

ENGLISH COONHOUND JUDGES SEMINAR

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Learning Objectives

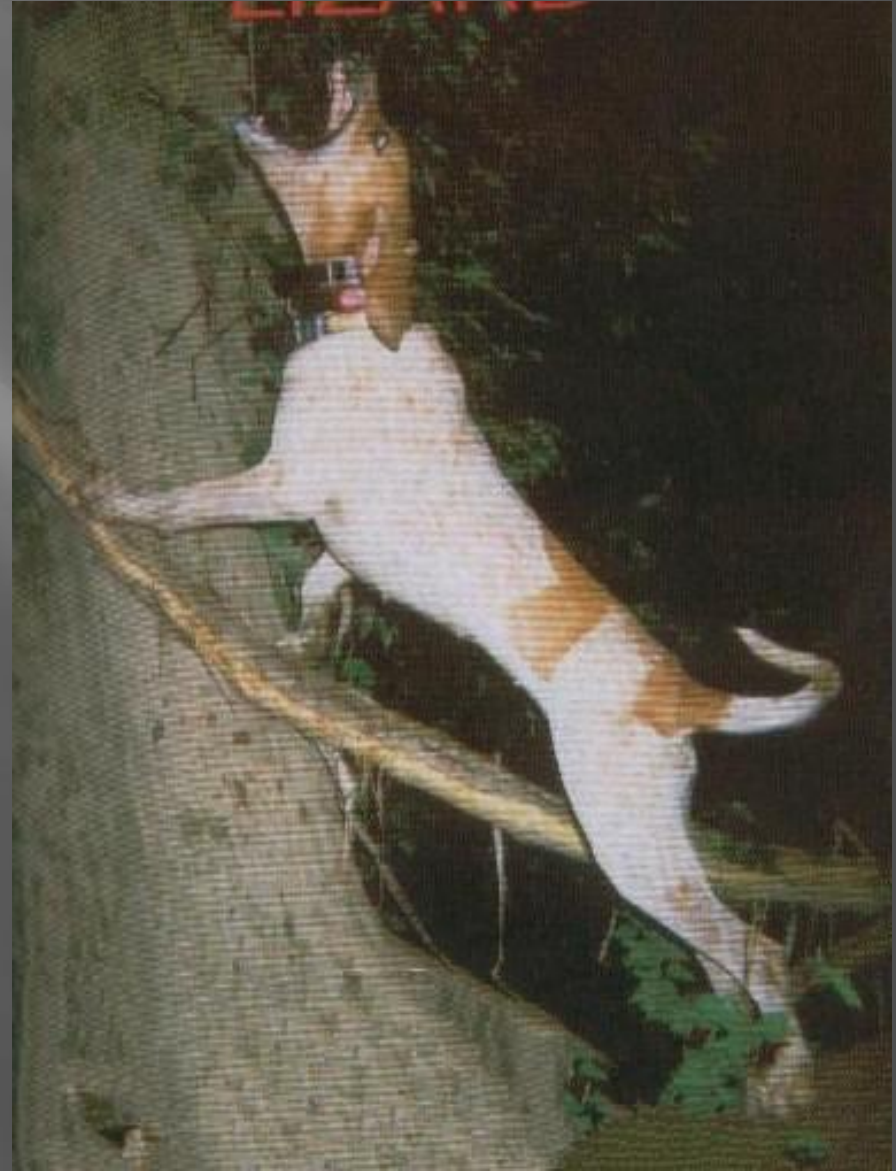
- ▣ History of the English Coonhound
- ▣ Purpose of the English Coonhound
- ▣ Head to Tail anatomical study of the English Coonhound
- ▣ Understanding/Application of breed standard

History of the English Coonhound

- ▣ Descendants of the English Foxhounds, known in the New World as the Virginia hounds
- ▣ History of the English Coonhound is almost the history of ALL coonhounds
- ▣ First registered by UKC in 1903 as the English Fox & Coonhound
- ▣ First major Field Trail was won by an English Coonhound

History of English Coonhound

- ▣ Color didn't matter
- ▣ By 1943 the breed produced four base colors
 - White- with any hound color
 - Blue- bluetick
 - ▣ Separated in 1946
 - Tri- walker
 - ▣ Separated in 1945
 - Red- redticked



Purpose of the English Coonhound

- ▣ Originally intended to run fox by day, raccoon by night
- ▣ Scent hound used to strike, trail and tree or bay desired game
- ▣ First & foremost a hunting dog
- ▣ Competitive in Nite Hunts



