

## Pastoral

### Finnish Lapphund

For centuries the Sami of Northern Finland used dogs of this type to guard and herd reindeer. In 1945 the Finnish Kennel Club recognised the breed as the Lappish Herder but in 1993 the breed gained its present title. The breed is now popular through his native country as a companion dog.

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
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 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](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 Finnish Lapphund?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- Eye testing

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

- DNA test - prcd-PRA

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.

## Finnish Lapphund Clubs

Name	Telephone
Finnish Lapphund Club Of Great Britain	01746 862323
Southern Finnish Lapphund Society	07860 161630

## Finnish Lapphund Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Finnish Lapphund Club of Great Britain Rescue	01773 827370



## Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs C M Proctor</b> Dunoon, Argyll	31/07/2009	01369 704944	  
<b>Miss J Simmons &amp; Mr J Henson</b> Newton Abbot, Devon	30/06/2008	01626 853876	  
<b>Miss M Queen</b> Canonbie, Dumfriesshire	18/04/2019	07765 084910	
<b>Mr S W G &amp; Mrs E R Short</b> Bridgnorth, Shropshire	31/01/2010	01746 862323	   
<b>Ms L Mowatt</b> Farnham, Surrey	31/07/2009	01252 793030	  
<b>Mrs T L Jackson</b> West Molesey, Surrey	31/08/2006	07860 161630	   
<b>Mr S C Brown &amp; Mrs LA Wyatt</b> Southam, Warwickshire	05/01/2012	07722 797735	 



#### 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