**Top Dog Kennel**

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**Club Breed**

**Standards**

# American Leopard

Head: large but proportionate to size of body

Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable

Eyes: round and wide set apart, color may be any shade of yellow or brown Nose: dark in pigment, usually black but red merle-colored hounds have brown or liver colored pigment, muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull, medium in length Neck: strong and slightly arched, moderate in length, gradually widens from nape to blend smoothly into shoulders

Ears: short to medium in length, wide at the base and set high

Color: maybe; leopard spotted, yellow, black (with brindle or tan trim), brindle red and blue, or mouse, no more than ⅓ of white

Body: slightly longer than tall, strong and broad back, deep body with muscular and wide chest, strong and muscular hips, strong and straight legs with long and round bones, elbows set close to body but able to move freely

Tail: set low at any length

Feet: cat like feet, moderate in size, round and well arched toes, tough pads

Gait: smooth and effortless with good reach

Height: measured at shoulders, males 22-27 inches, females 21-25 inches Weight: proportionate to size, slightly underweight acceptable due to being a working dog

**Disqualifications**: excessively long hair, silky or wavy hair

# Black and Tan

Head: carried well, slightly domed and broad between the ears, not narrow

Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable

Eyes: hazel to dark brown, no lighter than hazel, black acceptable

Nose: black pigment, well open and large nostrils, well balanced muzzle that gives squarish appearance

Neck: muscular and sloping in medium length, minimum dewlap

Ears: set low and back, naturally extend past the tip of the nose

Color: maybe; black with tan trim, tan trim not covering more than 10 to 15% of the body, little white on breast is acceptable

Body: deep and moderately wide chest, straight and smooth legs with muscular shoulders, short and slightly arched back with muscle, smooth and well proportioned hips

Tail: strong with base set below level of backline, well up without brush

Feet: compact and well knuckled, strongly arched toes and thick pads Gait: easy and graceful with plenty of reach, head and tail carried proudly and alert

Height: measured at shoulders, males 23-27 inches, females 21-26 inches Weight: proportionate to size, slightly underweight acceptable due to being a working dog

# Bluetick

Head: broad between ears with slightly domed skull, total length of head from occiput to end of nose is 9 to 10 inches in males and 8 to 9 inches in females Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable

Eyes: Dark brown, not lighter than light brown, larger in size and set wide apart in skull

Nose: black pigment, muzzle is long, broad, and deep, Well proportioned with skull

Neck: muscular and moderate in length, slight taper from shoulders to head, carried well but not vertical, slight trace of dewlap on throat

Ears: set slightly below top of skull, reaches well towards end of nose Color: may be; dark blue with various black spotting, with or without tan trim, should be more black ticking than white on the body

Body: should show considerate depth rather than excessive width, moderate chest, girth of chest in males is 26 to 34 inches and females is 23 to 30 inches,muscular and firm back, topline slopes downward slightly from withers to hips, strong and well muscled hips, straight legs from elbows to feet

Tail: set slightly below topline, carried with a forward curve and in balance with the hound, well coated but no flag

Feet: round and cat like with arched toes and thick pads

Gait: active and well reached,topline carried firmly with head and tail up

Height: measured at shoulders, males 22-27 inches, females 21-25 inches Weight: proportionate to size, slightly underweight acceptable due to being a working dog

# English

Head: broad and moderate in length

Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable

Eyes: dark brown in color, wide set, not drooping

Nose: black in pigment, no white or pink, square muzzle in proportion with skull

Neck: muscular and moderate in length, slight taper to the skull

Ears: set fairly low, reaching towards end of nose

Color: may be; red tick, bluetick, tri color with ticking, white and red, white and black, or white and lemon

Body: deep chest with well reach to elbow, muscular back with strong topline set slightly higher at withers than hips, straight and strong legs with good bone muscle but balanced with the body

Tail: moderately set, not hooked over back, slight brush

Feet: round and catlike, well padded with slight arched toes

Gait: smooth and effortless with reach and drive, head carried with alert expression

Height: measure at shoulders, males 22-27 inches, females 21-25 inches Weight: proportionate to size, slightly underweight acceptable due to being a working dog

**Disqualifications**: any brindle in the coat

# Plott

Head: moderately wide, somewhat square with skin fitting moderately tight but not stretched too tightly

Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable

Eyes: brown or hazel in color, deeper set, not drooping

Nose: black in pigment, moderate in length muzzle with squarish appearance

Neck: medium in length with muscle, free of dewlap

Ears: medium length, extending to tip of nose, set moderately high

Color: maybe; any shade of brindle (yellow, buckskin, tan, brown, chocolate, liver, orange, red, light or dark gray, blue, dilute black, and black), solid black, brindle with black saddle or black with brindle trim

Body: deep chest and moderately broad, well muscled back, gentle sloping topline that is higher at withers than hips, strong set legs and hips Tail: slightly below level of topline, moderately tapered with a slight brush Feet: strong toes, firm and tight feet

Gait: quick but graceful with ample reach, head carried well

Height: measured at shoulders, males 22-27 inches, females 21-25 inches Weight: proportionate to size, slightly underweight acceptable due to being a working dog

# Redbone

Head: Moderately broad, proportionate to body size

Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable Eyes: hazel or dark brown in color, set well apart and not drooping, round in shape

Nose: black in color, well balanced muzzle with other feature on the head Neck: medium in length, strong and slightly arched, slight fold of skin below jaw angle

Ears: moderately low set, reaching near end of the nose, proportionate to head

Color: may be; solid red; white on chest and feet is acceptable

Body: deep and broad chest, strong set back, topline being slightly higher at withers than at the hips, strong set legs and hips,

Tail: medium in length, set slightly below back line, can have a slight brush

Feet: cat like feet, strong and well arched toes

Gait: good reach and drive, well balanced and determined, head carried well

Height: measured at shoulders, males 22 - 27 inches, females 20 - 25 inches Weight: proportionate to size, slightly underweight acceptable due to being a working dog

# Treeing Walker

Head: well rounded, prominent occiput, muzzle medium in length and square

Bite: scissor bite preferred, even bite or reverse scissor bite acceptable

Eyes: dark brown or black in color, moderately large and set well apart, not small

Nose: black in color, white or pink spots inside the nostril is acceptable

Neck: medium length, clean rise from shoulders

Ears: medium in length and set moderately low

Color: maybe; tri color (black, white, tan), white may be predominant with black spots and tan trim, or black may be predominant with white spots tan trim, white with tan spots and white with black spots is acceptable

Body: Deep chest, well sprung ribs, shoulders laid back with a 45 degree angle to the ground, top line level, strong back, strong set legs and hips

Tail: Moderately high, coming off of topline, strong at root, no excessive brush

Feet: Thick pads and well arched toes, cat like appearance

Gait: Good reach and high drive, balanced movement, head carried well with determined expression

Height: measured at shoulders, males 22 - 27 inches, females 20 - 25 inches Weight: In proportion to height, slightly underweight is acceptable due to being a working dog

**Disqualifications for all breeds**: Females in heat, over or underbite, deaf, blind, Unilateral or Bilateral Cryptorchid, viciousness or extreme shyness, albinism, under or over height mark (do not count under height mark in puppy classes), rear dewclaws, any other coloring other than described

**CANNOT BE FAULTED FOR HUNTING MARKS, SCRATCHES, WOUNDS, ETC.**

**Classes**

Puppy, Junior, Adult

Puppy: 6 months - 1 year

Junior: 1 year - 2 years

Adult: 2 & up

**Points:**

Class points - 10

Breed - 10

BMOS/BFOS - 15

Champion - 7 points each win

To make a champion: 50 points, 1 win with competition

Grand Champion - 10 points each win

To make a Grand champion: 100 points, 2 wins with competition under 2 different judges

To make a Mega Champion 200 points, 2 wins with competition under 3 different judges

To make **Hall of Fame**, 300 points, 3 wins with competition under 3 different judges

**Bench Show Series**

The top ten from each breed will get a certificate, the top three of each breed will get a medal, first will receive gold, second will receive silver, and third will receive bronze. The top overall dog with the most points will receive a trophy

**Points system for bench show series**

BMOS/BFOS: 3 points per dog, 1 with no dogs

Champion: 5 points per dog, 3 with no dogs

Grand: 10 points per dog, 5 with no dogs

# Youth Ages

3-5, can have help of adult

6-12

13-17

## Jackpot Shootout Show

Clubs can hold 1 once a month

$100 entry fee, 10 dogs minimum, must pay entry 30 days in advance

1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th if everyone wants to split

Overall winner if one person doesn’t want to split

**Clubs set their own entry fee and payout, TDKC receives $6 per dog**

## RQE

To get qualified you must attend 5 shows and pay your entry fee at the world