Nite Hunts

- ▣ Striking, Trailing and Treeing Raccoons
 - Striking- opening upon scent of intended game
 - Trailing- following the scent and forcing game to take refuge
 - Treeing- baying game in its' place of refuge
- ▣ 1-2 hours in length
- ▣ Most points win
- ▣ Fast, athletic hounds with the ability to locate, put direction to tracks and tree with great accuracy, on a consistent basis, win

The English Coonhound

- ▣ Renowned for speed and endurance
- ▣ Strong body with a hint of raciness
- ▣ Deep chest with plenty of lung capacity
- ▣ Strong back, broad loin and well-defined musculature
- ▣ Balanced with no exaggerated parts
- ▣ Graceful & athletic

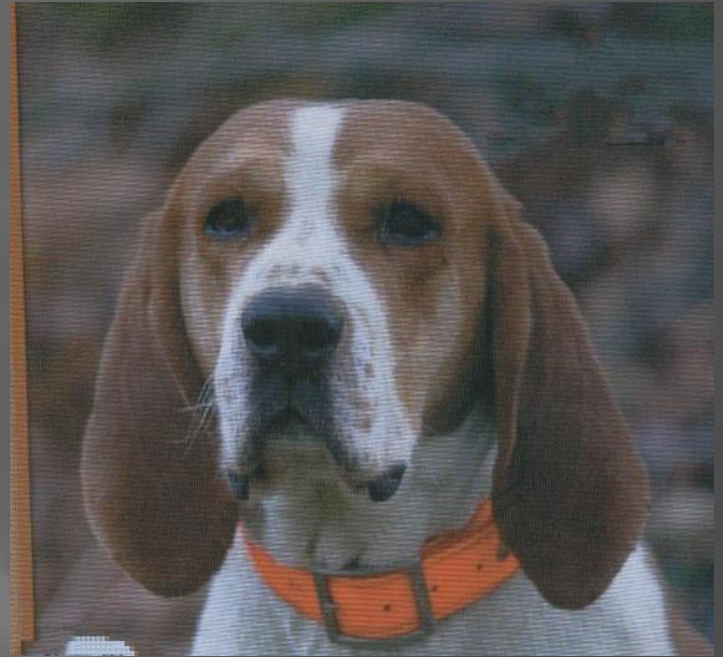


General Appearance

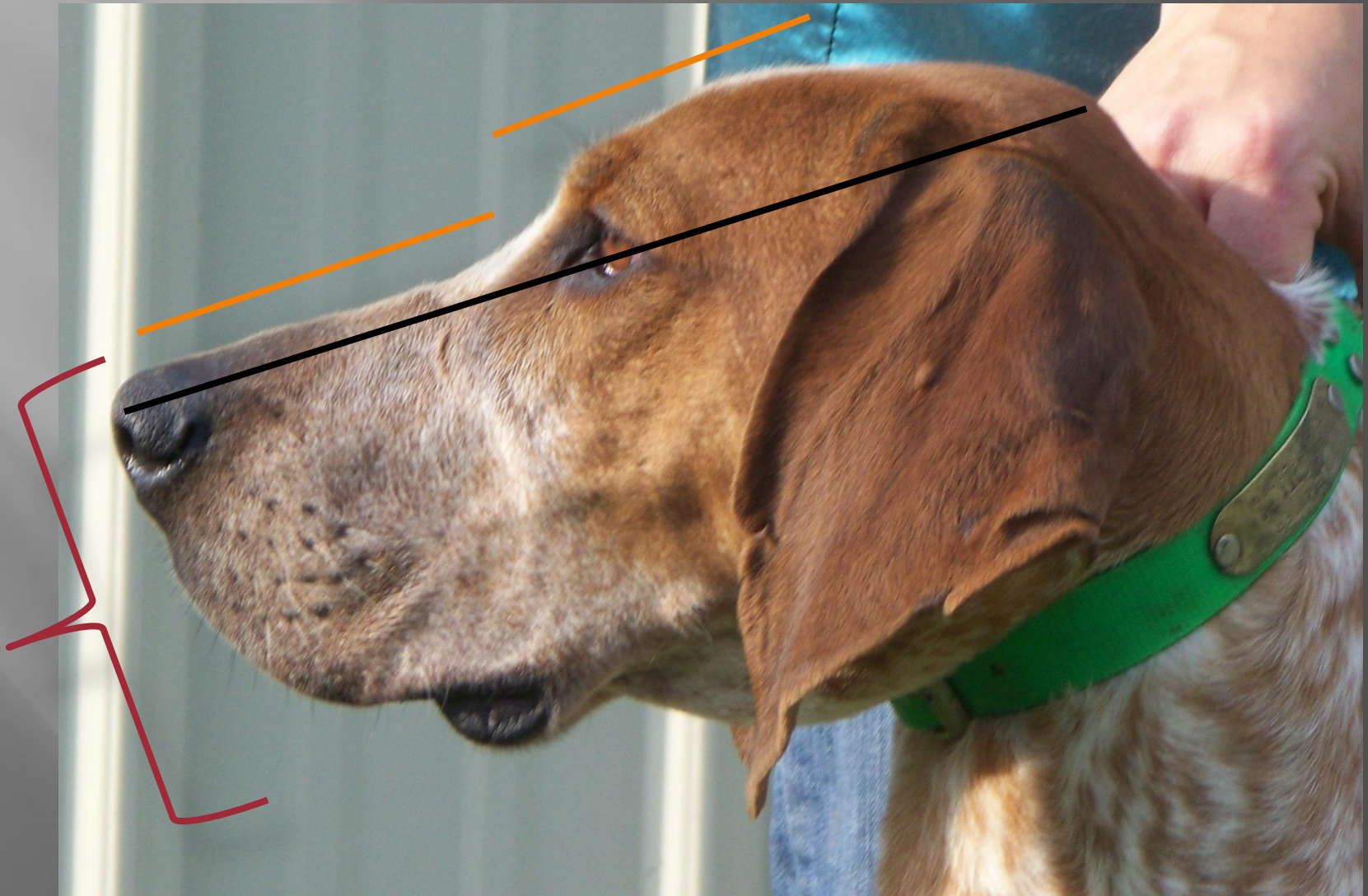


Head Assembly

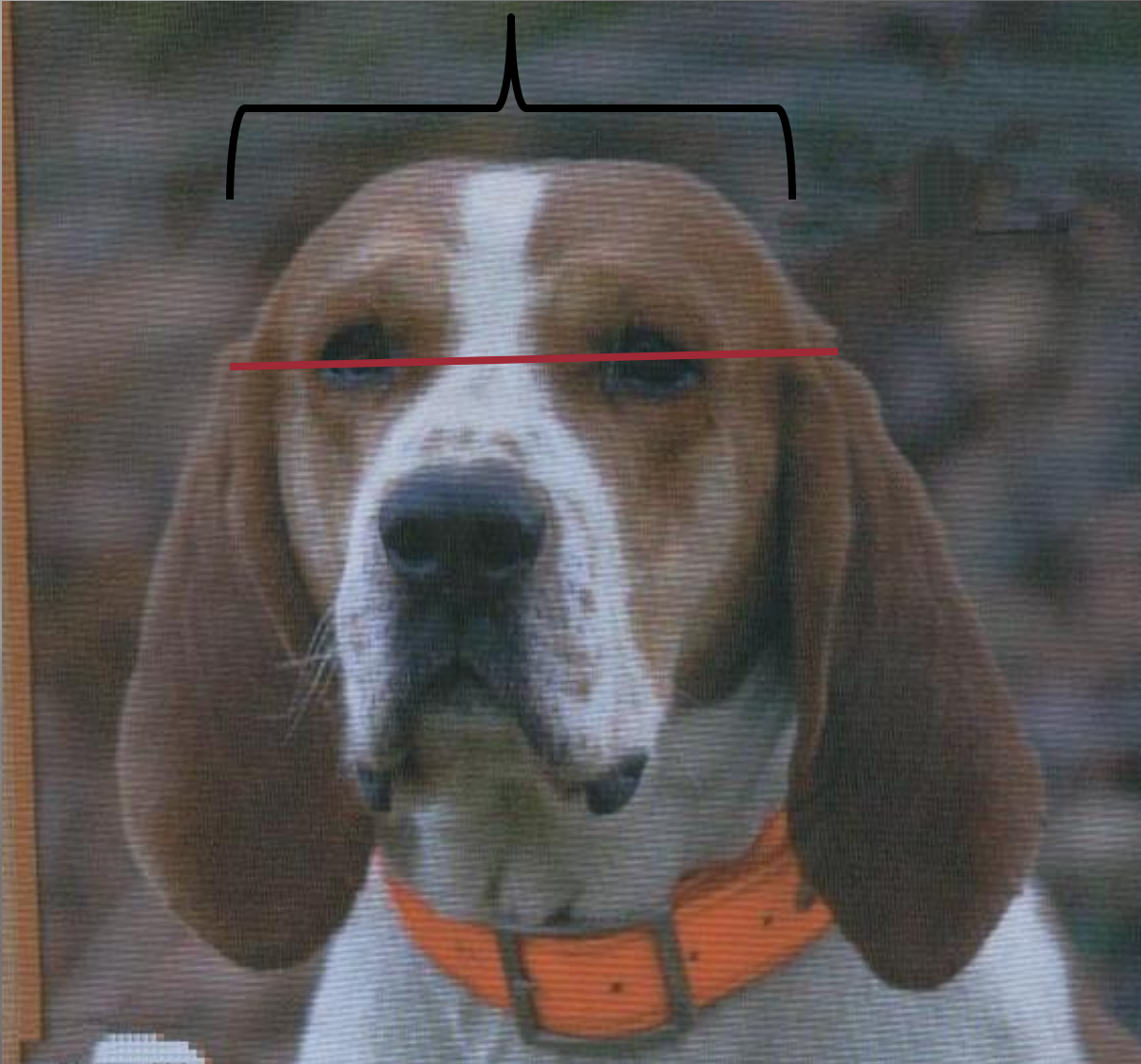
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 - Scissor bite
- ▣ Ears
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 - Reach the nose tip
- ▣ Eyes
 - Dark brown
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 - Almond shape to just off-round



