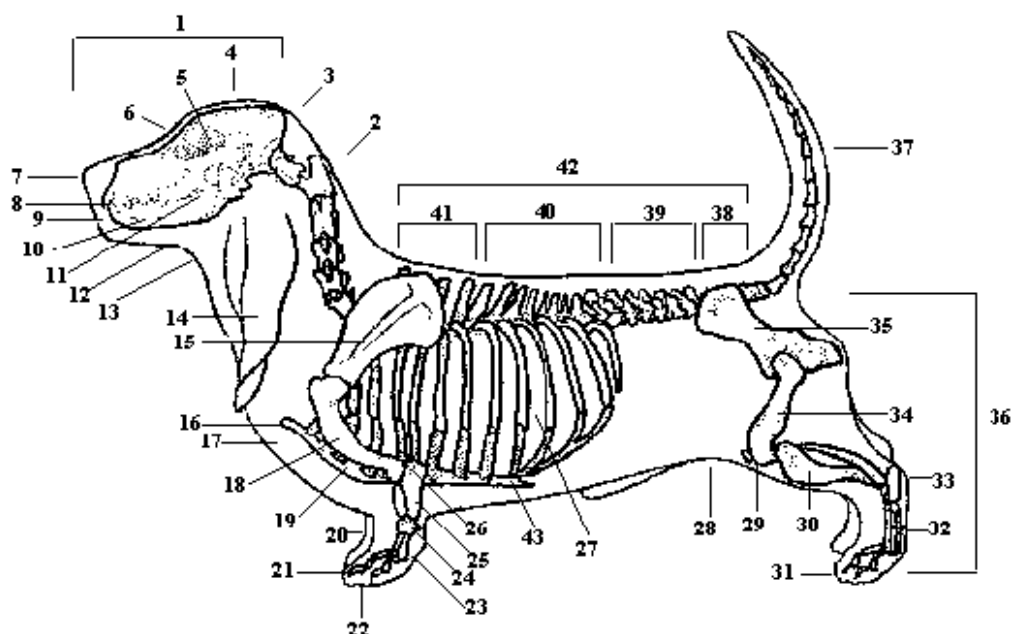


# PARTS OF THE BASSET HOUND



1. **HEAD**- large, well proportioned, medium width; covered with loose skin.
2. **NECK**-powerful; good length; well-arched.
3. **OCCIPUT** (*High point of the back part of the head*)-pronounced.
4. **SKULL**-well-domed; pronounced occipital protuberance; length from nose to stop is approximately length from stop to occiput. Top lines of muzzle and skull are straight and lie in parallel planes.
5. **EYES**-soft, sad, slightly sunken; prominent haw; brown or dark brown preferred.
6. **STOP** (*The change in profile lines between the muzzle and skull*)-moderately defined.
7. **NOSE**-darkly pigmented; preferably black; large wide-open nostrils; liver color permissible if conforms with head color.
8. **TEETH**-scissors or even bite.
9. **LIPS**-darkly pigmented; pendulous; fall squarely in front and towards the back in loose hanging flews.
10. **MUZZLE** (*Head in front of the eyes*)- deep, heavy; free from snipiness.
11. **CHEEK** (*The side of the head*)- flat; free of cheek bumps (*i.e., the masseter muscles below the eyes are not overly developed*).
12. **FLEW** (*The corner rear portion of the upper lip*)- loose hanging.
13. **DEWLAP** (*Loose pendulous folds of skin about the neck*)-pronounced.
14. **EARS**-velvety texture; extremely long, low set; fold over end of nose; ends curl slightly inward; set far back on head at base of skull.
15. **SHOULDER BLADE** (*Scapula*)-well laid back.
16. **PROSTERNUM** (*Point of the breastbone. Is in front of the point of the shoulder, when viewed from the side.*)-prominent.
17. **CHEST** (*The forepart of the body enclosed by the ribs and breastbone*)-deep, full; prominent sternum showing clearly in front of the legs.
18. **UPPER ARM** (*Humerus*)- *In many breeds is approximately the same length as the shoulder blade.*
19. **STERNUM** (*Breastbone; brisket. The lower part of the chest between and in front of the legs*)- should extend well back behind the front legs.
20. **FORELEGS** (*Front legs*)-short, powerful, heavy in bone with wrinkled skin.
21. **TOES**-neither pinched nor splayed.
22. **PAW** (*Foot*)-massive, very heavy with tough heavy pads; well rounded; both front feet inclined equally a trifle outward.
23. **PASTERNS** (*Region between the wrist and forefoot*).
24. **WRIST** (*Region between the forearm and the pastern*).
25. **ULNA** (*Non-weight bearing bone of the foreleg*).
26. **ELBOW**-set close to the side of the chest.
27. **RIBCAGE**-long smooth; extends well back; well sprung.
28. **TUCK-UP** (*Area of the lower stomach line or belly*).
29. **KNEE or STIFLE** - well-let-down.
30. **LOWER THIGH** (*Second thigh*)
31. **HIND FEET** - point straight ahead.
32. **HOCKS** (*Rear pasterns*)-turn neither in nor out. Hind legs are parallel viewed from behind.
33. **POINT OF HOCKS**-turn neither in nor out.
34. **UPPER THIGH** (*First thigh*).
35. **PELVIS** (*Provide sockets for attachment of rear legs*).
36. **HINDQUARTERS**-full and well rounded.
37. **TAIL**- has but slight curvature and carried gaily in hound fashion.
38. **CROUP** (*Portion of the body above the hind legs and extending from the loin to the set-on of tail*).
39. **LOIN** (*Area between end of ribcage and croup*).
40. **TRUE BACK** (*The portion of the anatomy between the withers and the loin*).
41. **WITHERS** (*Highest point of the shoulders behind the neck*).
42. **TOPLINE** (*Line from the rear of the withers to the tail set*)-straight, level, and free from any tendency to sag or roach.
43. **KEEL** (*Portion of the breastbone running between the forelegs and extending backward to the line of the abdomen.*)

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