

Breed Standards for the Carolina Cur

General Appearance:	Carolina Curs are agile tree dogs of small to medium size. The body is to give a slender appearance. Legs are proportionate to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in any terrain. The head is small to medium with a moderate stop, the muzzle shorter than the skull length. The ears are erect with a drop tip. The tail is short, set, low, and less than $\frac{3}{4}$ " in length. The coat is smooth or coarse, but short.
Characteristics:	Carolina Curs are fast, hard hunters, usually with head up, but with trailing ability. They are mostly silent on trail and have a chop at the tree. They possess great intelligence and are easily trained. Carolina Curs have strong treeing instincts and are generally early starters.
Head:	The head is in proportion to the body size. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is shorter than the skull and is held high.
Skull:	The skull is flat, tapering slightly toward the short muzzle.
Muzzle:	The Muzzle is shorter than the skull, moderate, with a well-defined shape.
Ears:	Ears are erect with a drop tip. They are of medium length, and wide at the base and set high.
Eyes:	Are brown or black, never light.
Neck:	The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length.
Forequarters:	The shoulders are well back, and the forelegs are well muscled and strong.
Body:	A well-proportioned Carolina Cur is slightly longer than tall. The back is strong, of moderate length, level with a moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out then curving down and in to form a deep body. The chest is deep and provides for good lung capacity.
Feet:	The feet of Carolina Curs are cat like in shape. Are of small to medium size, compact and arched. Dewclaws may be present or removed.
Tail:	The tail is set low, and is always less than $\frac{3}{4}$ " in length, either natural bobbed or trimmed.
Coat:	Any color combination, through black with white is preferred.
Size:	Height ranges from 12 – 23".

Weight is between 15 and 35 lbs.

Gait: The gait is smooth and effortless. The forequarters have good reach. The rear quarters are strong with good driving power.

Voice: Virtually all Carolina Curs are silent on track with a good chop at the tree.