Head cont'd



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Head discussion



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English Coonhound body

- ▣ Neck
 - Muscular
 - Slightly tapered
- ▣ Topline
 - Slightly higher at withers than hips
- ▣ Chest
 - Considerable depth (rather than excessive width)
 - Ribs well-sprung
- ▣ Underline/tuck-up
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Forequarters

- ▣ Shoulders/Angulation
 - Clean, muscular & balanced
 - Gradually sloping
- ▣ Forelegs
 - Straight, well boned
 - Muscular
- ▣ Pastern
 - Strong & Straight
- ▣ Feet
 - Well padded, cat-like



Forequarters cont'd



Pasterns



Feet

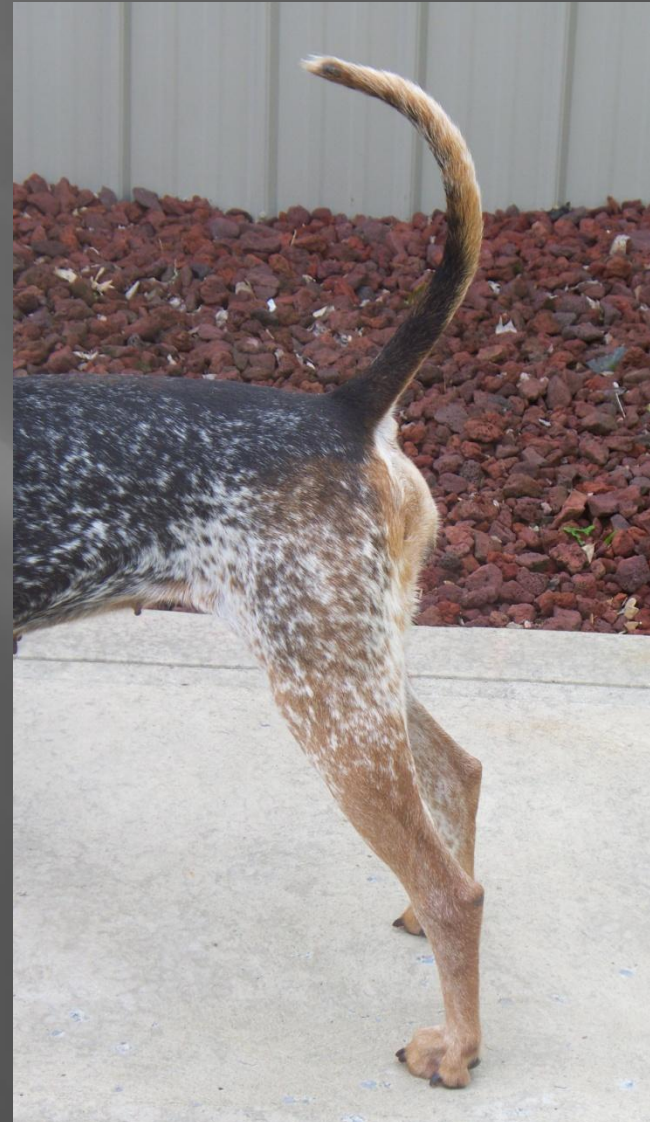


Forequarters review

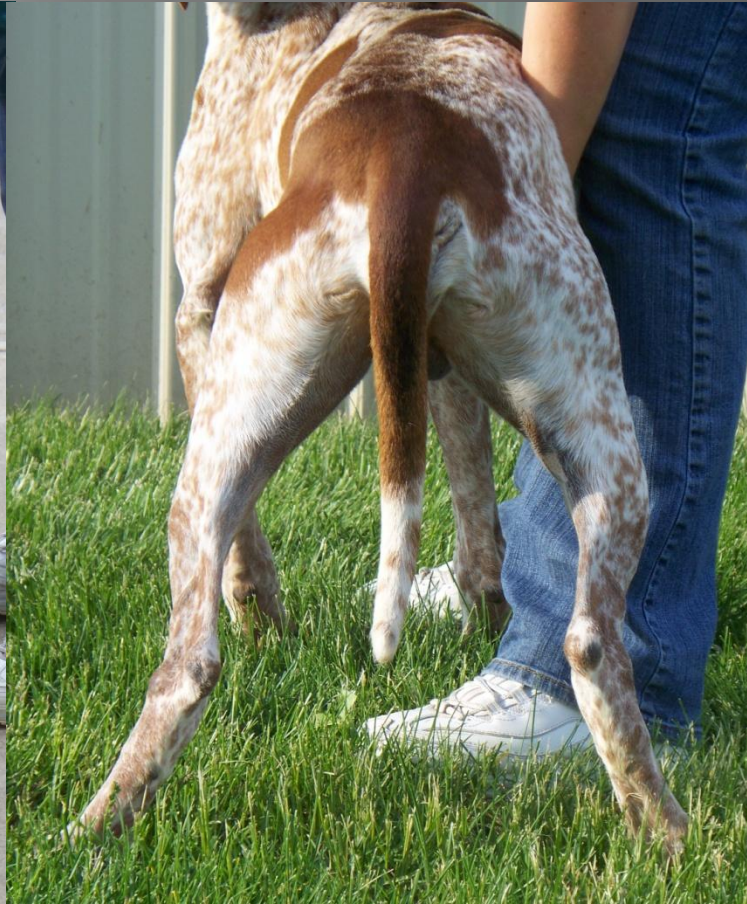
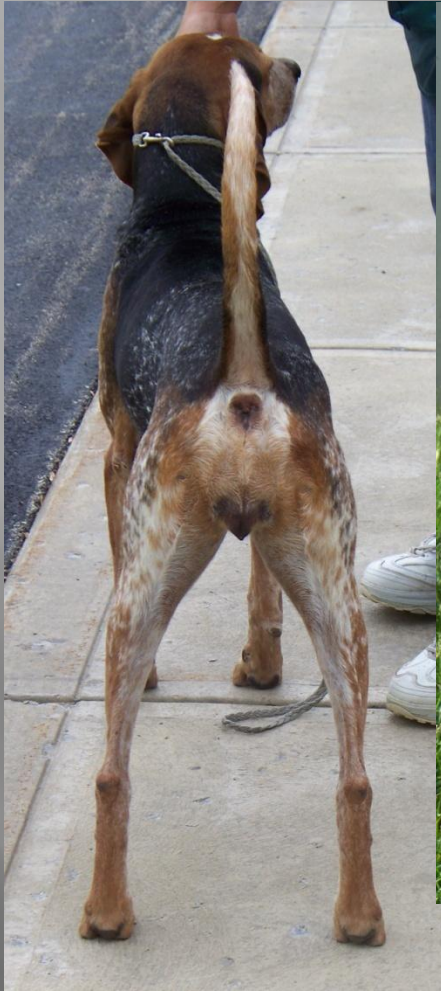
- ▣ Angulation
 - Good lay back of shoulder
- ▣ Forelegs
 - Straight/strong
- ▣ Pasterns
 - Straight
- ▣ Feet
 - Cat-like

Hindquarters

- ▣ Angulation
 - Hocks slightly bent
 - Moderate turn of stifle
- ▣ Legs
 - Strong & Straight
 - ▣ (when viewed from rear)



Hindquarters cont'd



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Hindquarters review

- ▣ Sufficient angulation
- ▣ Strong
- ▣ Straight/sound



Coat

- ▣ Hard
- ▣ Protective
- ▣ Medium length



Color

- ▣ Least important aspect
 - Red & White ticked
 - Blue & White ticked
 - Tri-colored w/ ticking
 - White & Red
 - White & Black



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Color review

- ▣ Wide variety
- ▣ Disqualifications for color
 - Any Brindle color
 - Tri-color with NO ticking
 - Solid color with less than 10% ticking



Gait

- ▣ Effortless
- ▣ Tail moving side to side
- ▣ Head up and alert

Critique



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Questions???



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