

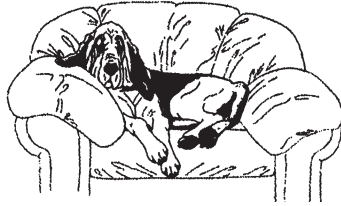
Congratulations!

You are now owned by a Bloodhound!



The American Bloodhound Club (ABC) prepared this flier to help you enjoy your new addition to the fullest.

The Bloodhound is distinctive in appearance and captivating in personality. This is a very large, versatile, and active dog that likes to have a job or an activity to focus their energy on. You can track, mantrail, participate in rally, obedience, agility, scent work and try the show or “conformation” ring. There are Bloodhounds participating in therapy work, dock-diving, lure coursing, and barn hunt events.

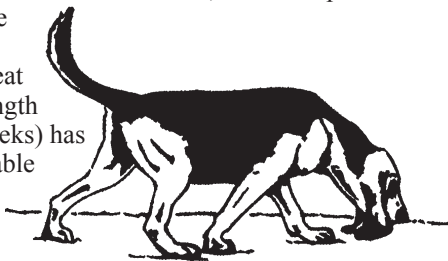


The Bloodhound is not a breed that wants to please you as much as it wants to be pleased by your attention and/or with rewards.

Their motto is
“what’s in it for me?”

Welcome to living with a Detective!

Bloodhounds want to know everything about you, your family, friends, home, neighborhood and groceries. Their nose is like a computer memory bank storing information on all of your activities. In fact, Bloodhounds are one of the oldest breeds with a long history of following scent. Originally, they were bred for hunting wild boar, deer, and in the Middle Ages used for tracking people. In the United States, their exceptional ability to differentiate between various human scent over great distance and even length of time (days and weeks) has proven them as valuable resources for law enforcement and in search and recovery efforts for missing people.



The breed’s long documented history of scent discrimination as well as detailed training records kept by a handler on his Bloodhound will allow the trail of the Bloodhound to be accepted as evidence and testimony in a court of law. The Bloodhound remains famous as the dog with the NOSE! The Bloodhound is capable of being a serious working dog and the most entertaining, loveable pet you will ever own, if you take the time to train him properly throughout his life.

How do I care for my new puppy?

Select and visit a veterinarian with your new puppy. Your vet will provide a general well dog check-up and establish an immunization schedule. Your dog’s health will benefit from your attention to these specific areas:

Eyes – should be checked daily. If there is any debris in the eyes, wipe them clean. If they should appear cloudy, go to the vet immediately. Eye problems must be taken very seriously. Don’t hesitate to have your dog’s eyes examined if they don’t appear healthy to you.

Ears – should be cleaned weekly. Use a good ear cleaner recommended by your breeder or vet. This must be done diligently as problems can arise very quickly.

Coats – some need brushing daily others every week. This eliminates dead hair. Check the dewlap area (under the neck) routinely for any hair loss or possible irritation. A good habit of routine maintenance will help your dog look, feel and smell better.

Nails – should be cut every one to two weeks. They HATE it! Begin as soon as you get your pup and persevere. They do not make this an enjoyable task, but with patience and consistency, you will get the job done.

If you have questions regarding health, ask your breeder or veterinarian.

What should I be careful about?

Bloat and/or Torsion – This is a major medical problem in any breed. The causes of this condition are unclear. Bloat and subsequent torsion can strike at any time and can kill your hound if not diagnosed and treated immediately. The ABC has published a pamphlet available to everyone explaining what is known about bloat/torsion/GDV.

Anesthesia – Be careful about anesthesia if your dog has to undergo any surgical procedures. Bloodhounds usually do not require the recommended dosage per pound, so please suggest to your vet to start with a lesser amount of anesthetic.

Behavior – Bloodhounds can be rather possessive, opportunistic and they don’t like to share. You must run your home like a benevolent dictatorship. Be kind, but be the undisputed boss. Make sure you control your hound’s whole life, all his belongings and especially his food. When he becomes a teenager, at about 8 or 9 months, he may try to challenge you. Never let your hound get the upper hand!

