

Hound

Afghan Hound

Elegance in movement and carriage topped by a glamorous coat typify the sighthound from Afghanistan. The size range covers the different types used for different terrains: the desert plains or the mountains. Long limbs, a long punishing jaw and amazing speed equip him for his job of hunting deer, gazelle and smaller game like the hare and the fox. It is thought that the Afghan may well have been developed from Salukis brought to Afghanistan from neighbouring Persia and the longer coat developed as protection against the cold environment of the mountainous regions of Afghanistan.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Long
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Country
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Afghan Hound?

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.

Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not accept an application to register a litter when:

- 1) The dam has already whelped 4 litters (as of the 1st January 2012 the limit changed from 6 litters to 4 litters). As of this date the Kennel Club will no longer register any further litters from any bitch which our records show has already whelped 4 litters. Therefore for any litter born on or after the 1st January 2012, the system will automatically check to see how many previous litters the Kennel Club has an account of. Where the number previously recorded is 4 or more, the application will be rejected, or
- 2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping, (relief from this restriction may be considered normally provided an application is made prior to the mating, the proposed dam has previously whelped at least one other registered litter, and the application is supported by veterinary evidence as to the suitability of the bitch involved in the proposed whelping), or
- 3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating, or
- 4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons, or
- 5) (From 1st January 2012) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating, or
- 6) The dam was not resident at a UK address at the date of whelping.

There are further Kennel Club Rules and Regulations that may prevent a litter from being registered; the full Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

Breed Specific Breeding Restrictions

Afghan Hound Clubs

Name	Telephone
Afghan Hound Association	07502 393530
Afghan Hound Club Of Scotland	01463 718693
Afghan Hound Club Of Wales	
Afghan Hound Society Of Northern Ireland	02825 685581
Birmingham Afghan Hound Club	01788 336113
East Of England Afghan Hound Club	01536 267892
Midland Afghan Hound Club	01773 715054
North Eastern Afghan Hound Society	
Northern Afghan Hound Society	01706 343776
Southern Afghan Hound Club	01304 827765
Western Afghan Hound Club	01458 223515
Yorkshire Afghan Hound Society	01757 630551

Afghan Hound Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Afghan Hound Club of Scotland Rescue	01382 477962
Afghan Hound Club of Scotland Rescue	07727 967342
Afghan Hound Club of Wales Rescue	07747 631105
Birmingham Afghan Hound Club Rescue	0121 743 3693
East of England Afghan Hound Club Rescue	01526 344725
Midland Afghan Hound Club Rescue	01773 715054
North Eastern Afghan Hound Society	01484 650457
Northern Afghan Hound Society	01706 343776
Southern Afghan Hound Club Rescue	07930 848682
Southern Afghan Hound Club Rescue	01843 600310
Western Afghan Hound Club Rescue	01249 813447
Yorkshire Afghan Hound Society Rescue	01757 630551