

Lowchen (Little Lion Dog)



The Lowchen (pronounced 'lerv-chun') carries a German name, but it is thought that it is French in origin, and is a member of the Bichon family. The epithet of 'Little Lion Dog' comes from the traditional clip of shaved hindquarters, with plumed tail and a mane of hair over its neck and shoulders. Theories exist that the shaved rear end was warm to the touch and therefore comforting to its lady owners, keeping them warm in bed. The leonine appearance gave the breed the symbolic power of a lion, and therefore the dogs were seen as a source of protection for their owners.

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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