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Fact Sheet: Afghan Hound

Dog type: hound

History:

- The Afghan Hound was originally bred in Afghanistan, Pakistan and northern India.
- Royalty and tribesman kept Afghans as hunting dogs.
- There were two varieties of Afghan – one that helped track game in the desert and one that tracked game in the mountain.

Did you know...?

- Afghans can run extremely fast – they can gallop at speeds of at least 35 to 40 mph.
- Afghans were well known for hunting leopards.
- Afghans can jump high and long.

Afghans as pets:

- Can be difficult to train and so need lots of time and patience from their owner.
- Are elegant to look at.
- Need plenty of exercise or they become bored. Bored Afghans can do a lot of damage in the house!
- Coat requires lots of attention and care.