What must I do for my new buddy?

Socialization – Socialize your new puppy as much as possible. Puppies need to enjoy many new sights and sounds and make lots of new canine and human friends. This is an absolute must for the Bloodhound. Try puppy kindergarten, go to some ball games, or take a daily walk in your neighborhood.

Obedience – When the puppy is older, attend basic obedience or agility classes. This is a large breed and will benefit greatly from being a well behaved companion. You might not be the star, since bloodhounds can invent their own version of “obedience” but with lots of treats and plenty of praise, you can enjoy all sorts of activities with these versatile canines.



Crate training – You will need a large crate that will accommodate your bloodhound once he is fully grown. He will be much easier to housetrain since he won’t want to make mistakes in his bed. He will wait until you take him out, which should be often. The crate will keep him safe and will keep your home in one piece when you are not there to supervise. This is a breed that will chew anything and everything for a number of years! You cannot leave a Bloodhound puppy unattended. If you do, you are asking for a damaged home and/or a deathly ill dog. Either way it spells a costly disaster!

Fencing – A fenced yard is a must. *NEVER* allow your dog to roam free, as you will have a lost, stolen or dead dog.

Special identification – Please tattoo or microchip your dog. This simple step may help insure the safe return of your pet if it is lost. Ask your vet for more information.

Feeding – Once past the little puppy stage, your hound should be fed at least twice daily with a good, high quality diet recommended by the breeder or your vet. Bloodhounds drink lots of water, so make sure you have plenty of fresh water available at all times.



What kinds of activities can we do?

There are many options for Bloodhounds! Try trailing, tracking, obedience or agility. Volunteer for therapy work or to help with Bloodhound Breed Rescue/Adoption. If you want to show your dog in the conformation ring, attend local shows and join a handling class. The American Kennel Club or the American Bloodhound Club will be happy to provide you with advice and guidance in these pursuits.

Should I spay or neuter?

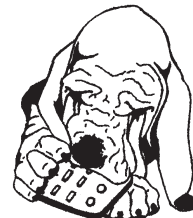
Yes! Yes! Yes! You will have a healthier pet. Spay or neuter eliminates many health problems, particularly many types of cancers. Ideally this should be done at about six months of age, but certainly before he’s a year.

Breeding is a huge responsibility. You must be willing to take your puppies back at any age if the homes you sell them to don’t work out. Good breeders spend years studying pedigrees, evaluating health and talking to other breeders all over the world in an attempt to produce quality Bloodhounds. The background of a prospective breeding pair is extremely important in identifying and avoiding potential problems. A reputable breeder will only sell pet puppies on a limited

registration and with spay or neuter contracts. This assures that the dogs are not bred indiscriminately and that only the very best of each litter will be used in any future breeding program. Spayed and neutered animals are not eligible to compete in AKC Conformation shows, but may compete in AKC Rally, Obedience, Agility and Tracking events.

Problems? Questions?

If for any reason you are unable to keep your pet, contact your breeder. Reputable breeders will happily and eagerly take the dog back regardless of age.



Contact the American Bloodhound Club if you have questions or concerns. We’ll be glad to help you.

Recommended Reading

- *The New Complete Bloodhound* by Lena Reed and Catherine Brey
- *Bloodhounds - A Complete Pet Owner’s Manual* by Kim Campbell Thornton
- *The Bloodhound* by Hylda Owen
- *How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With* by Clarice Rutherford and David Neil
- *The Art of Raising a Puppy* by The Monks of New Skete
- *Dog Owner’s Home Veterinary Handbook* by Delbert G. Carlson and James M. Giffin

Recommended Video

The Bloodhound produced by the American Kennel Club

The American Bloodhound Club, Inc.

The ABC is the national parent club for the Bloodhound breed. The ABC is also responsible for the written Breed Standard—the description of the ideal bloodhound.

For more information, visit the official website of the American Bloodhound Club:

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