THE AMERICAN AND ENGLISH FOXHOUNDS



YOUR DOG AND MINE

By EDWARD C. LOUD, JR.

Skull of the American Foxhound—Should be fairly long, slightly domed at the occiput, with the cranium broad and full.

Ears of the American Foxhound—Ears set on moderately, low, Long, reaching when drawn out nearly to the nose; fine in texture, fairly broad, with almost entire absence of erectile power setting close to the head with the forward edge inturning to the cheek round at tip.

Eyes of the American Foxhound—Eyes large, set well apart soft and houndlike—expression gentle and pleading; of a brown or hazel color.

Muzzle of the American Foxhound—Muzzle of fair length, straight and square cut, the top moderately defined. Defects, A very flat skull, narrow across the top; excess of dome; eyes small sharp and terrier like, or prominent and protruding; muzzle long and snipy, cut away decidely below the eyes, or very short. Roman nose, or upturned, giving a dishface expression. Ears short, set on high, or with a tendency to rise above the point of origin.

Neck and throat of the American Foxhound—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. Defects—A thick, short, cloddyneck carried on a line with the top of the shoulders. The throat showing dewlap and folds of skin to a degree termed throatness.

Shoulders, chest and ribs of the American Foxhound—Shoulders sloping—clean, muscular, noy heavy or loaded—conveying the idea of freedom of action with activity and strength. Chest should be deep for lung space, narrower in proportion to depth than the English hound, 28 inches in a 23 inch hound being good. Well sprung ribs, back ribs should extend well back, a three inch flank allowing springness.

Back and loins of the American Foxhound—Back moderately long, muscular and strong. Loins broad and slightly arched.

Defects—Very long or swayed or roached back. Flat, narrow loins.

Fore legs of the American Foxhound—Straight, with fair amount of bone. Pasterns short and straight. Defects—Straight upright shoulders, chest wide or with lack of depth. Flat ribs.

Feet of the Amer ican Foxhound—Fox like. Pad full and hard. Well arched toes. Strong nails. Defects—Out at elbow. Knees knuckled over forward, or bent backward. Forelegs crooked. Feet long, open or spreading

Hips and thighs of the American Foxhound—Strong and muscled, giving abundance of propelling power. Stifles strong and well let down Hocks firm and well bent. Feet close and firm. Defects Cowhocks or straight hocks. Open feet. Lack of muscle and propelling power.

Tail of the American Foxhound—Set moderately high; carried gaily, but not turned forward over the back; with slight curve; with very slight brush. Defects—A long tail. Teapot curve or inclined forward from the root. Rat tail, entire a bsence of the brush.

Coat of the American Foxhound—A close, hard, hound coat of medium length. Defects—A short thin coat, or of soft quality.

Height of the American Foxhound—Dogs should not be under 22 inches or over 25 inches. Bitches should not be under 21 inches or over 24 inches measured across the back at the point of the withers, the hound standing in a natural position with his feet well under him.

Color of the American Foxhound—Any color.

Head of the English Foxhound—Should be of full size, but by no means heavy. Brow prominced, but not high or sharp, here must be good length and bredth, sufficient to give in the dog hound a girth in front of the ears of fully 16 inches. The nose should be long and wide, with open nostrils. Ears set on low and lying close to the cheeks.

Neck of the English Foxhound—Must be long and clean, without the slightest throatness. It should taper nicely from the shoulders to the head, and the upper outline should be slightly convex.

Shoulders of the English Foxhound—Should be long and well cloathed with muscle, without being heavy, especially at the points. They must ge well sloped, and the true arm between the front and the elbow must be long and muscular, but free from fat or lumber.

Chest and back ribs of the English Foxhound—The chest should girth over 30 inches in a 24 inch hound, and the back ribs must be very deep.

Back and loin of the English Foxhound—Must both be very muscular, running into each other without any contraction or nipping between them. The couples must be wide, even to raggedness, and there should be the very slightest arch in the loin, so as to be scarcely perceptible.

Hindquarters of the English Foxhound—Are very strong Stifles straight are preferred to those much bent as in the Greyhound.

Elbows of the English Foxhound—Set quite straight, and neither turned in or out. They must be well let down by means of the long true arm above mentioned.

Legs and feet of the English Foxhound—Every master of foxhounds insists on legs as straight as a post, and as strong; size of bone at the ankle being especially regarded as important. The desire for straightness is carried to excess, as the very straight leg soon knuckles over, and this defect may almost always be seen in old stallion hounds. The bone cannot be too large, but a slight ankle at the knee is preferred to a perfectly straight line. The feet in all cases should be round and cat like, with well developed knuckles and strong horn, which last is of the utmost importance.

Color and coat of the English Foxhound—Are not regarded as very important, so long as the former is a hound color and the latter is short, dense, hard and glossy. Hound colors areb lack, tan and white, black and white.

Stern of the English Foxhound—Is gently arched, carried gaily over the back and slightly fringed with hair below. The end should taper to a point.

STILL POND

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stayton on Wilmington, spent a few days with Mrs. Angie Raisin and Mrs. Florence Watson last week.

The Woman's Club held their monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Atwell on Friday afternoon. They elected new officers for the coming year. They are: President, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Jr., Vice President, Kathryn Hepburn, Secretary, Miss Louise Pennington, Treasurer, Mrs. Maxwell Meeks. All who attended spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Toulson, of Vineland, N. J., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Clark.

Those who attened the football game between Washington College and University of Delaware last Saturday were Vaughn Moore, Ruth Harris, Galen Clark, and the Misses Ella and Elizabeth Ford.

Mr. Norman Thompson, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Emma Thompson.

William Medders, Jr., of Baltimore, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Medders.

Mr. Gale Raisin and friend, Miss Dorothy Swan, of Wilmington, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Raisin on Sunday.

Mrs. William Thompson who has been very ill is much improved at this writing.

Miss Elizabeth Hepburn, of Baltimore, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hepburn.

The P. T. A. will hold a business and social meeting Tuesday, December 4. Every one is invited to attend. Come out and help back our new President, Mrs. Mitchel Whiteford for the coming year. We are making a drive for new members for the year. There will be a program and refreshments.

Mr. Elmer Atwell, of the Ericsson Line spent the week end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson spent Monday in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams and son, James, of Barclay, Md., and Mrs. Effie Moore, of Millington, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Massey, Sunday.

Mrs. Whiteford, Miss Clayton, and friend, Mr. Perkins, of Baltimore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

Mrs. Ella Pennington returned rome Tuesday after spending sometime in Baltimore. Mrs. Lewis Lamburn accompanied her and remained a few days.

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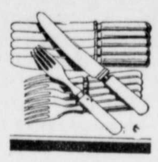
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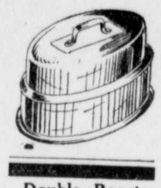
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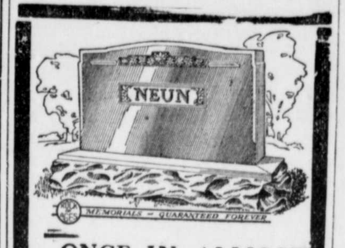
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