

Pastoral

Maremma Sheepdog

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The white sheepdog of Northern Italy were mentioned by the Roman writer Varo in 100BC and it is thought that the Maremma is the result of a cross between two of these early type, the herder of Abruzzes and the herder of the Maremma plains. The seasonal movement of flocks between grazing grounds is thought to have resulted in the Maremma as we know it today. The breed is the result of the crossing of localised breeds, similar to the origins of the Lancashire Heeler.

The Maremma can still be seen fulfilling its original purpose in Northern Italy.

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 Maremma Sheepdog?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme

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.

Maremma Sheepdog Clubs

Name	Telephone
Maremma Sheepdog Club Of Great Britain	01691 658368

Maremma Sheepdog Rescue Organisations

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Maremma Sheepdog Club of Great Britain Rescue	01691 658368



Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs J Downes Oswestry, Shropshire	31/03/2006	01691 658368	The accolades section contains two icons: a star with the letters 'SB' inside, and a triangle with the letter 'B' inside.



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
