

Collie (Rough)



The Rough Collie shares its origins with the Smooth Collie in the working sheepdogs of Scotland. The earliest Collies were smaller than today's dogs and largely black/white or tricolour or black/tan. The first sable, Old Lockie, born in 1868 caused a sensation and from that time the sable/white became the most popular colour. However, the tricolour and the blue merle are still very much evident in the breed.

It was not until 1870 that there were separate classes for "Sheepdogs Rough" and "Sheepdogs Smooth". The founder of the Kennel Club Mr S.E. Shirley promoted the Rough Collie and Queen Victoria brought some from Balmoral to her Royal Estates including Windsor Castle.

Perhaps it is the "glamour" of the coat which attracted many people to the breed at the expense of the Smooth Collie and for many years the Smooth was considered the poor relation.

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:

- **BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme**
- **Eye testing**
- **DNA test - CEA/CH**
Collie Eye Anomaly/Choroidal Hypoplasia (CEA/CH)
Optigen
www.optigen.com
- **DNA test - MDR1**



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