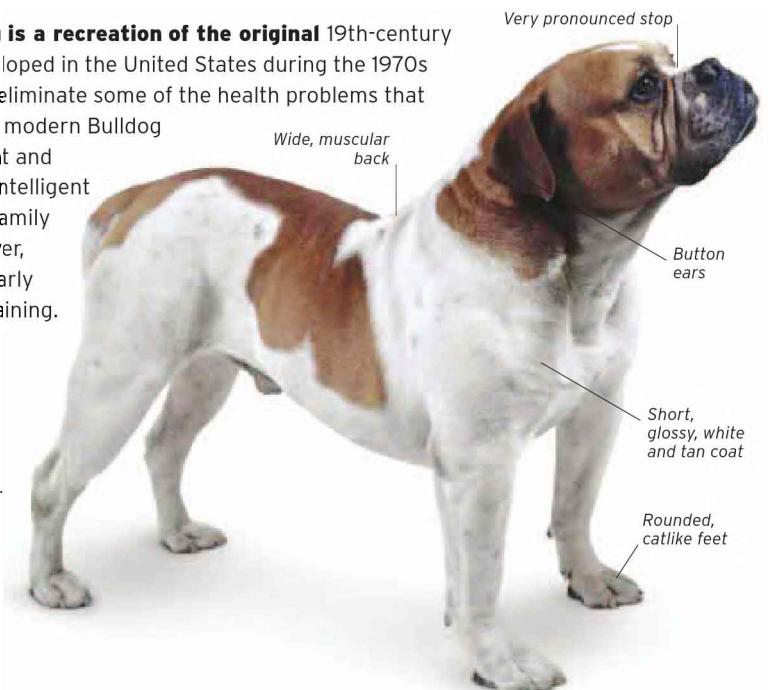
Very pronounced stop

Wide, muscular back

Button ears

Short, glossy, white and tan coat

Rounded, catlike feet



# FRENCH BULLDOG

THIS AFFECTIONATE AND INTELLIGENT CLOWN-LIKE DOG THRIVES ON HUMAN COMPANY

AKC

**Height range**  
11–13in (28–33cm)



**Weight range**  
24–29lb (11–13kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** France



**Other colors**



Black brindle

**A sturdy, compact little dog**, the French Bulldog makes an excellent companion, but has few boundaries and will want to share its owner's favorite chair. Always ready for fun, kind but firm direction may be needed. This breed is a descendent of the British Toy Bulldog taken to France in the 19th century.

Fawn coat



Distinctive, erect "bat" ears, wide at base, rounded at top

Short, pied coat with white predominant



Wide-set, dark eyes

Strong, thickset neck

# PEKINGESE

DIGNIFIED AND COURAGEOUS YET SENSITIVE, THIS GOOD-NATURED DOG HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN

AKC

**Height range**  
6–9in (15–23cm)



**Weight range**  
up to 12lb (up to 5kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** China



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**An aristocrat, whose ancestors** can be traced back to the Tang Dynasty (618–907 CE), the Pekingese was considered sacred in China and could only be owned by royalty. The perfect dog for an apartment, it loves exercise but not long walks. Intelligent and fearless, it makes a loyal companion but can be hard to train.



Lionlike mane around face



Coarse, straight, long gold topcoat

Very short muzzle

Lighter-colored undercoat

# PUG

THIS PLAYFUL AND INTELLIGENT DOG LOVES PEOPLE BUT IS SOMETIMES WILLFUL

AKC

**Height range**  
10-11in (25-28cm)



**Weight range**  
13-18lb (6-8kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** China



**Other colors**



Silver



Apricot



Black

**This breed, with a long history,** originated in China and its ancestors were brought to Europe in the 16th century by the East India Company traders. In Europe it became popular with royalty and aristocracy. The Pug is a small, sturdy, square dog whose stern appearance belies its cheerful personality and great character. It is highly intelligent, outgoing, has a loving disposition, and makes a loyal companion. The Pug is suitable for a novice dog owner and is good with children as well as other pets. This breed needs regular exercise but not a lot of space—so is ideal for apartment life.

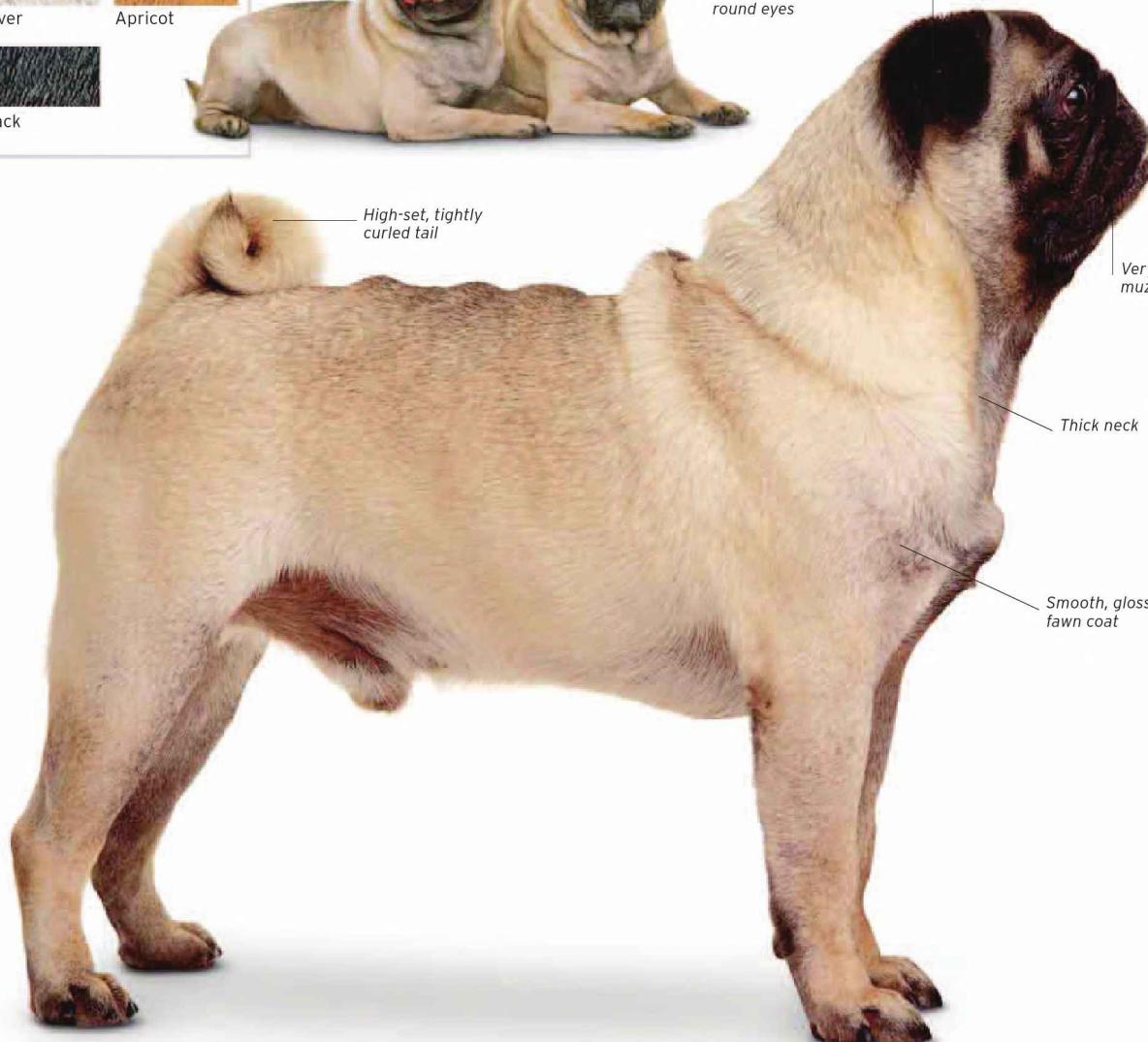


Broad chest



Large, round eyes

Button ears with flap folding forward



Very short muzzle

Thick neck

Smooth, glossy, fawn coat

High-set, tightly curled tail

# LHASA APSO

HARDY, INDEPENDENT, AND FRIENDLY, THIS DOG IS NATURALLY SUSPICIOUS OF STRANGERS

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 10in (Up to 25cm)



