

FACTS:



- Showing: The Podengo is an AKC Foundation Stock Service breed and is proposed to enter the Hound Group. It is also recognized by all FCI clubs in Group 5, the Primitive-Spitz Group.
- Events: The Podengo competes in AKC lure coursing, rally, obedience, tracking and agility.
- Hunting: Most Podengos in Portugal are members of actively hunting packs.
- Character: Podengos are lively, agile, playful, alert, highly intelligent but not always easy to train, independent yet loving with the family and sometimes suspicious of strangers.

- Grooming: A rustic dog, brushing the dead coat out once a year will suffice.
- Socialization: To get the most enjoyment from your Podengo, raise the most relaxed and tolerant Podengo you can by taking your pet to training classes and provide as much early socialization as possible.



Meet Huck!

THE HOLLYWOOD PODENGO

The **FIRST** documented Portuguese Podengos of any size in America were the wire haired Portuguese Podengo Medios imported in August, 1994. Tito, Rosa and Nikki were very successful in Hollywood, appearing in Zeus & Roxanne, Three Wishes, Soccer Dog, Homeward Bound 2, Dante's Peak, Cheaper by the Dozen, Monster in Law, Lake House and more.

While those original dogs have passed on, a new generation of Podengos is in Hollywood!



American Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande Club

**SMOOTH & WIRE HAIED
PRIMITIVE HOUNDS**

**MEDIO - 16-22 INCHES
GRANDE - 22-28 INCHES**



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WHAT IS A PODENGO?

HISTORY

The probable origin of the Portuguese Podengo is with the primitive, multi-purpose hunting dogs obtained, used and distributed by Phoenician traders during the circumnavigation of Africa in 600 BC and reaching Portugal in the 700's BC. This is evidenced by artifacts found under the Lisbon Cathedral.

The Phoenicians traded and traveled extensively in this region between Iberia and England, and it is entirely possible that the Phoenicians brought these valuable hunting dogs with them not only for hunting but also for trading. Goods moved via river transport from the southern Iberian trading cities and stored on the island of Ibiza likely resulted in the distribution of the early Podengos in those areas as well.

When the Moors invaded and occupied Iberia (Spain, Portugal and France) from the early 8th century AD to the mid- 12th Century AD* they likely brought their own version of these primitive dogs with them, thus influencing and defining the Iberian breeds such as the Podengo in Portugal and the Ibizan Hound and Galgo in Spain.

The Podengos were developed into different sizes in Portugal, the largest being the **Podengo Grande** which was developed for deer and wild boar hunting. It will exhaust and detain large game and await the hunter's gun. The Grande is now very rare in its home country.

Developed for rabbit detection, chasing, catching and retrieval, the knee-high **Podengo Medio** has a hunting style which includes not only full-out chasing but also cat-like stalking and jumping above dense brush and digging in rocky crevices to find prey.



Sources:

- 1) Phoenicians: Lebanon's Epic Heritage by Sanford Holst, leading expert on the Phoenician people
- 2) Golden Age of the Moor by Ivan Van Sertima
- 3) Nature Knows No Color-Line by J. A. Rogers
- 4) Encyclopedia Phoenicia by Salim George Khalaf

APPMGC Mission Statement

The purpose of the American Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande Club (APPMGC) is to protect and promote the interests of the Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande in the United States, to propel the Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande toward full AKC recognition and to work with the American Kennel Club as the National Parent Breed Club for the Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande.

Toward those goals, the APPM/GC seeks to operate under an approved constitution and bylaws; encourage educated breeding of purebred Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grandes of both smooth and wire coats in accordance with the APPM/GC breed standard; to promote a full range of dog events for sportsman-like competition between enthusiasts; to provide educational programs for showing, breeding & responsible dog ownership and to support research on Podengo health related issues.

In recognition of the rarity and the limited gene pool of the Portuguese Podengo, most notably the Grande, the APPMGC continues to work with Portuguese breeders and other fanciers who are committed to the recovery of the breed in Portugal and in the United States to identify registered dogs, collect DNA and evaluate pedigrees in an on-going effort to make full use of the range of genetic diversity currently available in the breed.

Given that many purebred Podengos are found in hunting packs without registration, the breed club in the country of origin maintains a carefully controlled program for integrating exceptional unregistered dogs into the registered gene pool. With the oversight of the Portuguese breeders, the APPM/GC supports the breeding of Portuguese-endorsed animals with incomplete registration in an effort to ensure the survival of the breed.

