

# Hovawart



The breed's function is explained in the German words 'hof' meaning farm or homestead and 'wart' meaning to guard and the breed is mentioned in German chronicles as far back as the Middle Ages. By the start of the 20th Century the breed was almost extinct but was resurrected by enthusiast Kurt König who found some dogs surviving in isolated areas and used these as the basis for his breeding programme. Some believe that König added some different blood to re-invent the breed but nevertheless the German Kennel Club recognised the Hovawart in 1936.

## 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**
- **Breed Club - Thyroid function test**



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