**Weight range**  
13-15lb (6-7kg)

**Life span** 15-18 years

**Origin** Tibet

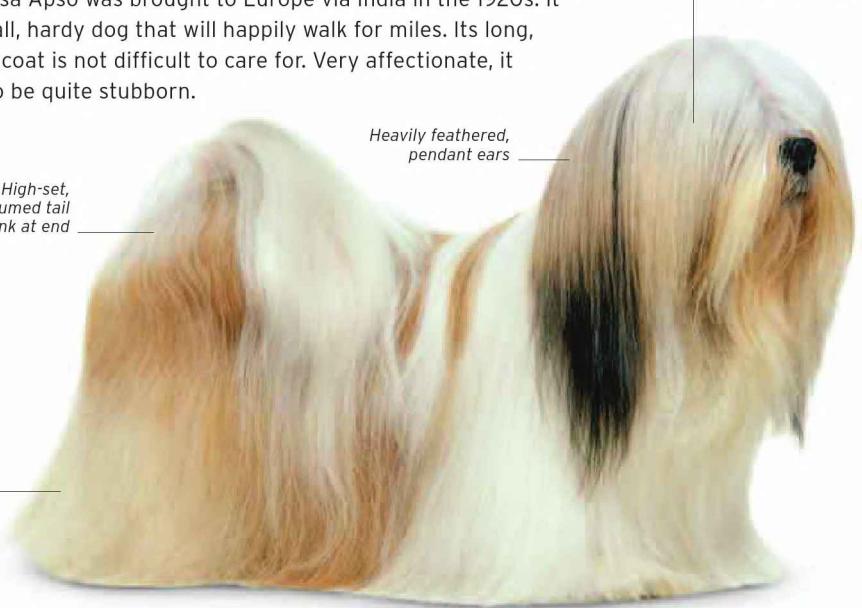


**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**First bred in Tibet as a watchdog** for temples and monasteries, the Lhasa Apso was brought to Europe via India in the 1920s. It is a small, hardy dog that will happily walk for miles. Its long, flowing coat is not difficult to care for. Very affectionate, it can also be quite stubborn.



Heavily feathered, pendant ears

High-set, plumed tail with kink at end

Cloak of heavy, straight, wheaten and white hair, with thick undercoat

# SHIH TZU

THIS INTELLIGENT, BOUNCY, AND OUTGOING DOG LOVES BEING PART OF THE FAMILY

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 11in (Up to 27cm)



**Weight range**  
11-18lb (5-8kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Tibet/China



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

Short, muscular legs hidden by long coat



**This sturdy breed** is thought to be a cross between the Lhasa Apso (above) and the Pekingese (see p.264). Abundantly but not excessively coated, it sheds little or no hair, making it a good companion for allergy sufferers. Despite its distinctly arrogant carriage, the Shih Tzu makes an affectionate and friendly pet.

Heavily plumed tail with white tip

White blaze on forehead



Hair grows upward around the muzzle

Long, dense, black and white topcoat

# BICHON FRISE

A GENTLE, INTELLIGENT, AND EXTROVERT DOG WITH A NON-SHEDDING COAT

AKC

**Height range**  
9–11in (23–28cm)



**Weight range**  
10–16lb (5–7kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

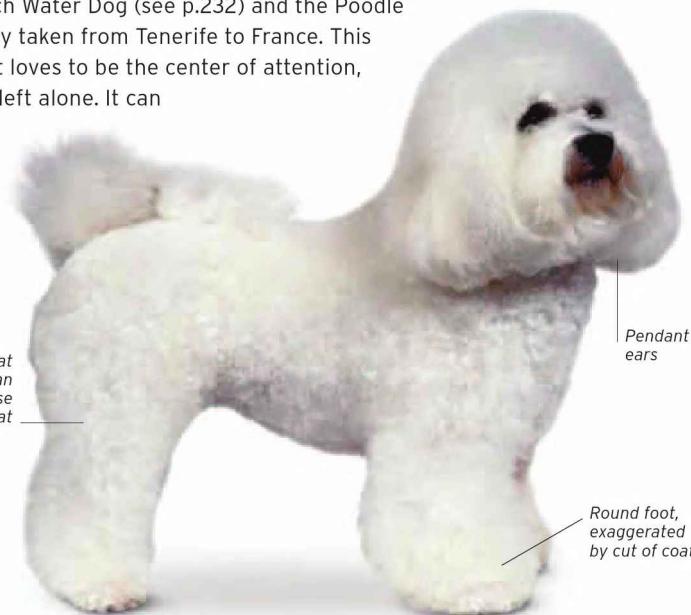
**Origin** Mediterranean



**Sometimes known as** the Tenerife dog, the Bichon Frise—a descendant of the French Water Dog (see p.232) and the Poodle (see p.271)—was allegedly taken from Tenerife to France. This is a happy little dog that loves to be the center of attention, and does not like being left alone. It can be slow to house train.



Round,  
black eyes



White topcoat  
is coarser than  
soft, dense  
undercoat

Pendant  
ears

Round foot,  
exaggerated  
by cut of coat

# COTON DE TULEAR

A LOYAL, BRIGHT, AND HIGHLY SOCIALE DOG WITH A SOFT, COTTON-TEXTURED COAT

KC

**Height range**  
10–13in (25–32cm)



**Weight range**  
9–13lb (4–6kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Madagascar



**This small, long-haired dog** is known for its happy temperament. The Coton de Tulear enjoys the company of humans as well as other dogs and does not like to be left alone. It is sometimes called the Royal Dog of Madagascar, where the dog existed for several hundred years before being introduced to France.



Well-feathered tail

Non-shedding,  
soft, white coat

Strong,  
powerful muzzle



Long hair  
should not  
reach the  
ground

# LÖWCHEN

AFFECTIONATE, LIVELY, AND OUTGOING, THIS FAMILY-LOVING COMPANION HAS A STYLISH MANE

AKC

**Height range**  
10-13in (25-33cm)



**Weight range**  
8-18lb (4-8kg)

**Life span** 12-14 years

**Origin** France/Germany



**Other colors**



Any color

Brown coat  
with lighter  
underparts  
and head



The Löwchen, with origins in France and Germany, has existed as a companion dog for at least 400 years. The name Löwchen is German for little lion, hence its other name, the Little Lion Dog. It is a compact little dog with a bright expression and a reputation for agility and quickness. The Löwchen's intelligent, outgoing attitude makes it a pleasure to live with. It is highly recommended as a family pet and its size and non-shedding coat make it an ideal family dog.

Tail carried  
high over back

Pendant ears  
with long  
fringes

Coat often  
clipped at back,  
and long at front

Small, round  
feet covered  
in hair

Long, wavy,  
black coat with  
silver brindling



# BOLOGNESE

THIS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, LOW-ENERGY DOG ENJOYS INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES

KC

**Height range**  
10-12in (26-31cm)



**Weight range**  
7-9lb (3-4kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Italy



Slightly more reserved and shy than its relative the Bichon Frise (see p.267), the Bolognese loves people and will form a close relationship with its owner. Like the Bichon Frise, it has a non-shedding coat. The breed originates from northern Italy. Similar dogs were known as far back as Roman times and are represented in many 16th-century Italian paintings.

High-set,  
drop ears

Body length same  
as height to withers

Distinctive,  
non-shedding,  
flocked, white coat

Round,  
black-rimmed  
eyes



# MALTESE

A BRAVE, ENERGETIC, AND FEARLESS DOG, BUT ALSO GENTLE MANNERED AND AMIABLE

AKC

**Height range**  
Up to 10in (Up to 25cm)



**Weight range**  
4-7lb (2-3kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Malta



Well-feathered,  
long ears hang  
close to head

Short, cobby-  
or square-body



**An ancient dog from the Mediterranean,** Maltese-like dogs are mentioned in writings as far back as 300 BCE. This is a lively, fun-loving, little dog that belies its picturesque appearance. The long, silky coat is a major commitment—it does not shed but requires daily grooming to prevent matting.



