

Pastoral

Beauceron

The breed was developed from the sheepdogs of the French plains of Beauce: hence his name - Quiet and confident the breed is also valued as a loyal companion and guard dog and was described by the French novelist Colette as “a country gentleman” - a very apt epithet. His tan markings on the legs earned him the colloquial title Bas Rouge – the Red Stockings.

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
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 Beauceron?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme

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

- Bitches not to produce more than one litter in a 12-month period
- Bitches under two years not to produce a litter
- No puppy to leave the breeder before eight weeks of age
- Eye testing

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.





Beauceron Clubs

Name	Telephone
Beauceron Club UK	01452 831546



Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs M J Purnell-Carpenter Bristol, Avon	28/05/2004	07836 212375	The accolades section contains two icons: a star with the letters 'SB' inside, and a triangle with the letter 'B' inside.

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs T L Phelps Radstock, Avon	30/04/2009	01761 418455	 
Mr S & Mrs J Barnes Longhope, Gloucestershire	31/01/2010	07738 005807	 



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