

# Treeing Walker Coonhound

**Height** Dogs 22" – 27" Bitches 20" – 25"

**General Appearance** – Slightly taller at shoulders than hips. Balanced. Courteous and courageous with extreme endurance.

**Head – Skull**- Medium length, prominent occipital bone; cranium broad and full. **Ears**- Moderately low and of medium length, oval or rounded tips, hanging gracefully towards muzzle. **Eyes** – Large, set well apart with soft hound-like expression; dark in color. **Muzzle** - Medium length, rather square. **Stop** – Medium. **Nostrils** – Large and black.

**Neck and Throat** – Clean of excessive skin, neck of medium length; **Shoulder** – Laid back appearance, length of shoulder blade and upper arm equal; **Chest and Ribs** – Depth of chest approximately to point of elbow; Ribs well sprung; **Back and Loins** – Strong, muscular back of moderate length, level or slightly sloping from shoulder to rear; **Tail** – Set moderately high, coming right off top-line, carried well up and saber-like, Curved gracefully up, tapered, moderately long.

**Forelegs** – Straight, parallel; **Pastern** – Strong, distinct, almost perpendicular. **Feet** – Thick pads, well arched toes, 'cat foot', tight. **Hindquarters** – Muscular, powerful, great propelling leverage. **Thighs** - Well muscled of good length; **Stifles** - Well bent; Defined angulation denotes endurance and power.

**Coat** – Smooth, glossy, short, close, hard hound coat, dense enough for protection.

**Color** – Tri-colored preferred white, black and tan; Black or white may predominate.

**Gait** – Smooth, effortless, free and balanced, good reach and drive.

NOTE: Working dogs will not be penalized for scars or blemishes due to hunting injuries.

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