

The Joy of Being a Hound Dog Family

With few exceptions, hounds make great family pets for those willing to care for them properly. The hound is adaptable and intelligent and will likely be the source of hours of good, hearty playtime. Hounds have a sense of humor like few other breeds of dog. They enjoy play and fun as much as they enjoy the hunt and will likely be more like having another child than having a dog.

Interactive and involved in family life, the hound requires a dedicated owner but has no problem returning the dedication shown it on an everyday basis. The hound is an affectionate breed that will openly and honestly enjoy you as much as you enjoy it. An honest, straightforward dog, this breed inspires dedication and near fanatical loyalty from those lucky enough to appreciate them.

If you are someone who wants a dog who lives to respond to your commands with hair-trigger speed, don't torture yourself with the hound group. While it is true that some hounds are easily taught and some do very well in obedience trials, as a whole the hound group is not the best choice for those who wish to become famous in obedience circles, unless they are individuals who enjoy a real challenge.

A person who needs a small dog might consider a hound as they come in many shapes and sizes, such as the Beagle.

Hounds are generally very healthy dogs. There is not a great deal of work involved in keeping them clean and healthy, and most often they have a temperament guaranteed to bring joy to your life.

They are natural comedians and are constantly getting themselves into hilarious situations that seem to delight them as much as they delight the people they own! You will seldom be able to walk very far with your hound without a passerby at least giving you a smile if not stopping you to chat a while.

Oddly, most adopters hardly ever stop at just one hound. Perhaps it is because hounds are pack animals and seem to be more comfortable with another hound around. At any rate, their adopters seem to sense that, and having adopted one hound, they immediately set about finding their next!

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