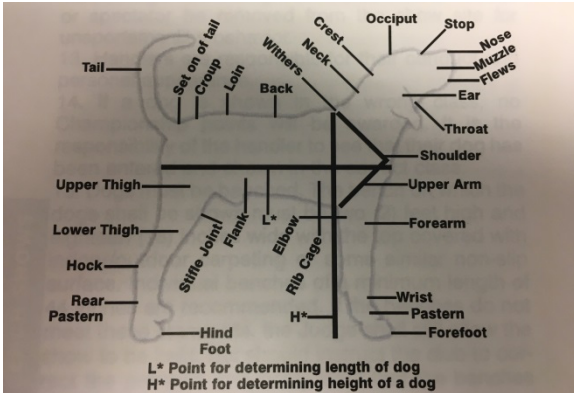


American Coon Hunters Association

IMPORTANCE OF BODY PARTS ON A COONHOUND



HEIGHT STANDARD

Measuring the height of a dog consists of a perpendicular line from the floor to the top of the shoulders or withers. This point at the top of the shoulders is where the neck appears to meet the shoulders. The dog should be posed in a natural stance with its legs directly under him and not leaning forward or backward. Dogs shall be measured from the ground. The owner/handler may assist the Judge in posing the dog and steadying him. The actual measuring of the dog is to be done by the Judge. The Judge's decision is final for the show he is judging.

If either a male or female is over or under the official **ACHA** height standard for the particular breed, it is to be considered an Eliminating Fault. A dog with an Eliminating Fault is not to be considered for placement, nor are they to be reported to the **ACHA**.

The dog should not be asked to leave the bench if it is under or over the height requirement. Dogs in the Puppy Class are exempt from the height standard.

DISQUALIFICATION

If a Judge determines a dog to have a Disqualification, as listed in the Breed Standards for each breed, that dog must not be considered for placement in a bench show / conformation event, and the Judge must submit to **ACHA** the dog's name, **ACHA** number and description of the Disqualification along with the show report.