

Hound

Borzoi

The Wolfhound of the Russian Aristocracy, the Borzoi's elegant curvaceous outline and luxuriant coat and long, lean head make him a memorable and imposing sight. The word Borzoi means 'swift'. Borzois hunted in pairs and held the wolf down until the hunters arrived. The breed was well established in Russia by 16th century and was probably developed from Greyhound type dogs crossed with long haired sheepdogs and imported Irish Greyhounds and wolf dogs.

Hunting with Borzoi in Russia was the pastime of the aristocracy, with the hounds followed on horseback and both dogs and horses often wearing brightly coloured hunting silks. The completion of a successful hunt was marked by a ceremonial feasting in tents. Many of the Russian aristocracy maintained large kennels of Borzoi.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Country
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Borzoi?

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Assured Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.

Borzoi Clubs

Name	Telephone
Borzoi Club	01922 682191
Northern Borzoi Association	01227 709 313



Borzoi Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Independent Borzoi Rescue	01438 718735
Northern Borzoi Association Rescue Scheme	01405 861451



THE KENNEL CLUB
ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs S E Embury Monmouth, Gwent	09/06/2016	01600 740628	
Mr N R & Mrs M Chalk Loughborough, Leicestershire	23/05/2012	01509 266587	 



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club
