American Breeds



Rat Terrier: Joining the Terrier group on June 26, 2013, the Rat Terrier comes in two sizes – standard and miniature. Originally used to hunt rodents and vermin, the breed was one of the most common farm dogs from 1910-1930 in the U.S. They are loyal and active and love being a member of its human family.



Alaskan Malamute: The official state dog of Alaska, the Alaskan Malamute is the largest and oldest of the Arctic sled dogs. The breed possesses great endurance and can carry large loads over great distances. Alaskan Malamutes are athletic and need daily exercise.



American English Coonhound: Comparable to a well-conditioned athlete, the American English Coonhound is an avid hunter known for its tremendous speed and loud voice. Originally these hounds were used to hunt fox by day and raccoon by night in the American colonies.



American Eskimo Dog: The American Eskimo Dog performed regularly in trick-dog acts in traveling circuses around the country in the 19th century. Today, the breed is primarily a family companion and an excellent watchdog. They learn quickly and require daily exercise.



American Foxhound: Truly an American breed, George Washington is the father of the American Foxhound. These dogs were bred to run, so they do best with families that have large open spaces and can provide them with daily exercise.



American Staffordshire Terrier: The American Staffordshire Terrier is courageous and intelligent. The breed is very people-oriented and does best as part of a family. They are loyal dogs and thrive when given a job to do.



American Water Spaniel: The American Water Spaniel is the state dog of Wisconsin. Originating in the Great Lakes region of the U.S., the American Water Spaniel was bred as an all-around hunter that could retrieve from boats. Today, they are very rare.



Australian Shepherd: The Aussie is energetic and lives for his job. Originally bred to herd livestock and work as an all-purpose farm and ranch dog, the Australian Shepherd has strong herding and guarding instincts.



Black and Tan Coonhound: The Black and Tan Coonhound is a persistent, determined hunter who will stay on track no matter what the conditions. The breed trails much like a Bloodhound does – entirely by scent. The breed is outgoing and friendly.



Bluetick Coonhound: The Bluetick Coonhound is named for its coat, which is dark blue with a ticking pattern. The breed is athletic and hardy, and needs a job to do to be happy. They are steady and determined and able to stay on the most intricate of tracks.



Boston Terrier: The Boston Terrier was declared the state dog of Massachusetts in 1979. Nicknamed “the American Gentleman” because he looks like he’s wearing a tuxedo, the breed is also known for its gentle disposition.

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Boykin Spaniel: The state dog of South Carolina, the Boykin Spaniel is a cheerful, energetic all-around hunting dog. This breed has the stamina to stay by its owner’s side for a full day of work, so it is best suited for an active family.



Chesapeake Bay Retriever: The state dog of Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever is a tough water retriever. They are courageous and intelligent dogs that love the water and do best with active, outdoor-loving owners.



Plott: The state dog of North Carolina, the Plott was originally bred to hunt bear and boar. Plotts are eager to please, loyal, and intelligent. They're athletic and require daily exercise.



Redbone Coonhound: Known for its red coat, the Redbone Coonhound is versatile and can hunt and swim over a variety of different terrains while maintaining its speed. The Redbone Coonhound tracks game ranging from raccoons to cougars.



Toy Fox Terrier: The Toy Fox Terrier is a big dog in a small package. The breed is known to be intelligent and courageous with a take-charge attitude. They are extremely loyal to their families.



Treeing Walker Coonhound: The Treeing Walker Coonhound was bred to hunt raccoon. The breed assisted its owner in the hunt by "treeing" its quarry and announcing to the hunter with its bark that it had been found. In fact this coon-hunting jargon is the basis of the present day idiom "barking up the wrong tree.