

BLOODHOUND



Average size, weight & lifespan

63cm – 69cm

45kg – 50kg

8 – 10 years

General Appearance

The Bloodhound has a large head and wrinkled face with pronounced lips and throat giving him a solemn expression. They come in 3 colours: Black and Tan, Liver and Tan, and Red.

Background

The Bloodhound is an ancient breed, first taken to England from Normandy by William the Conqueror. The name Bloodhound is not for being “blood thirsty”, but from being a hound of pure blood (pure in breeding)

Characteristics/Temperament

The Bloodhound is very stubborn, disobedient and is a “pack hound” and therefore does not like to live alone. If its human companions have to spend time away at work or school, the Bloodhound will need a companion.

Exercise

They do need regular exercise and they grow quickly in the first 12 months, so exercise with caution – as a puppy. Bloodhounds will tire quickly.

Grooming

Bloodhounds are basically a “Wash and Wear” type of dog. The long ears can give problems with ear mites or fungal infections and need to be cleaned regularly. The ends of the ears should be cleaned after each meal to stop flies from biting.

Health

The most common health problems associated with the breed is Hip and Elbow Dysplasia which is potentially a crippling disease, Bloat and Entropion or Ectropion which is a turning in or out of the eyelid.

Contacting Council

If you require any further information about this or any other responsible pet ownership issue, please call Council on 1300 878 001 or visit the Townsville City Council website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au and follow the links to Pets and Animals.

