

Pastoral

Shetland Sheepdog

The small Isles of Shetland, off the Northeast Coast of Scotland, have produced animals suitable for the small acreage: the Shetland Sheepdog and the Shetland pony are two examples. It is thought that the Scottish Sheepdogs, the rootstock of the Collie, Border Collie and Bearded Collie, also played a part in Shetland Sheepdog ancestry.

When the breed was first entered at Crufts in 1906 it was shown as a miniature Collie: but a detailed look at the two Standards will reveal subtle differences. In modern times the Shetland Sheepdog has been successful not only in the show ring but in obedience and agility and its sweet temperament has won it a firm place as one of the most popular family companions

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
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 Shetland Sheepdog?

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

- Eye testing

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

- DNA test - CEA/CH
- 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.

Shetland Sheepdog Clubs

Name	Telephone
Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club	01799 542305
English Shetland Sheepdog Club	01205 481156
Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club	01743 718965
Northern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Club	01207 507732
Scottish Shetland Sheepdog Club	01463 782552
Shetland Sheepdog Club Of North Wales	01889 507529
Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Northern Ireland	028 427 38044
Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Wales	01761 452280
Yorkshire Shetland Sheepdog Club	01484 606638

Shetland Sheepdog Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01403 733549
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01622 820639
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01865 747107
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01527 524424
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01763 289543
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01670 516242
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	07979 500879
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01233 519543
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	0292 075 7915
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	07725 514810
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01285 810323
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01279 812989
English Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01159 830773
Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01706 852751
Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club Rescue	01253 694038
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Wales	0292 075 7915
Yorkshire Shetland Sheepdog Rescue	07775 906689



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs L H Mann Swadlincote, Derbyshire	25/03/2005	01283 348106	  
Mrs C C Paris-Brown Herne Bay, Kent	18/04/2013	01227 365381	
Mrs J Downes Oswestry, Shropshire	31/03/2006	01691 658368	 



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