

Beagle

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BREED PROFILE: BEAGLE

The Beagle is an extremely affectionate and loving dog breed that is typically good with other dogs, other pets, children and strangers. This has helped the Beagle remain one of the top choices for a companion pet. Good family dogs as well as trackers, Beagles are known for their distinctive bark or howl, called a "bay."

Interesting Breed Facts:

- Popularity:** 5th in 2008; the latest statistics from the American Kennel Club (AKC) indicate that 33,722 were registered in 2008.
- First recognized as a breed:** The Beagle was first recognized as a breed in the U.S. in 1885. The current AKC standard was approved on September 10th, 1957.
- AKC Grouping:** Hound.
- Appearance:** The Beagle can be found in two different sizes, under 13 inches and 13-15 inches. The head is fairly long with ears that are low set, long, and sit close to the head. The eyes are large, set well apart, and are brown or hazel colored. The nose is pink or brown at birth, but turns dark. The neck is medium in length, free and light from the shoulders. The chest is deep and broad. and the ribs are



well sprung. The legs are muscular and strong and the feet are close and firm. The tail is moderately high with a slight curve. The coat is close, and medium in length, and the coat color can be any true hound color.

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preventable
health
problem:**

Eye problems including glaucoma and diseases affecting retina, cornea and eyelids. Find a breeder whose dogs are certified through the Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF).

Preferences:

A Beagle has a fair amount of energy and requires daily exercise such as a walk, jog, or a run in the yard, and is best suited for rural surroundings with room to safely run. A fairly playful breed, the Beagle is always willing to join in on games and seeks human companionship. She is a very affectionate dog and requires a great deal of companionship, attention, and play.

Best features:

Because of her strong need for companionship, the Beagle typically does extremely well with other dogs, other pets, strangers, and children. Because of these qualities, this breed is an ideal family dog. She is very tolerant and eager to join in on any game.

**Biggest
challenge to
owners:**

The Beagle loves to run; therefore, plenty of exercise is recommended to keep this dog in optimal health.