

Utility

Dalmatian

The origins of the breed are debatable as is the name of the breed: there is little evidence that he originated in the Dalmatian coastal region of the Balkans. In the late 18th Century there was a type of white spotted dog known as the Talbot Hound and these dogs were used to accompany horse-drawn carriages and guard the passengers and the cargo. In 1791 Thomas Bewick named this type of dog as the Dalmatian.

In the Regency period 1795-1837 the breed became a status symbol trotting alongside the horse-drawn carriages and those with decorative spotting were highly prized. For this reason he earned the epithet 'the Spotted Coach Dog'. The dogs would also guard the stables at night. The breed was also used to run ahead of horse-drawn fire engines clearing the route for the vehicles.

Breed Group	Utility
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?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Over 12 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 Dalmatian?

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

- BAER Programme

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- Bitches under two years not to produce a litter
- Bitches not to produce more than four litters in their lifetime
- Bitches not to produce more than one litter in a twelve month period

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.

Dalmatian Clubs

Name	Telephone
British Dalmatian Club	01543 490849
Dalmatian Club Of Scotland	01655 331862
North Of England Dalmatian Club	01625 524121
Northern Ireland Dalmatian Club	07517 809916

Dalmatian Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
British Dalmatian Welfare	01527 854048
North Of England Dalmatian Club Welfare Service	07941 861654
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THE KENNEL CLUB

ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs T B Stocks Sandhurst, Berkshire	21/03/2012	01276 34154	
Mr R S & Mrs H Tingey Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire	28/02/2011	01234 709885	
Mrs J E Alexander St. Neots, Cambridgeshire	31/01/2006	01480 810259	
Ms P J Reid Mold, Clwyd	13/07/2017	01352 741777	
Mrs S L Ridgway Coxbench, Derbyshire	24/10/2013	07799 543755	
Ms M Kembrey Ilkeston, Derbyshire	18/02/2005	07768 317633	
Miss M Hill Bournemouth, Dorset	27/04/2018	07901645092	
Miss S N Youngusband Wimborne, Dorset	04/07/2017	07900262420	
Mrs S M Thorne Ringwood, Hampshire	04/10/2016	01425 478989	
Mr J E & Mrs J Y Howell Broxbourne, Hertfordshire	31/07/2018	07855 437031	
Mrs J A Shepherd St. Albans, Hertfordshire	26/07/2011	07774 209156	
Mrs P M Ward Bacup, Lancashire	19/06/2013	07778 143570	
Mrs M Baker Manchester, Lancashire	12/10/2012	07792 723493	
Dr E M & Mr W E Sampson Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire	09/12/2011	01664 850639	
Mr R F Holburn Gorebridge, Midlothian	16/08/2019	01875 821373	
Mr M G H & Mrs J M Roberts Oxford, Oxfordshire	09/05/2017	01865 864041	
Miss S B Shepherd Blairgowrie, Perthshire	03/10/2017	07742 552338	
Mrs D L & Mr K Whincup Rotherham, South Yorkshire	30/09/2009	07752 798409	
Dr J & Mrs S Stevenson Lichfield, Staffordshire	19/02/2013	01543 490849	
Miss J M Wright Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	31/03/2009	01527 878827	
Mrs S A Neath-Duggan Worcester, Worcestershire	31/03/2008	07876 797521	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs C A & Mr S A Pearson Gateshead, Tyne and Wear	30/11/2008	07917 727980	



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