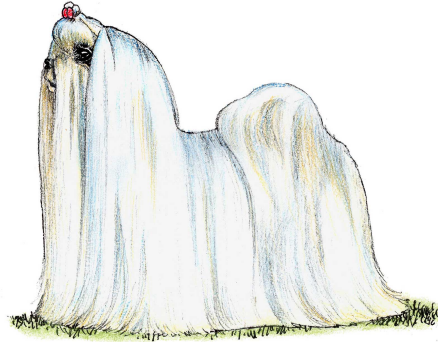


Maltese



It is thought that small white dogs with luxurious coats have been the pampered pets in Mediterranean countries for centuries and these dogs form the ancestry of the Maltese. It is suggested that such dogs were taken to Malta by Phoenician traders and in 1805 a Knight of Malta wrote of the breed of dogs with long silky hair. The Royal Library of Malta houses a portrait dating back to 1833 depicting an example of the breed – very similar to the modern day Maltese.

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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