

The Pharaoh Hound

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Background

The Pharaoh Hound is one of the oldest domesticated dogs alive. His lineage traces back to roughly 3000 BC. His history is heavily rooted in Egyptian civilization. Records from that time have been well kept through paintings and hieroglyphics. After Egypt, The Pharaoh Hound was carried by Phoenician traders to the island of Malta.

In the early 1930s the Pharaoh Hound was imported to England and then to the United States in 1967. He was recognized by the American Kennel Club in 1983.

Sizing up

- Weight: 40 to 60 lbs.
- Height: 21 to 25 inches
- Coat: Short, fine, and varies from silky to somewhat hard.
- Color: Tan, rich tan, chestnut, and golden red -- usually with all white markings.
- Life expectancy: 12 to 14 years

What's the Pharaoh Hound like?

The Pharaoh Hound is the cat of the dog world. He is gentle, loving and even good with children. He can be a vigorous chaser and can jump pretty high so keep an eye on him when he's outside. Inside he might prove less active. He loves to lounge and he won't stop until he finds the comfiest spot in the house. He tends to be a bit reserved and nervous around strangers.

The Pharaoh Hound is one of the lowest maintenance dogs out there; if you're not around for a bit he will find something to keep himself entertained. Don't expect him to follow you around all day like most dogs do. But do expect him to be at your feet whenever there's food involved.

The Pharaoh Hound's coat is fairly easy to groom but they do have sensitive skin, go over it about once a week with a rubber brush and use a very gentle dog shampoo when bathing to avoid an allergic reaction. Their hair is so short they shed very little.

Health

The Pharaoh Hound is generally a healthy breed but watch for any of the following conditions:

- [Hip dysplasia](#)
- [Luxating patella](#)
- Eye conditions
- Frostbite

Takeaway Points

- The Pharaoh Hound loves to jump and chase things so a fence would be a worthy investment.
- The Pharaoh Hound is cat-like so he's perfect for someone who wants a dog but also works a lot.
- The Pharaoh Hound's coat is a breeze to groom and sheds very little.
- The Pharaoh Hound would make a great addition to any family even those with young children!

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.