Silky, long,  
white coat

Tail carried over  
back with hair  
to one side

Dark brown,  
oval-shaped eyes  
with black rims

# HAVANESE

THIS INTELLIGENT, EASY-TO-TRAIN, AND AFFECTIONATE DOG IS THE PERFECT FAMILY PET

AKC

**Height range**  
9-11in (23-28cm)



**Weight range**  
7-13lb (3-6kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Cuba



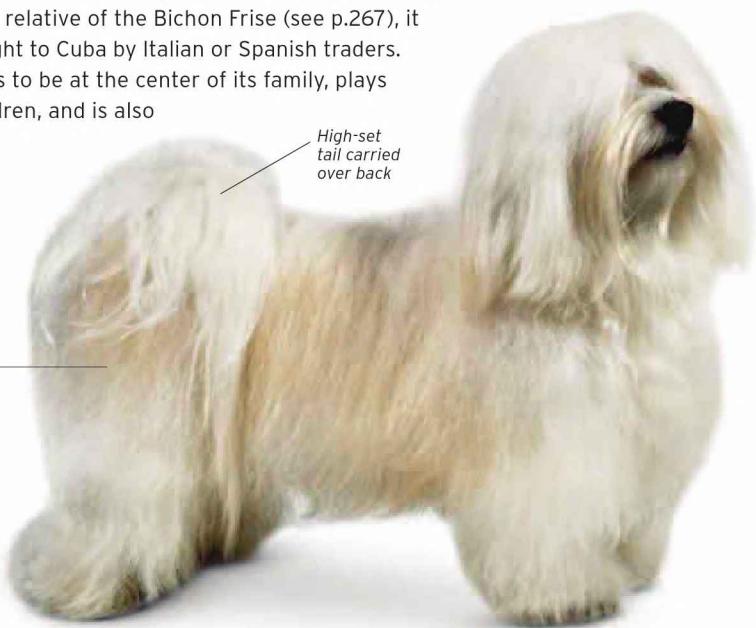
**Other colors**



Any color



**The Havanese is the national dog of Cuba,** where it is known as the Habanero. A relative of the Bichon Frise (see p.267), it was probably brought to Cuba by Italian or Spanish traders. The Havanese loves to be at the center of its family, plays endlessly with children, and is also a good watchdog.



High-set  
tail carried  
over back

Pointed, drop  
ears, set just  
above eyes

Soft, silky,  
wavy,  
wheaten  
topcoat

Small, hare-like  
feet hidden  
by long hair

# RUSSIAN TOY

SMALL BUT NOT DELICATE, THIS LOVABLE DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF EXERCISE

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**Height range**  
8–11in (20–28cm)



**Weight range**  
Up to 7lb (Up to 3kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

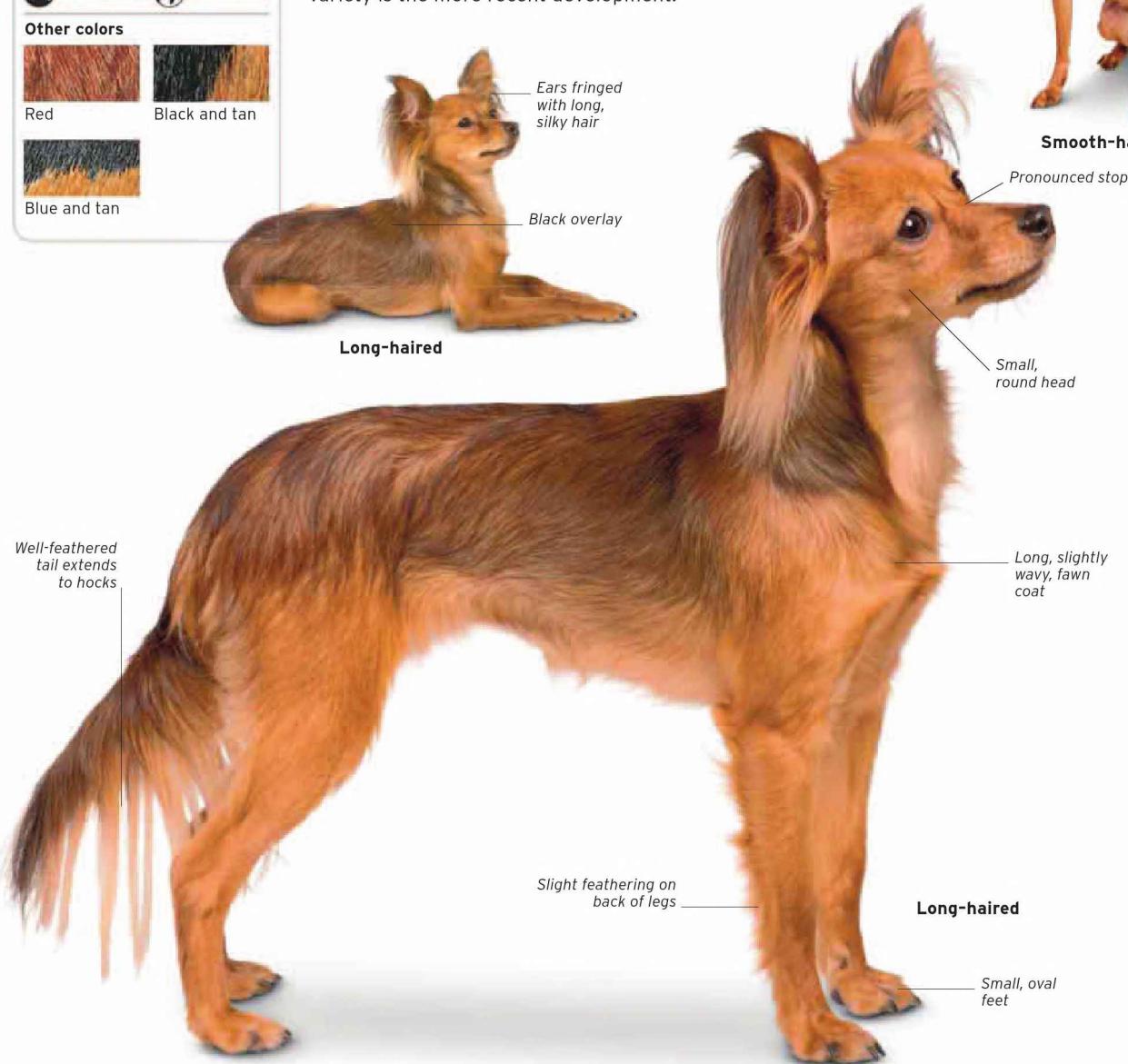
**Origin** Russia



**Other colors**



**Also known as the Russkiy Toy**, this miniature dog, one of the smallest breeds in the world, is descended from the English Toy Terrier (see p.210). The breed became popular in Russia in the second half of the 20th century but is still something of a rarity outside its native country. Despite its tiny size and fragile appearance, the Russian Toy is active, energetic, and usually has robust health. There are two coat types: smooth-haired and long-haired. The long-haired variety is the more recent development.



# POODLE (MINIATURE AND TOY)

A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, EXTROVERT DOG WITH A NATURAL TALENT TO AMUSE

AKC

#### Height range

##### Toy:

Up to 11in (Up to 28cm)

##### Miniature:

11-15in (28-38cm)

##### Medium:

15-18in (38-45cm)



#### Weight range

##### Toy:

7-9lb (3-4kg)

##### Miniature:

15-18lb (7-8kg)

##### Medium:

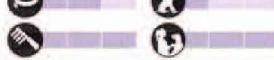
46-77lb (21-35kg)

#### Life span

Over 12 years

#### Origin

France



#### Other colors



All solid colors

**Bred down from the Poodle (Standard)** (see p.231) are three other sizes of Poodle: toy and miniature—recognized by the AKC—and medium—recognized by the FCI. The smaller varieties have always been companion dogs, and were popular in the French court between the reign of Louis XIV and Louis XVI. An elegant dog, the Poodle is energetic, playful, affectionate, and eager to please. It is also very adaptable, equally at home in the city or the countryside. The dog's non-shedding coat makes it popular with allergy sufferers, although it does need regular brushing and clipping.



Toy

Strong, muscular  
hind quarters

Dense,  
gray coat

Toy

Strong, muscular  
hind quarters

Dense,  
gray coat

High-set tail carried  
away from body

Dense,  
gray coat

Short but  
strong back

Shorter  
hair on  
face

Long, drop  
ears

Profuse,  
thick, woolly,  
black coat

Deep,  
wide chest

Miniature

Small, oval feet

Dark eyes

White coat

Toy

Dense,  
gray coat

Short but  
strong back

Shorter  
hair on  
face

Long, drop  
ears

Profuse,  
thick, woolly,  
black coat

Deep,  
wide chest

Miniature

Small, oval feet

# KYI LEO

THIS ATTRACTIVE, RELAXED, COMPACT BREED NEEDS PLENTY OF ACTIVITY

**Height range**  
9–11in (23–28cm)



**Weight range**  
9–13lb (4–6kg)

**Life span** 13–15 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

May have tan markings.

Short muzzle  
with beard

**A playful, affectionate breed that is gaining popularity**, the Kyi Leo is named after its parents: Kyi, Tibetan for dog, after its Lhasa Apso parent from Tibet; and Leo, Latin for lion, after its Maltese parent, which was once called the Lion Dog. Suited to indoor life, this alert dog makes a good watchdog.

