

Bloodhound Booklet

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Bloodhound Traits



Bloodhounds are Loveable



But can be Stubborn



They're Active & Athletic



Bloodhounds like to Chew



They also like to Dig



They Drool & are Messy



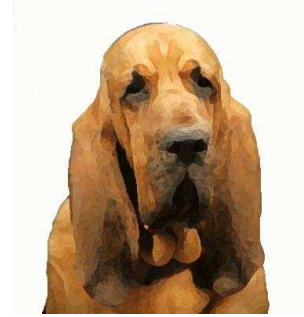
Bloodhounds are Nosey



They like Furniture



They like to Jump on you



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Photos & information about Bloodhounds

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Bloodhound Uses



They can be Good Pets



Good Companions



& Usually Good with Kids



They can be Police Dogs



Search & Rescue Dogs



Even Therapy Dogs



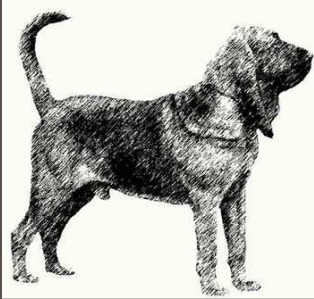
They can be Show Dogs



Rally-Obedience Dogs

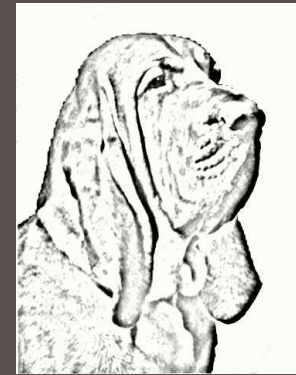


Or compete in Agility



Bloodhound History

Our overview of Bloodhound History is based on lots of research, from many sources; and is represented as the best information we know which we can condense & share.



Bloodhound Needs

From their Owner:
Training & leadership
Variety of socializing
Love & attention

From their Environment:
Large yard & good fence
Room for exercise
Proper shelter

Care & Cleaning:
Eye cleaning as needed
Ear cleaning weekly
Coat brushing weekly
Nails trimmed monthly
Bathe as needed

Other:
A good vet
High quality food
ID (microchip or tattoo)

Bloodhound Health Info:

- Life span about 8-10 years (some 6 yrs, some over 12 yrs)
- Bloat is the #1 problem with bloodhounds (bloat is a problem for many large breed dogs)
- Cancer is another possible issue with bloodhounds.
- Heart troubles are a concern, so breeding bloodhound should first be cleared via an echocardiogram
- Hips & Elbows can also be problematic.
- *Note: Bloodhounds can be very sensitive to anesthetic.*

Responsible Breeders:

- Are breeding to enhance the breed (not for money).
- Will give you health & death details on their bloodhounds.
- Have all OFA health certifications, for Heart, Hips, Elbows, Thyroid & Patellar.
- Screen heavily before placing their bloodhound puppies in homes & may have a waiting list for a puppy.
- Will likely keep in touch and help & advise you (as needed) throughout your bloodhound's lifetime.
- *Please: Buy from a responsible bloodhound breeder.*

Bloodhound Resources:

Books:

- Bloodhound ~ Nona Kilgore Bauer
- Bloodhounds ~ Hilda Owen
- Bloodhounds ~ Kim Cambell Thornton
- The New Complete Bloodhound ~ C Brey / L Reed
- Bloodhound Health ~ Karen Leskivich, DVM
- On The Trail ~ Jan Tweedie

Websites:

- The American Bloodhound Club ~ www.bloodhounds.org
- The American Kennel Club ~ www.akc.org
- Bloodhound Ranch ~ www.bloodhoundranch.com

Do Consider: Bloodhounds are adorable puppies that grow into large active dogs (perhaps not the pet for everyone).

THE NAME BLOOD HOUND is NOT derived from a vicious blood thirsty dog... some say it's because they could smell blood... or it's because they were of "purebred - selected blood" or that they were owned by royalty (purebloods).

Ancient History:

Circa 1000-2000 BC - There is an Ancient Babylon plaque of a hound with it's tail curled over it's back.

Circa 630-669 BC - The Nineveh Palace has dog illustration of ancient bloodhound / mastiff.

Circa 55 BC - When the Romans arrived in Britain they spoke of finding great scent hounds.

European History:

Circa 727 AD - French Monastery, beginning with St. Hubert, bred hounds with great noses, courage, endurance and throatiness; most were, black with some red/fawn accents.

Circa 1066 AD - St. Hubert Hounds came to England & were often given to royalty. *(Many look at the St. Hubert Hounds to be the true beginning of Bloodhounds.)*

Circa 1066 AD - Talbot Hounds existed at the same time. Talbot Hounds were white hounds; and later crossed with St. Hubert Hounds.

Circa - 1859/1860 - 1859 - 1st Dog Show in England; Bloodhounds entered in Birmingham in 1860.

American History:

1888 - 3 bloodhounds entered in Westminster Kennel Club.

1910 - American Kennel Club (AKC) had about 200 Bloodhounds, (verses 2,379 Collies, which were the #1 breed).

1952 - American Bloodhound Club was established.

1962 - National Police Bloodhound Association formed (first called the Eastern Police Bloodhound Association).

2005 - AKC had 3,112 Bloodhounds registered. A bloodhound won Best in Show at the Eukanuba National Championship. *(To date no bloodhound has won the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, but many have placed in the Hound Group.)*