

BREED STANDARD OF RAJAPALAYAM DOG

Origin

Named after a small town in southern districts of Tamilnadu , this little town has gained a great deal of prominence in the canine world for having produced the Rajapalayam dog. They are one of the most majestic and equally rare breed of sight hounds known popularly for their guarding instincts. Also known as the Polygar hound the Rajapalayams were developed to hunt wild boars and other small game during the Nayak dynasty of Tamil Nadu. There exists Historical records of the Rajapalayam dogs assisting during the Carnatic and Polygar wars and Rajapalayams have adapted and evolved with the times from donning the role of warriors during the Carnatic war, as hunting dogs assisting hunters with small game hunting such as hare, wild boar, deer etc and later as faithful watch dogs in protecting his master.

RAJAPALAYAM MALE BREED INFORMATION

Country of Origin	:	Tamilnadu, India
Size	:	Large
Life Span	:	12-15 years
Energy levels	:	High
Trainability	:	Moderate or little effort required
Weather Tolerance	:	Can tolerate heat but cannot tolerate cold
Litter Size	:	5-8 puppies
Height	:	Males 26-28” : Female 25-27”
Weight	:	25-30 Kilograms



RAJAPALAYAM MALE



RAJAPALAYAM FEMALE

General Appearance

Handsome, strong, muscular and an active dog. Medium sized sight hound in white coat with pink nose traditionally used to hunt small and medium game. They have a deep chest and domed shaped head. the eyes are dark and usually deep brown. The ears are pendent shape and feel likes of teather. The legs are long and straight

Temperament

Rajapalayam throughout history has also been known as a breed that is extremely attached to the owner and will not hesitate to protect its master. They are good family companions and develop a special bond with any one family member. It may not be the right breed for very young children but bond well with the older children and are warm and affectionate towards them. It is also important to socialize them early in life with other canine companions to avoid temperamental issues.

Eyes

The eyes are of medium size and almond shaped and colours vary from dark brown to golden brown sometimes in blue, however the most desirable colour remains the brown. Silver eye colour would be considered a disqualification.

Nose :

It has a pink nose that goes well with its coat colour and any other colour would be considered a disqualification.

Head

The head is domed and of fair length with a medium sized muzzle and powerful jaws and appears triangular when viewed from the front. The skull is broader between the ears and slightly domed. When viewed from the sides the stop look prominent.



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Ears:

The ears are medium size and pendent in V-shape , any other ear settings would be considered a disqualification.

Jaws:

Scissor bite with full dentition there should not be any missing molars and the lowers jaws and flews must be pink.

Neck :

The neck is medium long and muscular and it is proportionate to the body size that allows it to carry its head that is typical for a sight hound.

Chest

The chest is deep and medium broad

Abdomen :

Tucked up abdomen around the lions and muscular.

Topline:

The crop is high and equal to the height of the withers and is not Straight.

Forequarters

Shoulders sloping, clean and muscular without it being loaded. The Forelegs are long, strong and straight for gaining quick speed.

Hindquarters:

Thighs and second thighs, wide and muscular, showing power and endurance. Strong hip bone with stifle well bent and hocks well let down.

Feet

Compact and somewhat hare-footed. The pasterns are well knuckled with the paw for better grip. The breed is never a fast runner, but is tireless and steady over long distance.

Disqualification

- 1) Silver or blue eye serious fault
- 2) Defense
- 3) No other colour or marking on the body, other than dilute fawn sports which can not be more than 10% of the body.



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**Breed Standard
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Rajapalayam Dog**