

# Shetland Sheepdog



The small Isles of Shetland, off the Northeast Coast of Scotland, have produced animals suitable for the small acreage: the Shetland Sheepdog and the Shetland pony are two examples. It is thought that the Scottish Sheepdogs, the rootstock of the Collie, Border Collie and Bearded Collie, also played a part in Shetland Sheepdog ancestry.

When the breed was first entered at Crufts in 1906 it was shown as a miniature Collie: but a detailed look at the two Standards will reveal subtle differences. In modern times the Shetland Sheepdog has been successful not only in the show ring but in obedience and agility and its sweet temperament has won it a firm place as one of the most popular family companions

## 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:

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



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