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dog breed guide...

Basset Hound

Unmistakable in appearance the Basset Hound is a breed of dog which is famed for its incredible sense of smell. It was used to hunt rabbits and hares, and it carried out its role remarkably well. With long ears, long snout and big paws, and that combined with incredible stamina makes the Basset a very able and successful hunting hound. His hunting pedigree isn't the only dynamic to this breed. He makes for a wonderful family pet and has the ability to wrap his owner around his big paw with his 'sad eyes'.

Temperament

This is a breed of dog that loves being out and about on walks, constantly on the go. He also enjoys falling fast asleep on his bed or on the sofa if allowed. The Basset makes for a loveable member of the family and is also suited to a family with younger children due to its relaxed and loyal nature. Manipulation is one of the characteristics of this dog. They will quite happily develop selective hearing so it is important to let him know who the master is early on and not let them use their big brown eyes and 'sad face' to get what they want.

Size and Coat

They are considered to be a medium breed dog even though it has such short legs. This breed is surprisingly heavy and dogs can reach a weight of 25-34kg and bitches 20-29kg. This short legged hound on average will measure 30-38cm in the dog and 28-36cm in the bitch. They have a short velvety coat and you will see a number of different colourations. Probably the most common is black, tan and white tricolour.

Life Expectancy

12-15 years