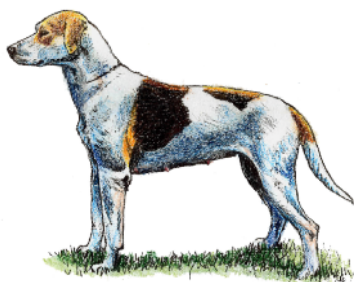


## Foxhound



The traditional handsome Foxhound has rarely been regarded as a household pet. In the United States of America the breed has been treated as a genuine show dog over the years in small numbers but is only occasionally seen in the show ring in Britain.

Most adult Foxhounds are maintained in kennels in packs by one or other of the hunts; the puppies are 'walked' through their growing period by hunt-supporters in order that they should become part socialised. As a breed they have to be recognised as being relatively large and determined; discipline is not their strong point.

They are registered with the Kennel Club irregularly on the basis of reciprocal agreements with masters of recognised hunts. The breed may well make a greater impact in the show ring in the future.

### **What about Health Issues?**

You may be aware that some breeds of dog (and crossbreeds too) can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the puppy you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

**Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found on the Kennel Club's website at:**

[www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth)

Puppy buyers should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

### **And what health screening is relevant for the Foxhound?**

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Accredited Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.