

Finnish Spitz



The national dog of Finland was well established when the first breed standard was written in 1812. Originally he was used for tracking elk and bear, their barking signalling that they had found game. Now used for finding game birds, he uses the same vociferous technique, barking at the birds perched in trees, to alert the hunters in the thick forests. The spitz characteristics are a wedge shaped head, compact body and a stand off outer coat with a tightly curled tail over his back. The bright red iridescent coat of the Finish Spitz is much admired.

What health screening is currently relevant?

Kennel Club Accredited Breeders must use, or are strongly recommended to use, the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams:

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Assured Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.



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