



THE SCENT HOUND

American Foxhound * Basset Hound * Beagle * Black and Tan Coonhound * Bloodhound * Blue Tick Coonhound * Dachshund (also Terrier) * English Foxhound * Harrier * Otterhound * Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen * Plott Hound * Redbone Coonhound * Red Tick Coonhound * Treeing Walker Coonhound



What we bred them for ...

The first scent hounds date back to 1000 BC when the Celts used them for their scenting abilities. During the Middle Ages, mastiff-type dogs that shoed special skills at tracking were further developed for their olfactory abilities, persistence following a scent and hardiness. Over generations, they were selected for the "mark" (bark) behavior upon locating the target prey and holding an animal at bay.

You'll fall in love with your scent hound because he is:

SOCIAL

He is generally very outgoing and friendly with people and other dogs.

EMOTIONAL

He wears his passionate heart on his sleeve about everything, from you to squirrels.

FUN

He can be hilarious, playful, social, creative, and adventurous.

You might find a scent hound hard to live with because he is:

IMPULSIVE

A naturally ambitious dog, he can tune out the entire world and everyone in it when he's on his game.

A HUNTER

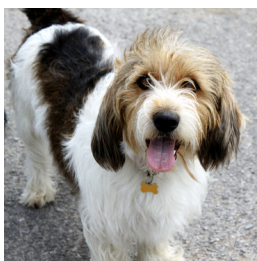
His blind (and deaf) determination for sniffing out, tracking, and pursuing targets can be annoying and even quite dangerous to other animals .

DRAMATIC

He's born to bay his little heart out when life gets exciting. You may feel like you're watching a pop talent reality show at times.

Interests, Hobbies and Education

Your scent hound is thrilled to chase and tree any critter in the yard or he may be oblivious of them as he naps in the sun. He is a go-with-the-flow kind of a guy, but can also be very dramatic if he feels that he has been wronged. He was not designed to follow your directions, he was designed to follow his heart and his nose. His big feelings can get in the way of learning.



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You might find yourself seeking professional help for:

- Excessive barking
- Predatory behavior toward other animals
- Failure to come when called
- Unmanageability on leash when stimulated by other animals
- Emotional "act first, think later" reactions to threat to space, safety, other resources
- Difficulty with confinement to smaller spaces/indoor living



Scent Hound Relationship Survival Key:

Teach him self-control by becoming the master of "Yes, but ..." in his **LEARNING** processes.

Be a proactive mediator between your dog and his **ENVIRONMENT** so his impulses don't get the better of him.

Keep in mind that he has an impulsive and emotional **GENETIC** nature for pursuit.

Treasure your scent hound's hear-wide-open approach to life without judgement or scorn (**SELF**).



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



Ways to enrich your toy dog's life:

Plenty of physical exercise

- hiking, agility, chase games, quality daycare

Hunting opportunities

- hunting, barn hunt, baying opportunities

Challenge his nose

- sniff walks, nosework, scatter feeding, freework, snuffle mat, tracking, man trailing



LEARNING - your dog's experiences and education

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



Learning Environment Genetics Self

GENETICS - the DNA that designed your dog inside and out

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