Long, thick, silky,  
black and white coat

Tail curls over  
back when alert

Body length exceeds  
leg length

Long hairs  
cover head

Heavily  
feathered,  
drop ears

Rounded  
feet, with hair  
between toes

# CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

OUTGOING, SPORTING, AND ABSOLUTELY FEARLESS, THIS DOG IS EAGER TO PLEASE

**Height range**  
12–13in (30–33cm)



**Weight range**  
11–18lb (5–8kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



King Charles



Prince Charles

Ruby-colored coat

**A relative of the King Charles Spaniel** (opposite), this breed dates back centuries. With large, dark eyes, a melting expression, and an ever-wagging tail, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is game, easy to train, and loves children—making it the perfect family pet. Its silky coat requires regular grooming.

Long, silky, well-feathered,  
Blenheim-colored coat with  
slight wave

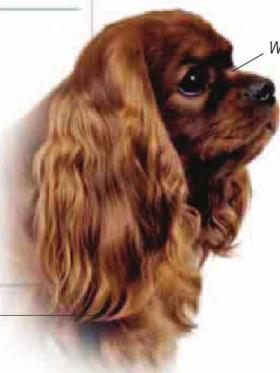
Well-defined stop

Short muzzle  
White lozenge  
mark on head

High-set,  
pendant ears

AKC

Feathering on  
back of legs



# ENGLISH TOY SPANIEL

NATURALLY WELL BEHAVED, THIS DOG MAKES A GENTLE AND AFFECTIONATE COMPANION

AKC

**Height range**  
10-11in (25-27cm)



**Weight range**  
9-13lb (4-6kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



**A very popular, compact little dog**, this breed is also known as the King Charles Spaniel. It is related to the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (opposite), and found in the same color variations, but it is a separate breed. Its ancestors were a favorite of King Charles II of England (1630-85), and often accompanied him on state occasions. A long, silky coat gives this spaniel an aristocratic look. Happy living in an apartment or house, it loves company and makes an excellent family pet, but does not like being left alone for long periods.



Very pronounced stop

Pendant ears



Characteristic domed head

Short, upturned muzzle with large, wide nostrils

Slightly undershot jaw (lower jaw longer than upper)

Blenheim-colored coat

Large, wide-set eyes



Prince Charles-colored, long, silky coat

Tan markings on legs

Well-padded feet



# CHINESE CRESTED

THIS ELEGANT, INTELLIGENT DOG ALWAYS ATTRACTS ATTENTION

AKC

**Height range**  
9–13in (23–33cm)

**Weight range**  
Up to 11lb (Up to 5kg)

**Life span** 12 years

**Origin** China



**Other colors**



Any color

**Hairlessness** is a feature of several dog breeds around the world. It is the result of a genetic mutation that was initially considered a curiosity but then became desirable as the breed did not harbor fleas, shed hair, or have body odor. Although the Chinese Crested requires little grooming, its bare skin is sensitive: in winter it needs a coat to keep it warm, and in summer requires protection from the intense heat of the sun, which can burn and dry out its skin. This delicate skin, combined with the fact that the Chinese Crested needs little exercise and activity, makes it unsuitable for families that spend a lot of time outdoors. However, it is an ideal companion dog for older people due to its happy and friendly nature and playful personality.

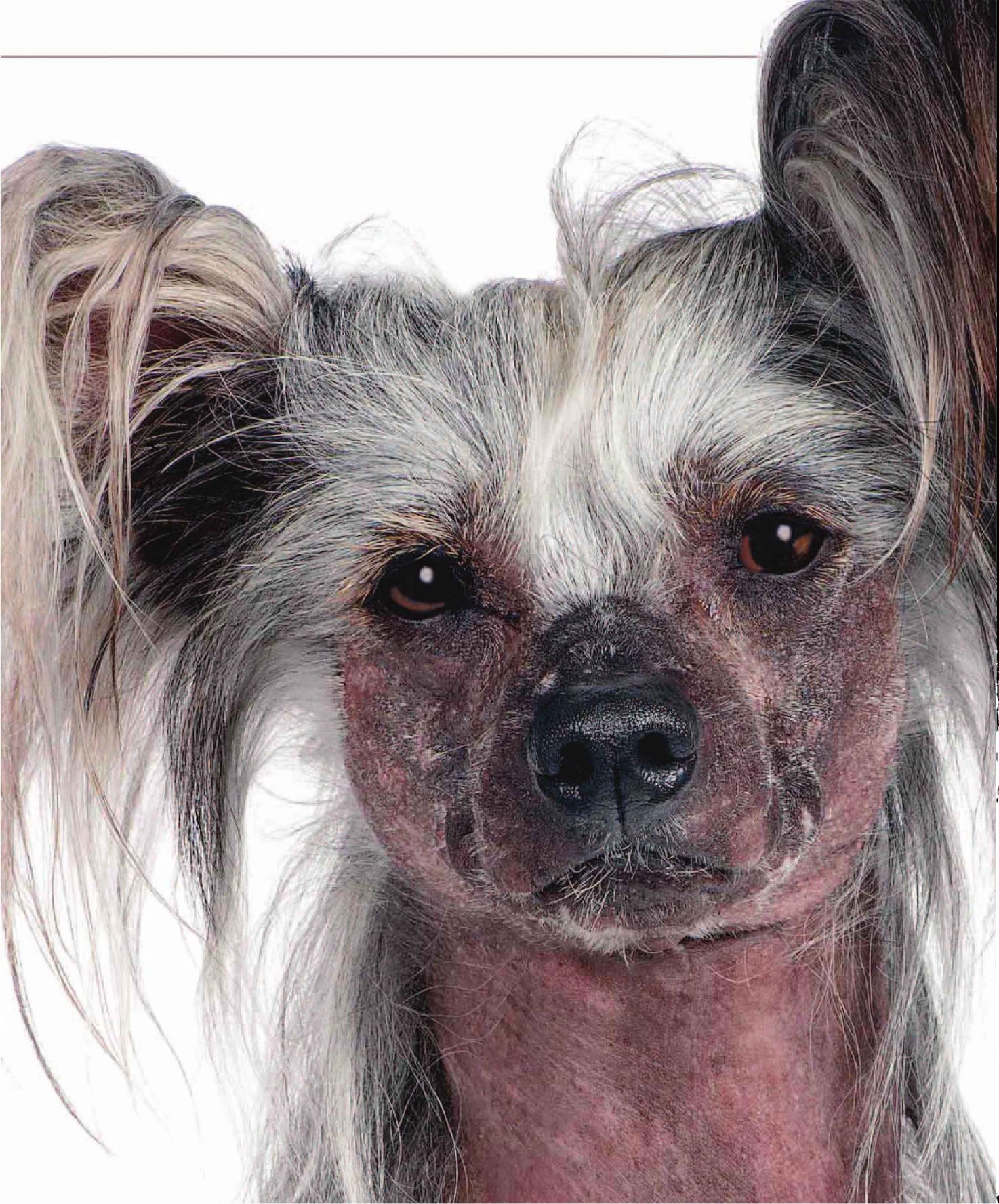
Some Chinese Crested dogs are more lightly built than others. These fine-boned individuals are referred

to as the deer type, while Chinese Crested dogs that have a heavier build are known as the cobby type.

## POWDERPUFF VARIETY

Unlike the hairless variety, the Powderpuff Chinese Crested has a long, soft coat, which needs regular grooming to prevent matting. Both coat varieties can occur in the same litter.





# CHIHUAHUA

A COMPANIONABLE, CLEVER, TINY DOG WITH A LARGE-DOG PERSONALITY

AKC

**Height range**  
6–9in (15–23cm)



**Weight range**  
4–6lb (2–3kg)



**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Mexico



**Other colors**



Any color

Always a single color—never dappled or merle.

**The smallest dog breed in the world**, the Chihuahua is a highly intelligent, easily trained dog that makes a delightful companion. The breed is thought to have originated in China, but it is named after the Mexican state of Chihuahua, where it first came to prominence in the 1890s. The Chihuahua's size means it can be taken anywhere, making it the perfect lap dog. Possessive by nature, the Chihuahua is also an excellent watchdog and is ready to stand up for itself even if the opposition is far bigger. It is not suitable for a family with young children.



# TIBETAN SPANIEL

THIS FUN-LOVING, INTELLIGENT, PLAYFUL DOG THRIVES ON HUMAN COMPANY

AKC

**Height range**  
10in (25cm)



**Weight range**  
9–15lb (4–7kg)

**Life span** Over 12 years

**Origin** Tibet



**Other colors**



Any color

**This small dog has a delightful, easy-going temperament.** Bred and owned by the monks of Tibet, the Tibetan Spaniel has a long history and was first brought to the UK around 1900 by returning medical missionaries. In spite of its slightly haughty expression, this dog is only too happy to run around outside and play.



