

## Hound

### Azawakh (Imp)

The Azawakh takes his name from the Azawakh Valley in the Niger Basin in Africa, where he lived a nomadic life with the tribes of the Sahara. As sighthounds they were used mostly on gazelle, hunting in packs, taking turns and thus exhausting their prey. They were much valued by their owners for their beauty and speed, rather like the Arabian horse. The Azawakh was also used as guardian of the camp.

The Azawakh is the most extreme of the sighthounds, leggy, slender with prominent hip bones and a very sensitive nature. They appreciate gentle handling at all times. They are intensely loyal to their owner.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	No
Town or Country	Either
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](http://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 Azawakh (Imp)?

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.

### Azawakh (Imp) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Azawakh Association of the United Kingdom (Provisional)	0191 584 5587



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## Assured Breeders

We have no breeders listed for this breed.



**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