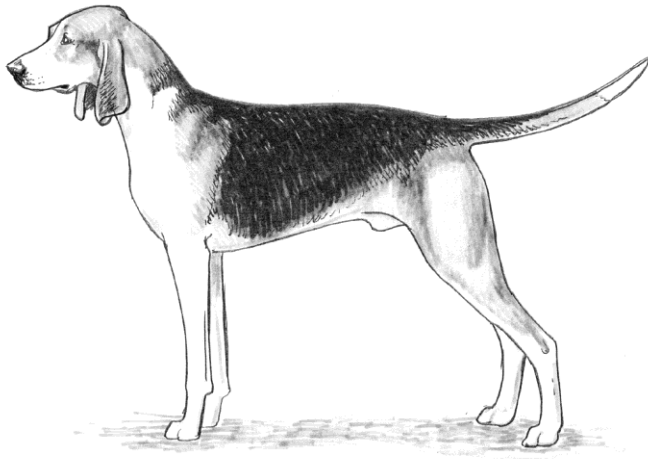


CHIEN FRANCAIS TRICOLORE

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following 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 and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

The Chien Français is a French breed developed to hunt big game.

The Chien Français Tricolore was recognized by the United Kennel Club January 1, 1996.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A large, but elegant, strong boned pack hound.

HEAD

Quite long, but not too broad.

SKULL - The skull is very slightly domed. The occipital protuberance is marked. The stop is moderate.

MUZZLE - Rather long and straight, sometimes with an arched nasal bone. The lips are full enough to create a square appearance.

TEETH - The Chien Français Tricolore has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Faults: Undershot or overshot bite.

NOSE - Black, with open nostrils.

Fault: Pink spots on the nose.

EYES - Big and brown, with an intelligent expression.

Fault: Light eyes.

EARS - Set at eye level and slightly curled, reaching to the nose.

NECK

Long and rather strong, with a trace of dewlap.

FOREQUARTERS

The shoulders are long, and held close to the chest.

FORELEGS - Straight, and well apart.

BODY

The chest is deep to the elbow. The ribs are long and rounded. The back is straight and solid. The flank is very slightly tucked up.

HINDQUARTERS

The angulation of the hindquarter matches that of the forequarter.

HIND LEGS - The thighs are long and muscular, and the hocks are broad, low and slightly bent.

FEET

The feet are lean.

TAIL

The tail is quite long, and carried high and with elegance.

COAT

Short and rather fine.

COLOR

Hound tricolor, with a black mantle and bright tan. Black shading in the tan on the face, and blue or tan speckling on the legs, are allowable but not preferred. Grizzle is an allowable color.

Fault: Smokey colors that indicate interbreeding with the White and Black Hound.

HEIGHT

Height at the withers for males is 24.5 to 28 inches. For females, it is 23.5 to 26.5 inches.

GAIT

Easy and light.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.