

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.

