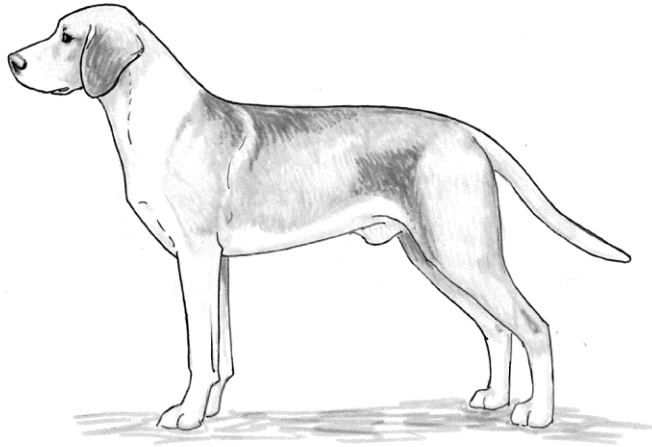


HYGEN HOUND

Official UKC Breed Standard



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 Hygen Hound is a medium sized scenthound breed that originated in Norway.

The Hygen Hound was recognized by the United Kennel Club in 2006.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A medium sized, short coated hound that is solid and compact, slightly longer than tall, and has a strong topline.

HEAD

The head is moderately broad but not heavy. It is wedge shaped but never pointed.

SKULL - The skull is slightly domed. The occiput is not prominent. The stop is distinct.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is clean, broad and deep. It is rather short. The bridge of the muzzle is straight. Seen from the side, the end of the muzzle is rounded, not

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square. The lips are clean, not pendulous. The cheeks are clean and flat.

TEETH - The Hygen Hound has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

NOSE - Black.

EYES - The medium sized, dark brown eyes are not protruding. The expression is calm and earnest.

EARS - Medium high set, thin and soft, hanging not close to the cheeks. The ears reach hardly half way to the nose when pulled forward. They taper towards rounded tips.

NECK

Medium length and strong, not too throaty.

FOREQUARTERS

The shoulder blades are sloping, and form a good angle with the upper arms.

FORELEGS - The legs are clean, solid and sinewy, but not heavy. The pasterns are short, broad and slightly sloping.

BODY

The chest is medium broad, long, deep and spacious. The back ribs are particularly well developed, making the ribcage appear long. The depth of the chest is about one half the height at the withers. The back is straight and strong and the loin is broad and muscular. The croup is broad and slightly rounded. The belly is very slightly tucked up.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are muscular and broad.

HIND LEGS - The lower thighs are long. There is good angulation at the stifle and hock joints. The rear pasterns are short, broad and slightly sloping.

FEET

High, arched and well knit, with firm, strong pads. Well covered with hair between the toes.

TAIL

The tail is set on level with the topline. It is thick at the root and tapers to the end, which reaches just to the hock joint. It is carried straight or in saber fashion.

COAT

Straight, dense, shiny and somewhat rough to the touch, not too short. The back of the thighs and the underside of the tail may have slightly more coat.

COLOR

Red-brown or yellow-red, often with black shading, with or without white markings. Black and tan, usually with white markings. Predominately white with patches and ticking of red-brown or yellow-red, or with black and tan markings. The colors should be clearly defined.

HEIGHT

The ideal height for males is 21 inches. For females, it is 20 inches.

GAIT

Free, ground covering, and parallel.

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.