North Carolina State Dog: The Plott Hound

In 1989 the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Plott Hound as the Official Dog of the State of North Carolina. It is the only dog breed that is recognized as having originated in North Carolina. Johannes Plott brought the original dogs to North Carolina in 1750 from Germany. He settled in what is now Haywood County in the North Carolina mountains, and he and his family developed the breed. The Plott Hound is known to be an excellent tracking and hunting dog, with a very keen sense of smell. And it has a unique multi-colored coat known as brindle.

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