



# THE SIGHT HOUND



Afghan Hound \* Azawakh \* Basenji (natural basal sight hound) \* Borzoi \* Chart Polski \* Galgo Espanol \* Greyhound \* Ibizan Hound \* Irish Wolfhound \* Italian Greyhound \* Pharoah Hound \* Rhodesian Ridgeback (also Scent Hound/Guardian) \* Saluki \* Scottish Deerhound \* Sloughi \* Whippet

## What we bred them for ...

Developed for hunting, they originated in Africa and further developed in ancient Egypt and the Middle East, they are one of the oldest groups of specialized dogs (as early as 7000 BC). They were refined for their incredible ability to perceive prey at a distance and their remarkable speed at catching it. Their narrow skulls are due to selection for improved peripheral vision.

## You'll fall in love with your sight hound because she is:

### **ELEGANT**

She is naturally inclined to appreciate the finer things in life, like warmth and comfort.

### **RESERVED**

She is generally quiet and calm, unobtrusive and stoic.

### **ROMANTIC**

Her affection and play are delivered with grace, passion, and sincerity.

## You might find a sight hound hard to live with because she is:

### **SENSITIVE**

She is not cut out for harsh conditions, great endurance, invasiveness, or rough play.

### **A FLIGHT RISK**

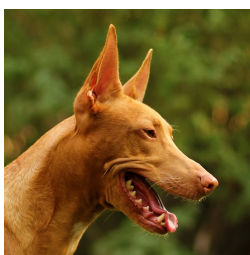
She has a keen eye for prey and the instincts to hunt it down with sudden swiftness.

### **SELF-DIRECTED**

Doting on you or following your directions (particularly, "Come") is often not her top priority.

## Interests, Hobbies and Education

Your sight hound loves a quiet, comfortable life. She can spend inordinate amounts of time resting in warmth and comfort, needing short opportunities to stretch her legs. She does enjoy her personal space and is less demanding and dependent than many other dogs. Her independent side can show up suddenly if she spots something in the distance. A sight hound can easily become the target of bullying, so playtime with a small group of friends and private training can be the best options for her. Set her up for success by establishing consistent, well-managed routines and employing leashes, long lines and fences to keep her safe.



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## You might find yourself seeking professional help for:

- Predatory behavior toward other animals
- Not coming when called
- Her independent nature regarding your directions and requested "obedience"
- Discomfort with small children and sudden invasions of personal space
- Occasional wariness of strangers or protectiveness of territory and family



## Sight Hound Relationship Survival Key:

Create **LEARNING** opportunities and routines that facilitate a strong bond built on trust and respect.

Manage her **ENVIRONMENT** with good planning and decision making in order to set her up for success.

Don't take her **GENETIC** design for granted. Her passion for independent hunting and sprinting after critters is in her DNA.

Treat your sight hound as the regal noblewoman she is at all times. (**SELF**).



## Ways to enrich your sight hound's life:

### Opportunities for short sprints

- Chase games, running in large ENCLOSED fields/yards, outings on a long line

### "Predatory" opportunities

- lure coursing, barn hunt, toys/items that can be shredded/destroyed such as cardboard boxes

### Opportunities to sniff

- sniff walks, nosework, freework, snuffle mats, scatter feeding

### A quiet, comfortable place to rest



To learn more, pick up a copy of *Meet Your Dog* by Kim Brophey. This really is THE game-changing guide to understanding your dog's behavior.



**LEARNING** - your dog's experiences and education

**ENVIRONMENT** - the many aspects of your dog's external world



**GENETICS** - the DNA that designed your dog inside and out

**SELF** - the unique interior world of your dog - health, age, sex, personality ...