



American Staghound

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GENERAL APPEARANCE: The Staghound is a Greyhound like breed. Built for running, but also with an appearance of great power. This dog has been bred for performance for more than 100 years, and this shows in its strictly functional conformation. While a large dog, function has not been sacrificed for the sake of size. Staghounds are swift enough to catch coyotes with a head start of mere than one-quarter of a mile and powerful enough to bring down the largest of deer.

DESCRIPTION

HEAD: Long, forehead slightly raised with only a slight indication of a stop Skull moderately broad. The muzzle long and slightly pointed. The ears are small and carried in Greyhound fashion, rose or semi-erect ears are also common. *A prick ear is not preferred.*

NECK: Long, muscular and arched, without loose skin around the throat.

BODY

CHEST: Deep and wide.

BACK: Short to moderately long.

BELLY: Drawn up.

QUARTERS

FOREQUARTERS: SHOULDER: Muscular, elbows well under.

LEG: Strong and straight.

HINDQUARTERS: Muscular thighs, second thigh long and strong. Hocks let down, turned neither in nor out.

FEET: Moderate in size and round, not splayed.

TAIL: Long and slightly curved. Reaching well below the hock.

COAT

HAIR: Rough and hard with undercoat. Wiry and long over eyes and under chin, in smooth-coat short but abundant with or without undercoat.

Long-haired variety: 1 to 3 inches.

Smooth-haired: Less than 1 inch.

COLOR: No disqualification concerning color. Common colors are: fawn red, sable, black, blue-fawn, white (white with or without other markings), solids and parti-colors are common, as well as varying shades of brindle.

SIZE AND WEIGHT: Male: 28 to 33 inches and 80 to 100 pounds. **Females:** 26 to 30 inches and 65 to 95 pounds.

FAULTS: *Too large and clumsy in appearance. No disqualifications as to eye color, markings or any other strictly cosmetic feature. Hip dysplasia or any other functional genetic problem is total disqualifying*

Note: *Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.*