

Bouvier Des Flandres



The word Bouvier means cattle herder and this was the traditional role of the breed. Many regions of Belgium and France had their own types of Bouvier, but most have become extinct, wiped out in the battles of the First World War.

A Belgian army vet, Captain Barbry helped the breed to survive after rescuing a Bouvier in the War, and later started a careful breeding programme with this dog.

The Bouvier is a strong dog with a dense matt coat. He has shown his versatility in tracking, carting and as a guard dog. He was also used by the armed forces as an ambulance dog.

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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