

# **Beagle Breed Profile**

## **Friendly Hound**

Beagles are cheerful, friendly dogs originally bred for hunting rabbits. Their excellent noses and compact size made them perfect for following scent trails through underbrush. Today, they make wonderful family companions.

## **Appearance and Size**

Beagles typically weigh 20-30 pounds and stand 13-15 inches tall. They have a short, weather-resistant coat in classic hound colors: tricolor, red and white, or lemon and white. Their large brown eyes and long, velvety ears give them an irresistibly appealing expression.

## **Temperament**

These merry hounds love company and don't do well left alone for long periods. They're great with children and other dogs but may chase smaller pets due to their hunting heritage. Beagles are food-motivated, making training easier but also making them prone to counter-surfing and garbage raiding.

## **Exercise Needs**

As scent hounds, Beagles need daily exercise and mental stimulation. They excel at nose work games and tracking activities. A secure fence is essential as they will follow an interesting scent without regard for boundaries.