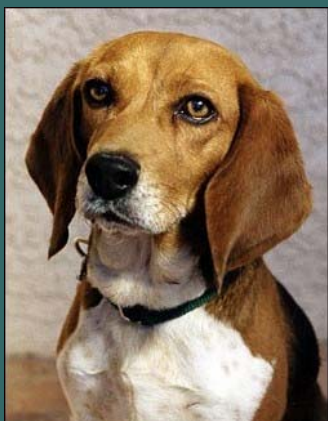




Read about the Breed

Beagle

Hound Group



The Beagle is Thought to be One of the Oldest Hound Breeds

Breed History:

- Beagles are an ancient breed from the British Isles that are thought to be among the oldest of the hounds (200AD).
- Used to hunt small game such as rabbits, the Beagle has long excelled as a field and gun dog.
- The National Beagle Club was formed in 1888, when it held its first field trial.
- *Snoopy*, one of the most famous dogs in popular culture, is a Beagle



Keys to the Breed:

- High Energy Indoors
- Special Exercise Needs
- Special Grooming Needs
- Good Watchdog
- Good with Kids

Breed Characteristics:

- **Appearance** — Beagles are small to medium-sized dogs that resemble miniature foxhounds. They have a hard, medium length coat in color combinations of white, tan, and black (also lemon, red, and blue).
- **Grooming** — They do shed, but the coat is short and generally easy to care for. Use of a hound glove on a weekly basis will help maintain a nice coat. Teeth and nails should also be cared for regularly.
- **Exercise** — Beagles enjoy moderate exercise through a brisk daily walk or the chance to run in an enclosed area. They can be quite energetic and active inside the house, as well.
- **Temperament** — They are scent-hounds and are programmed to chase prey. They need to be kept on leash and have a fenced yard so they don't run away. Great family pets, they typically love kids and get along fine with other animals. Keep in mind that Beagles are vocal and may BAY when you're away.

Vital Stats:

- **Size** — There are two standard sizes, 13 inches or 15 inches tall
- **Weight** — 18-30 lbs depending on the size
- **Life span** — 13-14 years on average
- **Common Health Issues** — Pet shop puppies should be avoided due to hypothyroidism, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, epilepsy, and atopy
- **Breed Clubs** — National Beagle Club of America

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AKC Standard Says:
"Solid and big for his inches, with the wear-and-tear look of the hound that can last in the chase."