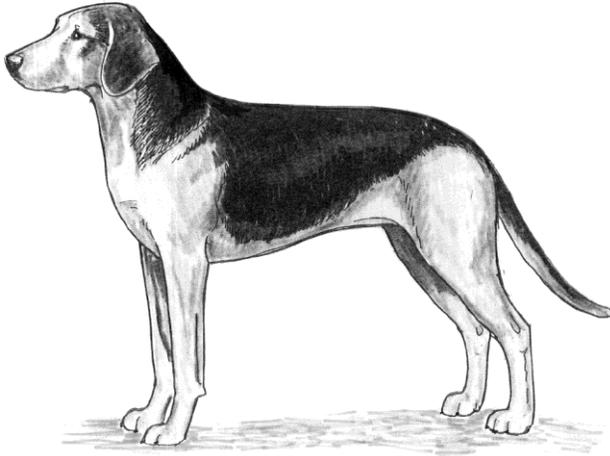


# SERBIAN HOUND

## Official UKC Breed Standard

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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.

### 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.

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**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.