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Fact Sheet: Basset Hound

Dog type: hound

History:

- Basset Hounds were first bred in France around the 16th century.
- Basset Hounds were bred to be small and walk slowly so they could be followed on foot.
- Basset Hounds helped their masters to hunt wild animals.

Did you know...?

- The name 'basset' comes from the French word 'bas' meaning low down.
- Basset Hounds have an excellent sense of smell.
- Basset Hounds are not too tall but are very sturdy – they are known as 'a big dog on short legs'.

Basset Hounds as pets:

- Gentle and well behaved.
- Needs daily exercise – but is happy to stop when you do.
- Easy to look after.