

BEFORE YOU BREED

If you plan to breed a litter, the first step is an honest comparison of your Black and Tan Coonhound to the breed standard. Obtain a copy from the AKC or AB&TCC website. A responsible breeder plans each breeding with the goal of improving the breed, avoiding genetic defects, and producing puppies that are not only better than their parents but one step closer to the ideal Black and Tan Coonhound described in the breed standard.

www.abtcc.com www.akc.org

HEALTH

The American Black and Tan Coonhound Club (AB&TCC) has its own Canine Health Committee as well as being supportive to the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF). (Website: www.akcCHF.org) While the Black and Tan Coonhound is not prone to the average canine disorders, some degree of hip dysplasia has been recorded. Many members have their breeding stock certified by the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA). Eyes are checked (CERF) for cataracts. Some thyroid issues have also been noted to occur. Ear problems can be a consideration, as with any pendulous ear type dog. However, with weekly ear checks and cleansing of the ear, there is little need to worry.

PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION

Because our hounds may have a one-track mind and may lose us, it is important to have some type of permanent identification program. Microchipping through your Vet and registration through programs such as the AKC Companion Animal Recovery Program (CAR) (website: www.akccar.org). The Program consists of an encapsulated microchip inserted under the skin at the back of the neck. The chip contains information used to identify your dog and you, the owner, plus an 800-phone number to the AKC database. Nearly all animal shelters and veterinarians now have scanners to read these chips. The insertion procedure, available at most veterinary offices is simple and painless.

AKC VENUES FOR YOU AND YOUR BLACK AND TAN COONHOUND

There are several sports open to enjoy with your Black and Tan Coonhound. They include Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Rally and Night Hunts. Spayed and neutered dogs can participate in all of these, except Conformation, where the dog is required to remain sexually unaltered. For more information on these events contact AKC at (919) 233-9767 or www.akc.org.

American Black and Tan Coonhound Club

Contact the American Black and Tan Coonhound club at www.abtcc.com

AKC Companion Animal Recovery Program (CAR)

1-800-252-7894

www.akccar.org

AKC Canine Health Foundation

1-800-682-9696

www.akcCHF.org

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)

(573) 442-0418

www.offa.org

Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF)

(765) 494-8179

