

# Bluetick Coonhound

Height – Dogs 22” to 27”; Bitches – 21” to 25”

Appearance of a speedy and well-muscled hound, neat, compact body with a glossy coat. Head and tail up in motion.

**Head** – Broad between ears with slightly domed skull. Length of head from occiput to end of nose: Males: 9”-10”, Females: 8-9”

**Eyes** – Round, dark brown, rather large, set wide apart. **Eye rims** tight and close fitting. Typical pleading hound expression.

**Ears** – Set low, thin, reach well to nose, devoid of erectile power.

**Stop** –Prominent. **Muzzle** –Long, broad, deep, square, flews cover line of lower jaw. **Nose** – Large, fully pigmented, black. **Teeth**- Scissors preferred, even accepted.

**Neck** – Muscular, moderate length, carried well up, throat clean.

**Topline** – Slight slope downward. **Chest** – Considerable depth,

**Ribs**- Long, well-sprung, gradual taper toward moderate tuck-up.

Back- muscular, **Loin**- Broad, well-muscled, slight arch. **Tail** –

Set slightly below line of back, strongly rooted, tapering to moderate length. Carried high, forward with a half-moon curve.

**Forelegs**- Straight, well-boned, muscular, with, strong, straight, slightly sloping pasterns. **Rear**- Strong, well-muscled, propelling

power. **Hocks**- Strong, moderately bent. **Dewclaws** Removed.

**Feet**- Cat-like, thick, tough pads.

**Coat** – Medium-coarse, lying close. Not rough or too short.

**Color** Preferred dark blue, thickly mottled body with black spots on back, ears and sides. Head and ears mostly black with/without tan markings, red ticking on feet and lower legs. More blue ticking than white in body coat.

**Gait** – Active, vigorous, topline carried firmly, head and tail well up.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Males: Under 22”/Over27”; Females: Under 21”/Over25”
- Entries in Puppy Class are not to be disqualified for undersize
- Any color other than that described in the standard
- Undershot/Overshot

Albinism