# TIBETAN TERRIER

AN ATHLETIC, BRIGHT, SURE-FOOTED DOG PACKED WITH ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM

AKC

**Height range**  
14–16in (36–41cm)



**Weight range**  
18–31lb (8–14kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Tibet



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Resembling a miniature Old English Sheepdog** (see p.49), the Tibetan Terrier was originally bred for herding and was also used as a guard dog for traders journeying to and from China. This medium-sized dog requires a firm hand, but the reward is a loyal, devoted companion. The long coat needs daily grooming to prevent matting.



# JAPANESE CHIN

THIS EXTROVERT, STYLISH, LIVELY DOG IS DAINTY BUT DEFINITELY NOT DELICATE

AKC

**Height range**  
8-11in (20-28cm)



**Weight range**  
4-7lb (2-3kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

**Origin** Japan



**Other colors**



Red and white

**Ancestors of the Japanese Chin** are thought to have been a royal gift from China to the Emperor of Japan. This dog was bred especially to warm the laps and hands of the ladies of Japan's Imperial Palace. Happy living in a small space, it makes an ideal apartment dog but its profuse coat sheds heavily.



Short hair on front of legs

Feathered tail curves over back



Compact, square body

Short, wide muzzle with upturned nose



Long, straight, silky, black and white coat

# DANISH-SWEDISH FARMDOG

ALERT, ATTENTIVE, AND FRIENDLY, THIS DOG NEEDS A LOT OF EXERCISE

**Height range**  
13-15in (32-37cm)



**Weight range**  
15-26lb (7-12kg)

**Life span** 10-15 years

**Origin** Denmark/Sweden

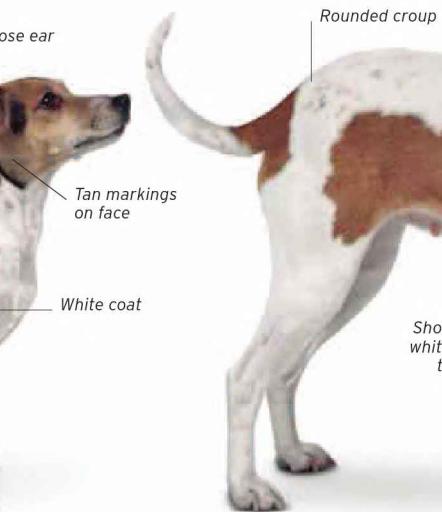


**This working dog** has been historically used on farms in Denmark and Sweden as a herder, watchdog, and ratter, as well as a companion. Always eager to play, the Danish-Swedish Farmdog is good with children, so can make a great family dog, but it does have a tendency to chase small animals.

Black patch



White coat

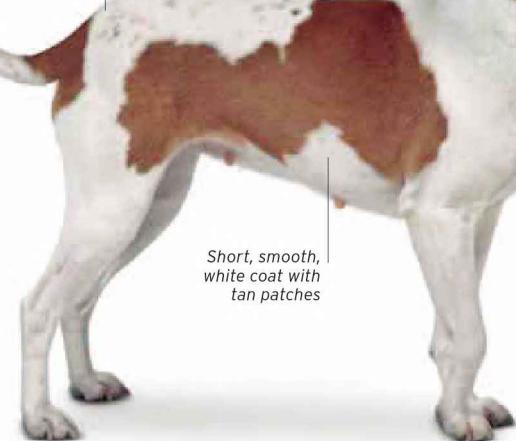


Rounded croup

High-set, button ears

Triangular-shaped head is small in relation to body

Short, smooth, white coat with tan patches



Rose ear

# DALMATIAN

THIS PLAYFUL AND EASY-GOING DOG NEEDS PLENTY OF EXERCISE AND PERSISTENT TRAINING

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**Height range**  
22–24in (56–61cm)



**Weight range**  
40–60lb (18–27kg)

**Life span** Over 10 years

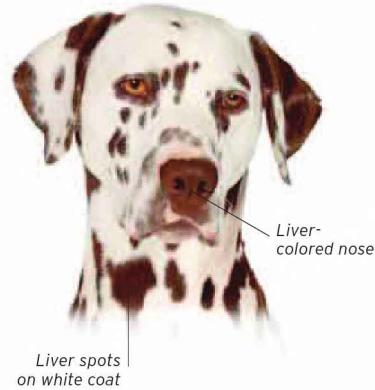
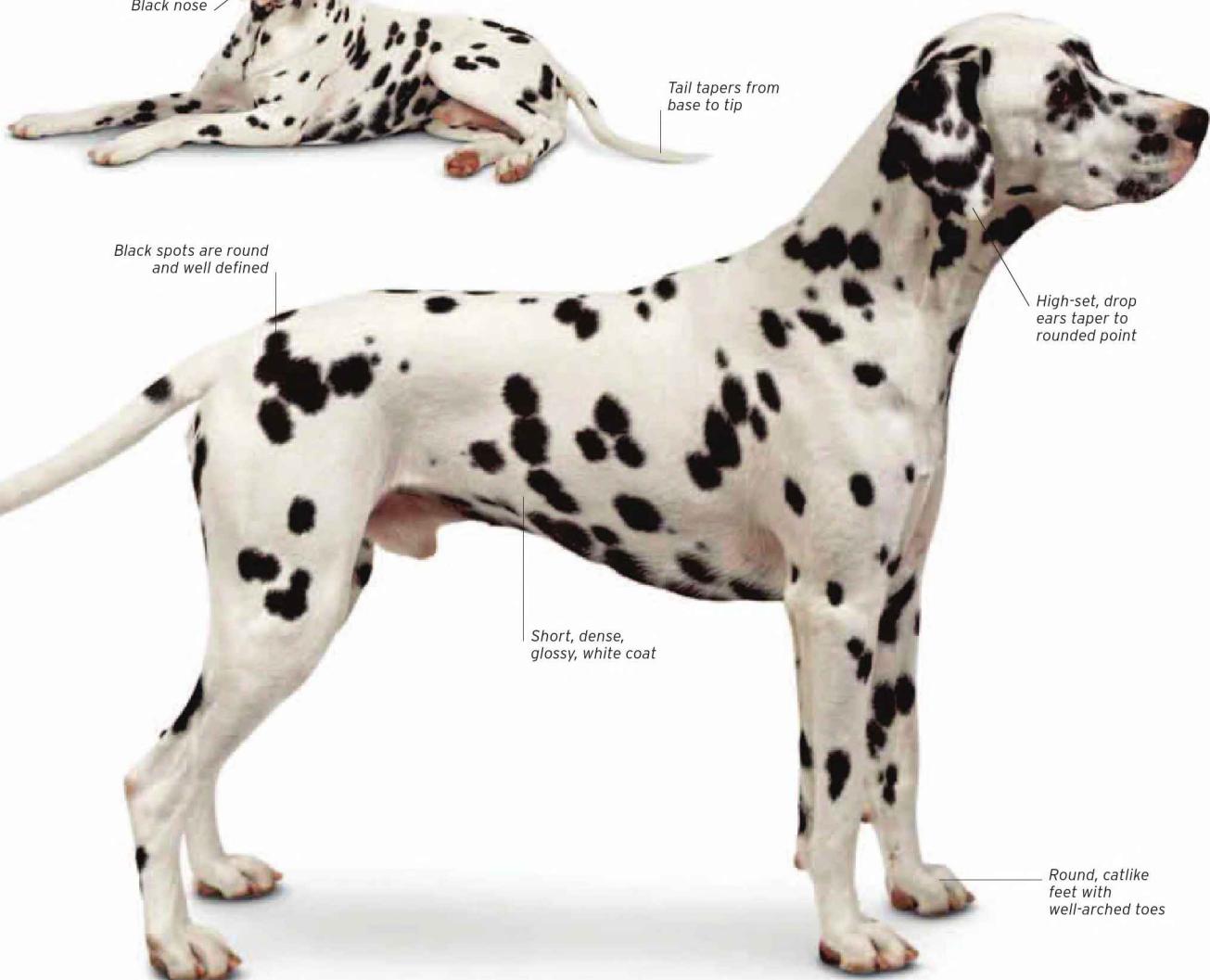
**Origin** Unknown



**Particularly popular in Britain** during the early 19th century, the Dalmatian was known as the “carriage dog,” because it was trained to run under or beside horse-drawn carriages and fire engines, often traveling very long distances. The only spotted dog breed, the Dalmatian is intelligent, friendly, and outgoing, and makes an excellent companion. However, it does have a lot of energy and can be stubborn and aggressive with other dogs, so an owner needs to dedicate time to training. The puppies are born pure white, making it difficult to predict whether the spots will be black or liver once mature; this dog's white coat sheds a great deal.



