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Standard FCI n° 303 / 05/03/1998 / GB

Breed name: American Foxhound.

Origin : U.S.A.

Date of publication of the original valid standard : 02/11/1979.

Utilization : Hound.

CLASSIFICATION FCI :

Group 6 : Scent hounds and related breeds.

Section 1.1 : Large-sized Hounds.
With working trial.

HEAD

Should be fairly long, slightly domed at occiput.

CRANIAL REGION

Skull : Broad and full.

Stop : Moderately defined.

FACIAL REGION

Muzzle : Of fair length, straight and square-cut.

Eyes : Large, set well apart, soft and houndlike; expression gentle and pleading. Colour brown or hazel.

Ears : Set on moderately low, long, reaching when drawn out nearly, if not quite, to the tip of the nose; fine in texture; fairly broad, with almost entire absence of erectile power; setting close to the head with the forward edge slightly inturning to the cheek; round at tip.

NECK : Rising free and light from the shoulders, strong in substance, yet not loaded, of medium length. The throat clean and free from folds of skin, a slight wrinkle below the angle of the jaw, however, is allowable.

BODY

[Back](#) : Moderately long, muscular and strong.

[Loin](#) : Broad and slightly arched.

[Chest](#) : Should be deep for lung space, narrower in proportion to depth than the English Hound, 28 inches girth (71 cm) in a 23-inch (58 cm) hound being good.

[Ribs](#) : Well sprung; back ribs should extend well back.

[Flank](#) : A three-inch (7,6 cm) flank allowing springiness.

TAIL : Set moderately high; carried gaily, but not turned forward over the back; with slight curve; with very slight brush.

LIMBS

[Forequarters](#)

Forelegs straight, with fair amount of bone.

[Shoulder](#) : Sloping, clean, muscular, not heavy or loaded, conveying the idea of freedom of action with activity and strength.

[Pasterns](#) : Short and straight.

[Forefeet](#) : Foxlike. Well arched toes, strong nails, pads full and hard.

[Hindquarters](#)

[Hips and thighs](#) : Strong and muscled, giving abundance of propelling power.

[Stifles](#) : Strong and well let down.

[Hocks](#) : Firm, symmetrical and moderately bent.

[Hindfeet](#) : Close and firm.

COAT

[Hair](#) : Close, hard hound coat of medium length.

[Colour](#) : Any colour.

HEIGHT

Dogs should not be under 22 or over 25 inches (56-63,5 cm).

Bitches should not be under 21 or over 24 inches (53-61 cm).

- Measured across the back at the point of the withers, the hound standing in a natural position with his feet well under him.

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

- Skull very flat, narrow across the top; excess of dome.
- Roman-nosed, or upturned, giving a dish-face expression.
- Muzzle long and snipey, cut away decidedly below the eyes, or very short.
- Eyes small, sharp and terrierlike, or prominent and protruding.
- Ears short, set-on high, or with a tendency to rise above the point of origin.
- Neck thick, short, cloddy, carried on a line with the top of the shoulders. Throat showing dewlap and folds of skin to a degree termed throatiness.
- Back very long, swayed or roached back.
- Loins flat, narrow.
- Chest disproportionately wide or with lack of depth.
- Ribs flat.
- Tail long. Teapot curve or inclining forward from the root. Rat tail. Entire absence of brush.
- Forelegs crooked.
- Shoulders straight, upright.
- Out at elbow.
- Carpus knuckled over forward or bent backward.
- Cowhocks or straight hocks.
- Feet long, open or spreading.
- Lack of muscle and propelling power.
- Coat short, thin, or of a soft quality.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head

Skull	5
Muzzle	5
Eyes	5
Ears	5

20

Body

Neck	5
Chest and shoulders	15
Back, loin and ribs	15

35

Running gear

Forelegs	10
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Hips, thighs, hind legs	10	
Feet	15	
		<u>35</u>

Coat and tail

Coat	5	
Tail	5	
		<u>10</u>

Total **100**

N.B. : Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.