

Treeing Tennessee Brindle

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.

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Honorable scars resulting from field work are not to be penalized.

HISTORY

The origin of the Treeing Tennessee Brindle will probably always be a mystery. It is known, however, that there were very many old-time dogs that came from select, little pockets from all over the country. These dogs were open trailers with good scenting power; were very intelligent and courageous, and companionable with both men and dogs.

The originators of the breed searched to find and promote that type of dog. There were many Cur-type hunting dogs at that time, but they concentrated on the type of dog that had the uncanny ability to locate and tree any game.

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle was recognized by the United Kennel Club on July 1, 2017.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle is a powerful, agile tree dog of medium size. Its appearance suggests the capacity for speed stamina and endurance.

Disqualification: Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle has a strong treeing instinct, desire to hunt, and good scenting power. This breed is a fast hunter, intelligent, alert, and companionable with men and dogs.

Disqualifications: Viciousness or extreme shyness.

HEAD & SKULL

The top skull is flat. There is width between the eyes.

The muzzle is heavy.

EYES – The dark, expressive eyes are prominent.

EARS – The short or medium ears are set high.

FOREQUARTERS

FORELEGS – The straight, muscular legs are well set for speed. Dewclaws are permitted.

BODY

The back is straight and strong. The chest is broad and deep.

HINDQUARTERS

HIND LEGS – The straight, muscular legs are well set for speed. Dewclaws are permitted.

FEET

The round, compact feet are strong, and have well-arched toes (cat feet).

TAIL

The tail is medium length.

Serious Fault: Stub tail.

COAT

The coat is short, dense and smooth.

COLOR

Acceptable colors include: brindle or black with brindle trim. A small amount of white on the breast or feet is acceptable.

Serious Faults: Colors other than brindle, or black with brindle trim.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height is measured at the withers. The height range for males is from 18 to 24 inches. The height range for females is from 16 to 22 inches.

Weight is in proportion to height.

GAIT

Gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from front and rear, legs turn neither in nor out; nor do the feet interfere with each other. As speed increased, feet tend to converge toward the center line of balance.

VOICE

They are open trailers, with changeover at the tree. A coarse chop is preferred.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

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

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.