Black nose



# NORTH AMERICAN SHEPHERD

THIS LOYAL LITTLE DOG RETAINS THE HERDING INSTINCT OF ITS ANCESTORS

**Height range**  
13–18in (33–46cm)



**Weight range**  
15–30lb (7–14kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Red merle



**Downsized from the Australian Shepherd** (see p.63) by American breeders, this dog is sometimes called the Miniature Australian Shepherd. It is highly intelligent, easy to train, and very good with children. The North American Shepherd is eager to please, but can be nervous and quite destructive if left on its own for long periods of time.

Well-feathered tail

Brown eyes



# HIMALAYAN SHEEPDOG

THIS DOG IS RESERVED BY NATURE SO CAN MAKE AN EXCELLENT WATCHDOG

**Height range**  
20–25in (51–63cm)



**Weight range**  
50–60lb (3–27kg)

**Life span** 10–11 years

**Origin** Nepal



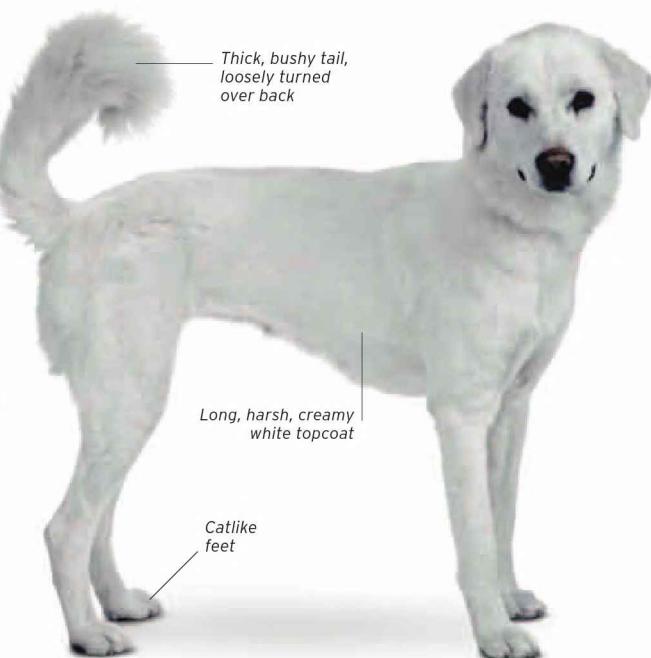
**Other colors**



Gold

Black

**Also known as the Bhotia**, this rare dog from the foothills of the Himalayas is related to the larger Tibetan Mastiff (see p.77), but its exact origins and former uses are obscure. This is a powerful dog with a strong herding instinct. Kept as a family pet, it is a good companion and an efficient guard dog.



# THAI RIDGEBACK

THIS TOUGH, INDEPENDENT-MINDED DOG IS VERY ATHLETIC

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**Height range**  
Up to 9in (Up to 20-24cm)



**Weight range**  
50-75lb (23-34kg)

**Life span** 10-12 years

**Origin** Thailand



**Other colors**



Fawn (Isabella) Red



Blue

**An old breed and unknown outside Thailand** until the mid-1970s, the Thai Ridgeback has since gained recognition in other countries. It was used for hunting, to follow carts, and as a guard dog. Its earlier geographic isolation has resulted in most of its original natural instincts and drives remaining, because there were few chances for it to breed with other dogs. Today it is primarily kept as a companion dog, and is naturally protective of its home and family. It can make a loyal, loving pet, but is often suspicious of other dogs, and can be aggressive or shy if not properly socialized.





### GOLDENDOODLE

This attractive dog is a cross between a Poodle and a Golden Retriever. The characteristics of the Poodle parent are clearly dominant.

# CROSSBREEDS

**Dogs of mixed breeding vary** from the so-called designer dogs, with purebred parents of two different recognized breeds, to the bit-of-everything type, the result of accidental, random crosses (see p.288). Some designer hybrids are now extremely fashionable. They are mostly given whimsical combination names, such as Cockerpoo (a Cocker Spaniel-Poodle cross).



No pedigree, parents unknown—but an excellent companion

One of the reasons for creating modern hybrid dogs was to mix the desired characteristics from one breed with the non-shedding, hypoallergenic coat of another. A cross of this type currently enjoying great popularity is the Labradoodle, a mixture of Labrador Retriever and Poodle. However, even when the parents are readily recognized breeds such as these, it may be impossible to predict which side of the family the puppies will favor. Labradoodles, for example, show little consistency from litter to litter, some puppies inheriting the curly Poodle coat while others are more obviously influenced by the Labrador parent. Such lack of standardization is common in designer crosses, although occasionally it has proved possible to produce a standard and breed dogs to type. An example of this is the Lucas Terrier, the result of crossing the

Sealyham Terrier and the Norfolk Terrier. Currently, it is rare for such crosses to achieve breed recognition.

Deliberate mixing of two specific breeds to produce particular characteristics has proliferated since the end of the 20th century, but is by no means a modern trend. One of the best known crossbreeds, the Lurcher, has been around for several hundred years. This dog combines the qualities of speedy sight hounds, such as the Greyhound and Whippet with desirable traits found in other breeds, such as the collie's enthusiasm for work, and the tenacity of the terrier.

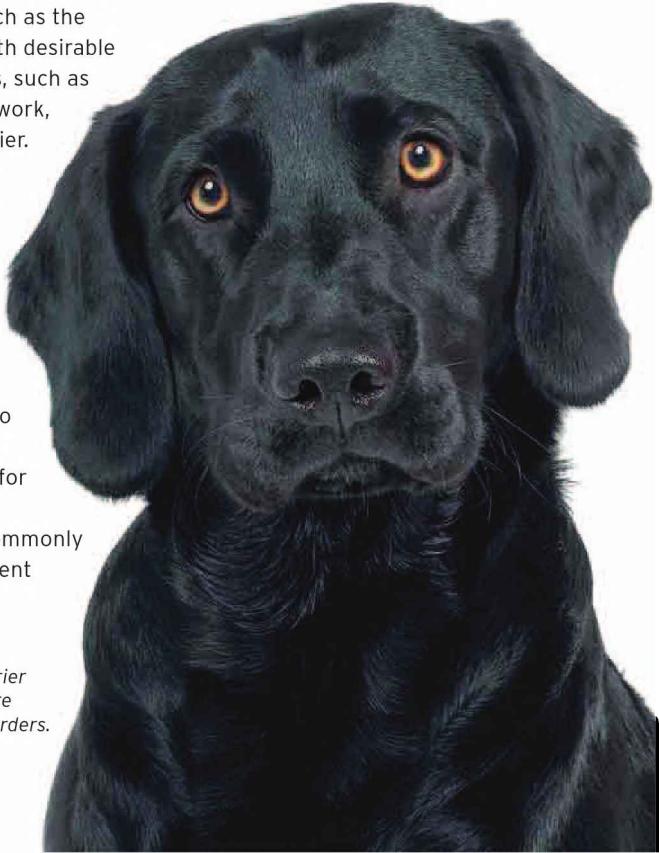
Prospective owners of a hybrid designer dog should take into account the personalities and temperaments of both breeds involved in the mix. These may be very different and either one might predominate. It is also important to consider both parent dogs' requirements for general care and exercise.

All crossbred dogs are commonly believed to be more intelligent

than pedigree dogs, but there is no sound evidence for this. Random breeds are often said to be healthier than purebreds, and it is true that they are at much lower risk of the inherited diseases prevalent in some breeds.

## GUNDOG CROSS

*The Labradinger is a cross between two popular gundogs—the Labrador Retriever and the English Springer Spaniel.*



## HEALTHY DOG

*Random bred dogs like this terrier cross are usually robust, and are largely free from inherited disorders.*

# LURCHER

FLEET-FOOTED OUTDOORS, AT HOME THIS DOG IS LAID-BACK AND RELAXED

**Height range**  
22–28in (55–71cm)

**Weight range**  
60–71lb (27–32kg)

**Life span** 13–14 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Any color

**Famed as a poacher's dog**, and used to hunt rabbit and hare, traditionally

Lurchers were first-generation crosses of a sight hound with a terrier or a herding dog. Today they are also bred with each other and ideally are greyhound size. In the home

Lurchers are peaceful and tolerant, and make fine family companions.

