
Foxhound (English)

General Appearance

The symmetry of the Foxhound is of the greatest importance, and what is known as “quality” is highly regarded by all good judges.

Coat and Colour

Are not regarded as very important, so long as the latter is a good “hound colour” and the former is short, dense, hard, and glossy. Hound colours are black, tan and white or any combination of these three, also the various “pies” compounded of white and the colour of the hare and badger, or yellow, or tan.

Head

Should be of full size, but by no means heavy. Brow pronounced, but not high or sharp. There should be a good length and breadth, sufficient to give in a dog hound a girth in front of the ears of fully 16 inches (41 cm). The nose should be long, 4-1/2 inches (11 cm) and wide, with open nostrils. The teeth must meet squarely. Ears set on low and lying close to the cheeks. Most English hounds are “rounded” which means that about 1-1/2 inches (4 cm) is taken off the end of the ear.

Neck

Must be long and clean, without the slightest throatiness, not less than 10 inches (25 cm) from cranium to shoulder. It should taper nicely from shoulders to head, and the upper outline should be slightly convex.

Forequarters

Shoulders should be long and well clothed with muscle, without being heavy, especially at the points. They must be well sloped, and the true arm between the front and the elbow must be long and muscular, but free from fat or lumber. Elbows set quite straight, and neither turned in nor out are essentially required. They must be well let down by means of the long true arm above mentioned. Every Master of Foxhounds insists on legs as straight as a post, and as strong; size of bone at the ankle being especially regarded as all important. The desire for straightness had a tendency to produce knuckling-over, which at one time was countenanced, but in recent years this defect has been eradicated by careful breeding and intelligent adjudication, and one sees very little of this trouble in the best modern Foxhounds. The bone cannot be too large, and the feet, in all cases, should be round and cat-

like, with well developed knuckles and strong horn, which last is of the greatest importance.

Body

The topline of the back should be absolutely level. The chest should girth over 31 inches (79 cm) in a 24 inches (61 cm) hound, and the back ribs must be very deep. Back and loin must both be very muscular, running into each other without any contraction between them. The couples must be wide, even to raggedness.

Hindquarters

Hindquarters or propellers are required to be very strong, and as endurance is of even greater consequence than speed, straight stifles are preferred to those much bent as in a Greyhound.

Tail

The stern should be well set on and carried gaily but not in any case curved over the back like a squirrel’s tail. The end should taper to a point and there should be a fringe of hair below.

Disqualification

Pig-mouth (overshot) or undershot.

Scale of Points

Head	5
Neck	10
Shoulders	10
Chest and back ribs	10
Back and loin	15
Hindquarters	10
Elbows	5
Legs and feet	20
Colour and coat	5
Stern	5
Symmetry	5

TOTAL

100

Greyhound

Size

Dogs, 65-70 lb. (29-32 kg); bitches, 60-65 lb. (27-29 kg).

Coat and Colour

Coat short, smooth, and firm in texture. Colour immaterial.

Head

Long and narrow, fairly wide between the ears, scarcely perceptible stop, little or no development of nasal sinuses, good length of muzzle, which should be powerful without coarseness. Teeth very strong and even in front. Eyes dark, bright, intelligent, indicating spirit. Ears small and fine in texture, thrown back and folded, except when excited, when they are semi-pricked.

Neck

Long, muscular, without throatiness, slightly arched, and widening gradually into the shoulder.

Forequarters

Shoulders placed as obliquely as possible, muscular without being loaded. Forelegs perfectly straight, set well into the shoulder, neither turned in nor out, pasterns strong.

Body

Back muscular and broad, well arched. Chest deep, and as wide as consistent with speed, fairly well-sprung ribs. Loins have good depth of muscle, well cut up in the flanks.

Hindquarters

Long, very muscular and powerful, wide and well let down, well-bent stifles. Hocks well bent and rather close to ground, wide but straight fore and aft. Feet hard and close, rather more hare than cat-feet, well knuckled up with good strong claws.

Tail

Long, fine, and tapering with a slight upward curve.

Scale of Points

General symmetry and quality.....	10
Head and neck	20
Chest and shoulders	20
Back.....	10
Quarters	20
Legs and feet	20

TOTAL **100**