

Hound

Otterhound

With the banning of otter hunting in 1978, the dispersal and destruction of some packs of the breed threatened the future of the Otterhound. However, a small nucleus of breed enthusiasts have kept the breed going often with the use of pack hounds. It is thought that there are French hounds mixed with English hounds in the ancestry and certainly there is a look of French hound nobility in his head and expression. His weather resistant double coat which is oily (and often odorous) and his webbed feet, well developed nostrils and scenting powers make him fit for his original function.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	Yes
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours 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	Large
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 Otterhound?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- BVA/KC Elbow Dysplasia Scheme

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- Breed Club - advice on epilepsy/fitting

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Otterhound Clubs





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Otterhound Club	01356 623319

Otterhound Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Otterhound Club Rescue	01514 326290



Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss M K Lerego Hereford, Herefordshire	23/04/2004	01432 820001	   



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