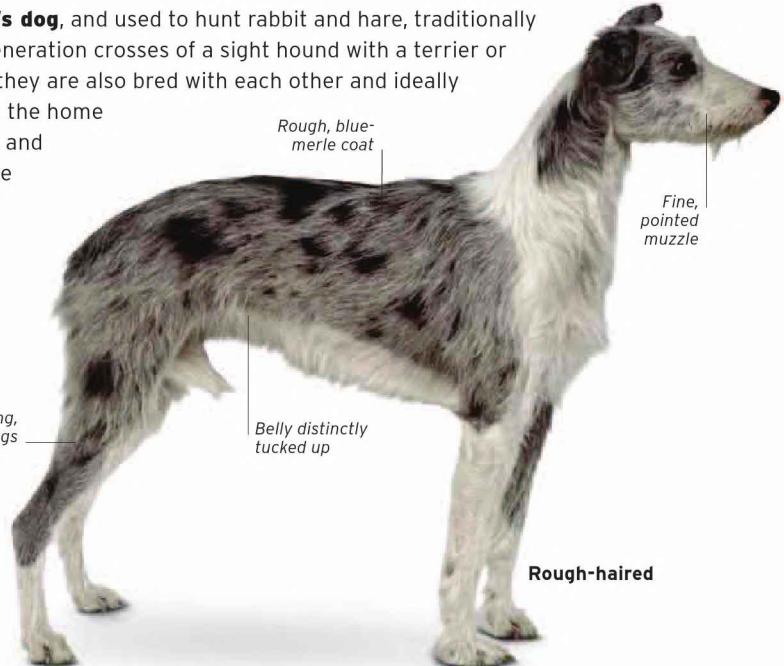


Round eyes  
give alert  
expression

Smooth,  
fawn coat

Slight feathering  
on tail

Smooth-haired



Rough, blue-  
merle coat

Fine,  
pointed  
muzzle

Belly distinctly  
tucked up

Rough-haired

# COCKERPOO

THIS INTELLIGENT, GREGARIOUS, AND RELAXED DOG MAKES AN EASY COUNTRY OR CITY COMPANION

**Height range**

**Toy:**  
Up to 10in (up to 25cm)

**Miniature:**  
11–14in (28–35cm)

**Standard:**  
Over 15in (over 38cm)

**Weight range**

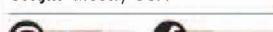
**Toy:**  
Up to 11lb (up to 5kg)

**Miniature:**  
12–20lb (6–9kg)

**Standard:**  
Over 22lb (over 10kg)

**Life span** 14–15 years

**Origin** Mostly USA



**Other colors**



Any color

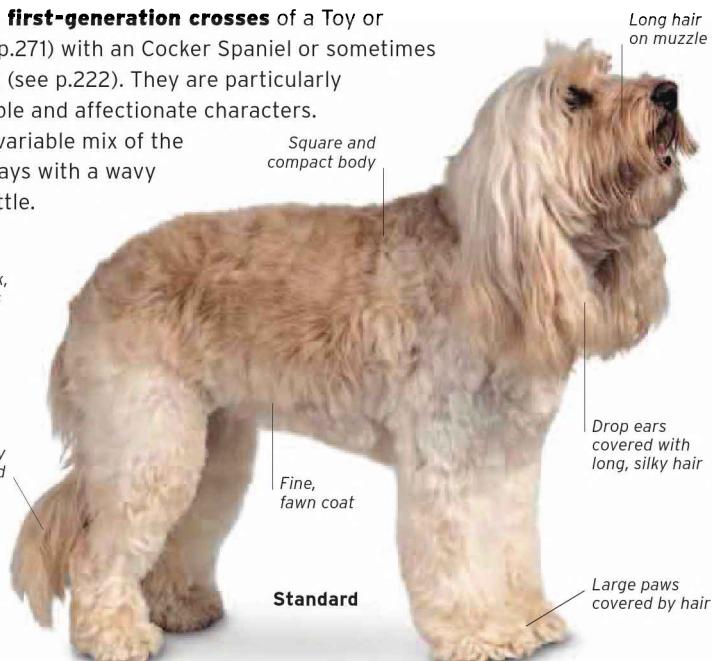
**Most Cockerpoos are first-generation crosses** of a Toy or Miniature Poodle (see p.271) with an Cocker Spaniel or sometimes English Cocker Spaniel (see p.222). They are particularly valued for their tractable and affectionate characters.

Their appearance is a variable mix of the parent breeds, but always with a wavy coat that sheds very little.



Large, dark,  
round eyes

Tail usually  
feathered



Square and  
compact body

Fine,  
fawn coat

Long hair  
on muzzle

Drop ears  
covered with  
long, silky hair

Large paws  
covered by hair

Standard

# LABRADOODLE

INCREASINGLY POPULAR, THIS DOG IS RELIABLY PLAYFUL, AFFECTIONATE, AND INTELLIGENT

#### Height range

##### Miniature:

14–16in (36–41cm)

##### Medium:

17–20in (43–51cm)

##### Standard:

21–24in (53–61cm)

#### Weight range

##### Miniature:

15–25lb (7–11kg)

##### Medium:

30–45lb (14–20kg)

##### Standard:

50–65lb (23–29kg)

**Life span** 14–15 years

**Origin** Australia



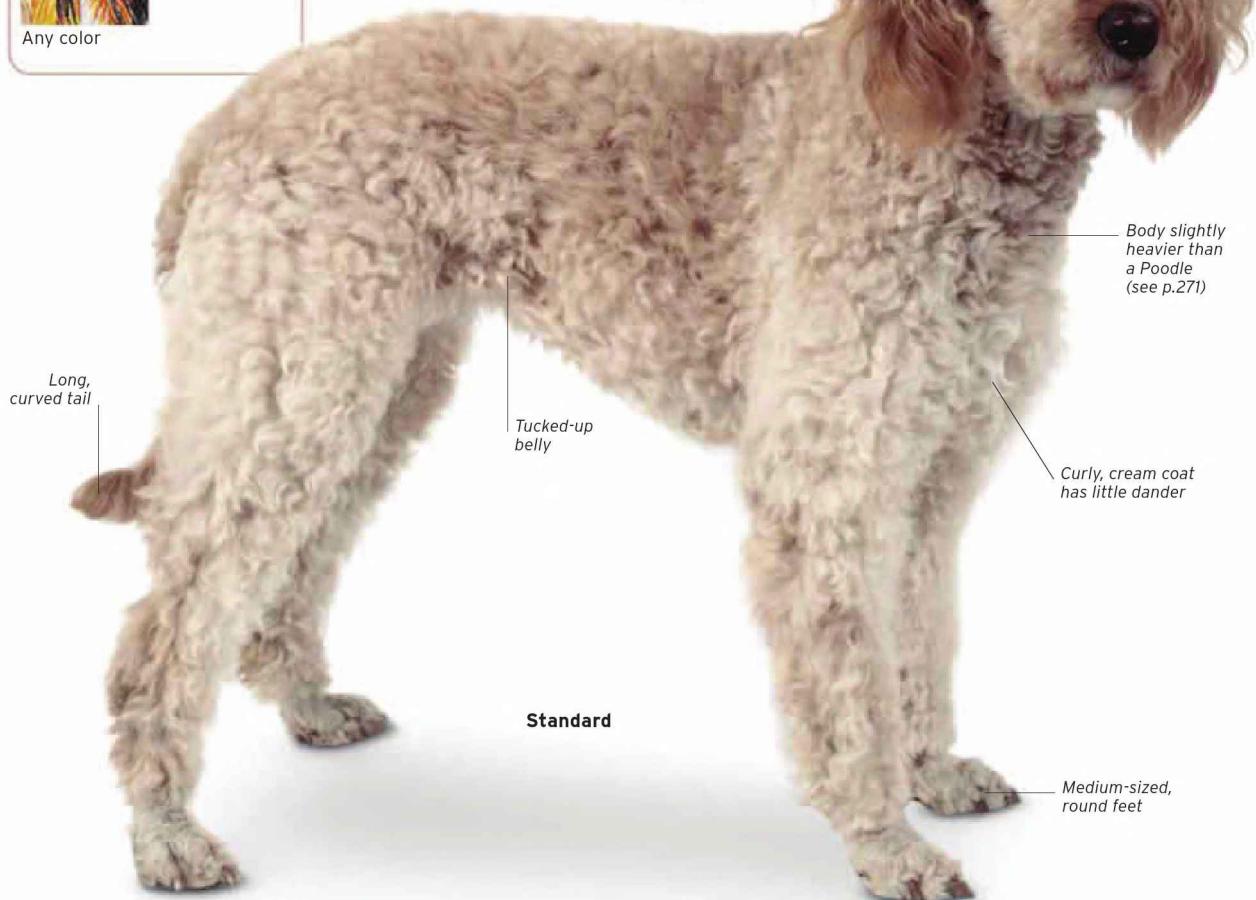
#### Other colors



Any color

The original Labrador-Poodle cross was intended as an assistance dog suitable for allergy sufferers, but the Labradoodle has rapidly gained popularity as a family dog. In its original homeland it is on its way to being a pedigree breed, with a written standard.

