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 Serbian Hound was originally known as the Balkan
Scenthound. Because the breed was most widespread
in Serbia, in 1996 the name was changed to Serbian
Hound.

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

GENERAL APPEARANCE
Medium sized, short coated hound, with a robust
constitution.

CHARACTERISTICS
Lively, kind, and dependable.

HEAD
The head is long and narrow, with divergent planes.

SKULL - The skull is slightly rounded and has a
pronounced frontal furrow. It is longer than it is wide.
The stop is almost imperceptible.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is just slightly shorter than the
skull. It tapers in width progressively from the eyes to
the nose. The nasal bridge is straight. The cheeks are
flat. The upper lip overhangs the lower lip. The edges of
the lips should be black.

TEETH - The Serbian Hound has a complete set of evenly
spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors or level bite.
Disqualifications: Undershot. Overshot. Missing teeth
other than the PM 1’s.

NOSE - The black nose is well developed.

EYES - The medium size, oval shaped eyes are set
slightly obliquely. The eyes and the eyerims are as dark
as possible.
Disqualification: Blue eyes.

EARS - High set, thin and pendulous, the ears are
rounded at the tips.

NECK
Approximately the same length as the head, strong and
well arched.

FOREQUARTERS
The shoulder blades and upper arms are long,
and form
an angle of approximately 90 degrees.

FORELEGS - The elbows are close to the body. The legs
are strong, with flat bone. The distance from the elbow
to the ground is one half the height at the withers. The
pasterns are slightly sloping.

BODY
The body is slightly longer than tall. The chest is deep
and wide. The withers are slightly pronounced, and the
back is long, strong and straight. The loin is muscular,
and the croup is slightly sloping, broad and muscular.
There is a slight tuck up.

HINDQUARTERS
The hindquarters are strong, with flat musculature.

HIND LEGS - The upper and lower thighs are
approximately the same length. The stifle angulation is
120 degrees. The hock is low and powerful, with
angulation of 140 degrees. The rear pasterns are strong
and nearly vertical.

FEET
The cat feet have solid, tight toes.
TAIL
The tail set follows the natural line of the croup. It is strong at the base and tapers to the tip, which reaches to the hock. The tail is carried in a slight curve below the line of the back. It is covered with abundant hair.

COAT
Short, thick, abundant and shiny, the coat may be slightly longer on the back of the thighs and the underside of the tail.

COLOR
Any shade of red, with a black mantle or saddle. A small white mark on the chest is allowed. Disqualification: White anywhere except a small mark on the chest.

HEIGHT
Height for males is 18 to 22 inches. For females, it is 17 to 21 inches.

GAIT
Free and energetic at the trot.

ELIMINATING FAULTS
(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a conformation event.)
Over or under the prescribed height.

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.
Undershot.
Overshot.
Missing teeth other than the PM 1’s.
Blue eyes.
White anywhere except a small mark on the chest.