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The American Foxhound is medium-sized hunting dog that stands up to 25 inches at the shoulder and can weigh as much as 75 pounds. It is similar in appearance to the English Foxhound, but is taller, with a somewhat lighter build.

These dogs are built for endurance with long legs and deep chests. The head is long with widely set eyes, and hanging ears. Four color variants are recognized in the breed standard, red, blue, tri-color, and black and tan. The coat is short, dense and harsh to the touch.

This American Foxhound is one of the earliest American hunting breeds, and descends from English Foxhounds that arrived in the US in the sixteen hundreds. The more athletic build of the dog is believed to have been achieved by cross breeding with French hounds. These dogs are very fast movers, and have excellent scenting abilities. A characteristic of the breed is their unique bark when tracking.

These days, the American Foxhound is still used extensively for hunting and field trials. But they can also make a good pet for the right owner. This comes however, with a number of provisos. These are incredibly energetic dogs who not only want to work, but actually need a job to keep them happy.

Any prospective owner would have to be a high energy person with a love for the outdoors. These dogs enjoy having a job to do, and might make a good companion for someone with an outdoor job, like a farmer or game ranger. If you are not able to match the dog's energy levels, you should not even consider adopting one.

In the right hands though, this is an excellent companion and a wonderful pet. American Foxhounds are sociable dogs who love interacting with humans. They are excellent with children and do well with other dogs. With non-canine pets though, its another matter, and you'll have to keep a close eye on them. They develop close bonds with their family, but tend to be wary of outsiders.

If you're having trouble finding good dog names for your American Foxhound, I'd recommend Puppy Names HQ. This site has a huge database of [dog names](#), including many excellent [boy dog names](#).

These are generally sound dogs with few, if any, genetic disorders. They do enjoy their food though and can easily become overweight, so you'll have to keep strict control over meals and treats.

Grooming is easy. The coat is short and only needs to be brushed once a week except during the shedding season. The American Foxhound is a heavy shedder, and during this time a daily brush will be needed.

It should be pretty obvious that this dog will not do well in an apartment. If you have a house with a large garden, or better still if you live in the country, this may be the dog for you. But you will still need to be prepared to give the dog vigorous exercise every day.

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