Elsewhere, this remains a crossbreed, with no official status but in huge demand. First-generation crosses vary in appearance; later Labradoodle-only breedings are more predictable. The dog's personality attracts owners as much as its appearance. It is consistently level-headed and biddable without becoming serious or reserved.



# BICHON YORKIE

THIS PLAYFUL, SMALL COMPANION DOG IS IDEALLY SUITED TO URBAN LIFE

**Height range**  
9–12in (23–31cm)



**Weight range**  
7–13lb (3–6kg)

**Life span** 13–15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Variety of colors

**Some crossbreeds are created deliberately**, but the first Bichon Frise (see p.267) and Yorkshire Terrier (see p.192) mix was a happy accident that breeders have chosen to repeat. The result is the Bichon Yorkie—a dog that is usually larger than the diminutive Yorkshire Terrier, with the feisty spirit of its terrier parent tempered by the more compliant nature of the Bichon Frise.



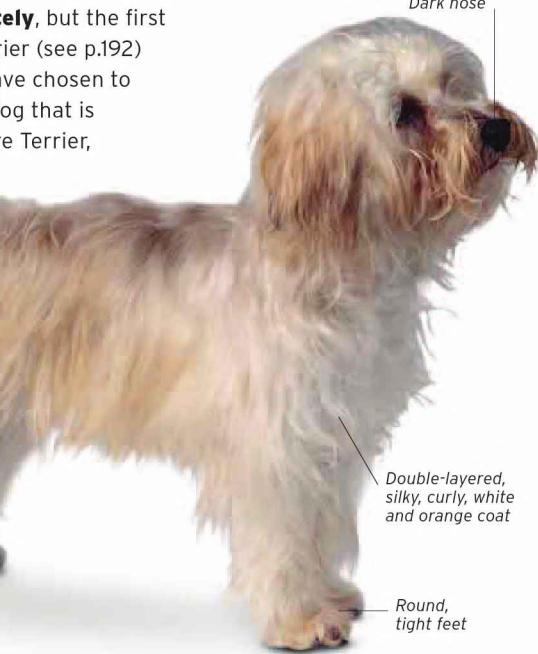
Dark, round eyes

High-set ears

Darker, plumed tail carried high when moving



Dark nose



Double-layered, silky, curly, white and orange coat

Round, tight feet

# BULL BOXER

THIS FRIENDLY AND BOISTEROUS DOG IS EASIER TO TRAIN THAN OTHER MASTIFF-TYPES

**Height range**  
16–21in (41–53cm)



**Weight range**  
37–53lb (17–24kg)

**Life span** 12–13 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



Any color

**The Bull Boxer is a cross** between the laid-back Boxer (see p.88) and bull-baiting dogs such as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier (see p.214), which is highly popular but may be difficult with other pets. The Bull Boxer occupies the middle ground in size and character.

This dog needs commitment, but rewards its owner well.

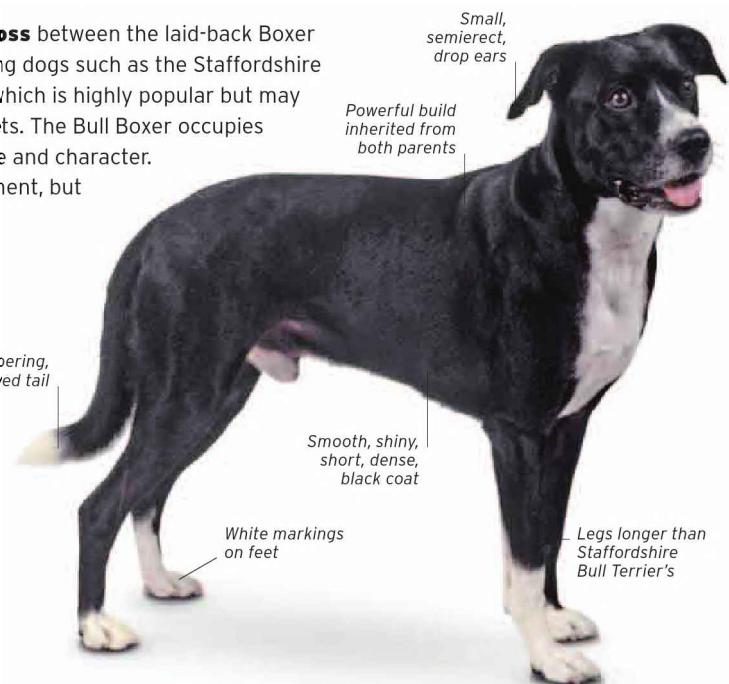


Rounded eyes have alert expression

Long, tapering, curved tail

Strong, blunt muzzle with overhanging lip

Broad, deep chest



Small, semierect, drop ears

Powerful build inherited from both parents

Smooth, shiny, short, dense, black coat

White markings on feet

Legs longer than Staffordshire Bull Terrier's

# LUCAS TERRIER

THIS FRIENDLY, NON-YAPPY TERRIER GETS ON WELL WITH CHILDREN AND OTHER PETS

**Height range**  
9–12in (23–30cm)



**Weight range**  
11–20lb (5–9kg)

**Life span** 14–15 years

**Origin** UK



**Other colors**



**White**

Tan coats may have a black or badger-gray saddle. White coats may be marked with black, badger-gray, and/or tan.

**This rare working terrier** was produced in the 1940s by crossing Norfolk Terriers with Sealyham Terriers (see p.191). The Lucas Terrier is named after its first breeder, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, a British politician and sportsman who wanted to develop a small, nimble dog that was more efficient than the Sealyham Terrier at following game to ground. Smart and eager to please, the Lucas Terrier is easy to train and quietly behaved in the house, provided it has a good daily walk. It has typical terrier traits, such as enjoying play and loving to dig, but is less inclined to bark than many other terrier breeds.



Longer hair forms moustache and beard



Black nose

Thick-rooted,  
well-furred tail

Body length exceeds  
leg length

Almond-shaped,  
dark eyes

Medium-length,  
coarse, light tan coat



# GOLDENOODLE

A DELIGHTFUL NEW CROSSEBREED, THIS DOG IS SOCIALE AND EASY TO LIVE WITH

**Height range**

Up to 24in (up to 61cm)


**Weight range**

51-90lb (23-41kg)


**Life span**

10-15 years

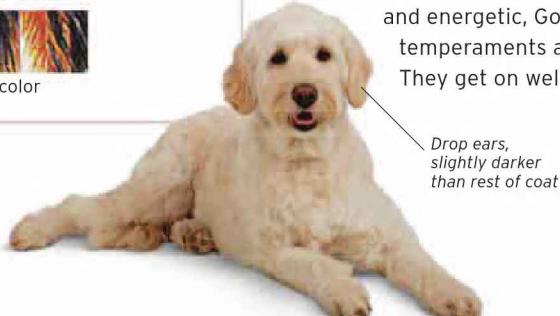
**Origin**

USA


**Other colors**


Any color

One of the newest "designer dogs," this mixture of the Poodle (see p.271) and the Golden Retriever (see p.258) was first bred in the US in the 1990s. Since then the Goldendoodle's growing popularity has encouraged breeders elsewhere to continue its development. Most of these dogs are first-generation crosses and vary considerably in appearance—some have curly coats while others are wavy or straight. The crossbreed's size depends on whether the Poodle parent is a medium, miniature, or toy variety. Although lively and energetic, Goldendoodles have gentle temperaments and are usually easy to train. They get on well with children and other pets.



# LABRADINGER

THIS ATTRACTIVE ALL-ROUNDER IS SUITABLE AS A FAMILY DOG AND AS A GUNDOG

**Height range**  
18–22in (46–56cm)



**Weight range**  
55–90lb (25–41kg)

**Life span** 10–14 years

**Origin** USA



**Other colors**



Yellow

Liver



Chocolate

A cross between the Labrador Retriever (see pp.256–57) and the English Springer Spaniel (see pp.226–27), this dog is also sometimes known as the Springador. Unplanned breeding of hybrid dogs is likely to have occurred for centuries on traditional country estates where such gundogs were kept. Benefiting from recent interest in fashionable crossbreeds such as the Labradoodle (see p.285), the Labradinger has now acquired both popularity and a name. It is an excellent gundog that can be trained both to retrieve and to flush game, as the spaniel does, and is proving very successful as a family dog.

