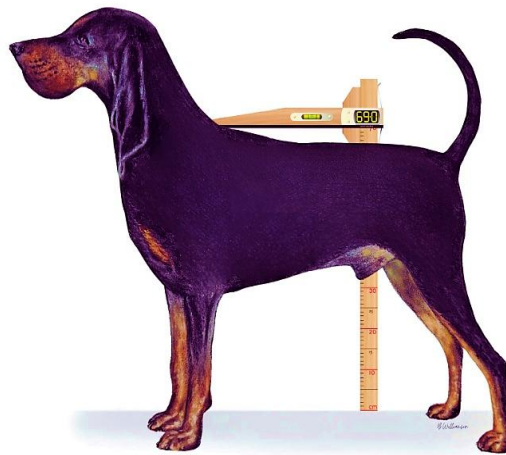


FACT SHEET

Hunting hounds - Black & Tan Coonhound



Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) Breed Standard

General Appearance	The Black and Tan Coonhound is fundamentally a working dog. The general impression is that of power, agility and alertness; immediately impressing with their ability to cover the ground with powerful rhythmic strides.
Characteristics	Used principally for trailing, the Black and Tan Coonhound runs his game entirely by scent. They can withstand the rigors of winter, the heat of summer and covering difficult terrain. Bold, with great activity, stamina and determination.
Temperament	Even temperament, outgoing and friendly. Some may be reserved but not usually shy or vicious.
Head and Skull	The head is cleanly modelled. From the back of the skull to the nose the head measures from 23-25cm (9-10 inches) in males and from 20-23cm (8-9 inches) in females. Expression is alert, friendly and eager. The skin is devoid of folds. Nostrils well open and always black. The flews are well developed with typical hound appearance. Skull tends toward oval outline. Medium stop occurring midway between occiput bone and nose. Viewed from profile, the line of the skull is on a practically parallel plane to the foreface or muzzle.
Eyes	Eyes are from hazel to dark brown in colour, almost round and not deeply set.
Ears	Ears are low set and well back. They hang in graceful folds, giving the dog a majestic appearance. In length they extend naturally well beyond the tip of the nose and are set at eye level or lower.
Mouth	Teeth fit evenly with a scissors bite.

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Neck	The neck is muscular, sloping, medium length. The skin is devoid of excess dewlap.
Forequarters	Powerfully constructed shoulders. The forelegs are straight, with elbows turning neither in nor out; pasterns strong and erect.
Body	The back is level, powerful and strong. The dog possesses full, round, well-sprung ribs, avoiding flat sidedness. Chest reaches at least to the elbows.
Hindquarters	Quarters are well-boned and muscled. From hip to hock long and sinewy, hock to pad short and strong. Stifles and hocks well-bent and not inclining either in or out. When standing on a level surface, the hind feet are set back from under the body and the leg from pad to hock is at right angles to the ground.
Feet	Feet are compact, with well-knuckled, strongly arched toes and thick, strong pads.
Tail	The tail is strong, with base slightly below level of backline, carried free and when in action at approximately right angle to back.
Gait/Movement	The stride is easy and graceful; the forelegs move forward in an effortless manner with plenty of reach in front and drive behind, indicating soundness, balance and stamina. When in action, the head and tail carriage is proud and alert.
Coat	The coat is short but dense to withstand rough going.
Color	As the name implies, the colour is coal black with rich tan markings above eyes, on sides of muzzle, chest, legs and breeching, with black pencil markings on toes. White on chest or other parts of body is highly undesirable, and a solid patch of white that extends more than one inch in any direction is a disqualification.
Sizes	Ideal height: Adult dogs 66 cms (26 ins) Adult bitches 61 cms (24 ins) Dogs usually vary from 63-69 cms (25-27 ins) Bitches usually vary from 58-63 cms (23-25 ins) Weight: for males 25kg - 36kg (55 to 80 pounds), females 20kg – 30kg (45 to 65 pounds)
Faults	Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

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