Breed Standards for the American Squirrel Dog Standard

General Appearance: The American Squirrel dog is structurally a well-balanced, sturdy, compact, elegant, short-coupled, smooth-coated hunting dog. He is naturally vigorous and alert.

Head and Skull: Rather more elongated than short and round in correct proportion to the body. The skull should appear flat when viewed from the front.

Eyes: Neither too full nor round, neither too little nor slanting.

Ears: Erect or tipped preferred but flopped or straight are acceptable. Cocked ears are very desirable.

Mouth: Scissors bite.

Voice: Virtually silent on track with chop at the tree.

Neck: Strong, yet graceful, slightly arched, and well fitted into the shoulders.

Forequarters: Fore chest well developed and full, moderately broad, shoulders clean, sloping with moderate angulations.

Body: Back line straight, belly tucked up, ribs well sprung and deep.

Hindquarters: Should be parallel to each other and wide enough apart to fit in with a properly built body. The hindquarters should be well developed and muscular with a good sweep of stifle and their hocks turning neither in nor out.

Feet: Legs straight, medium bone, feet catlike, elbows close to body.

Tail: Preferred natural Bobtail or Docked (1 to 3 inches) but may be long.

Coat: Short, dense, smooth and soft to medium hard.

Basic Color: The colors are white, wheaten, and red or brindle with wheaten being the preferred color.

Color, trim, and Markings: Solid white or wheaten being preferred predominately white or wheaten with black, brindle, tan, or rust trim permitted.

Height & Weight: The height is to range from: 14-20 inches.... Weight 20-30 pounds with the average being 17 inches and 25 pounds.

Temperament: The American Squirrel Dog is generally friendly with dogs. They should be active, alert, always on the move whether hunting or playing, and responsive to owner; loyal, affectionate, faithful, and generally friendly towards people, but protective.