

Rampur and Mudhol Hounds in BSF

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Why in News?

The Border Security Force (BSF) has started training 150 dogs of the indigenous Rampur and Mudhol Hound breeds.

- **Purpose** - These dogs will be used in BSF's border guarding duties, counterinsurgency operations, and special tasks.
- This is not the first time that Mudhol Hounds will be in service with security forces.
- They have been part of the **Indian armed forces and some paramilitary forces.**

	Mudhol Hounds	Rampur Hounds
History	• Mudhol Hounds are believed to have been bred first by Raja Malojirao Ghorpade of the erstwhile kingdom of Mudhol (in present-day Bagalkot) after he saw the qualities of the dogs that tribal communities of his territory kept. • The Raja is said to have presented a couple of these dogs to King George V on a visit to England, after which the breed got the name of Mudhol Hound.	• Rampur Hounds also called Rampur Greyhounds were bred in Uttar Pradesh's Rampur region by the Nawab of Rampur through crosses between Afghan Hounds (or Tazi) and English Greyhounds to enhance speed and strength. • Historically used by royalty for hunting large game and as guards, the breed declined after India's Independence as princely states lost power. • Today, purebreds are rare outside India, though efforts are underway to preserve the breed.

Characteristics	• The breed is known for its hunting and guarding skills. • Mudhol Hounds are long-limbed and fast runners, with excellent stamina and agility. • They have a sharp vision and a good sense of smell. • A bunch of Mudhol Hound puppies were sent by the Indian Army to its Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC) training centre for the first time in Meerut in 2016.	• Rampur Hounds are a sleek, Timid and athletic sighthound breed. • They have a well-built frame with tall, long legs, a narrow torso, and a deep chest designed for speed and endurance. • Rampur Hounds are one of the fastest dogs, capable of running at more than 40 mph. • They prefer to be aloof and reserved with strangers but are deeply loyal, obedient, and devoted to their family, often forming strong bonds with one primary person. • They are intelligent, especially in hunting and running tasks, and can be extroverted and inquisitive once comfortable.
Life Span	13 - 14 Years	12 - 14 Years
Other Names	• Karwaani, Karvani dog Pashmi, Caravan Hound, Pisuri Hound	• North-Indian Greyhound, Rampur Hound
		

Reference

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