

Pyrenean Mountain Dog



One of the tallest of the pastoral breeds, the Pyrenean was guarding flocks in the Pyrenees from the Middle Ages. Gentle and elegant, he found favour in the Royal Courts and palaces of the nobility. Louis XIV named him the Royal Dog of France. A calm and gentle worker, the Pyrenean was used as a messenger dog and as a pack dog by the French Army in World War II. It has also been suggested that the Pyrenean was used as a smuggler to carry large packs of forbidden goods from one side of the Pyrenees to the other, taking paths which were inaccessible to humans and so avoiding the Customs' checkpoints.

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**



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