

Hound

Basset Hound

It is thought that the Basset was bred for hunting by French monks in the Middle Ages. Certainly he was known to be hunting in packs in 16th century and receives some mention by Shakespeare in his plays. Low to ground, with long fine ears, which were used to enclose the scent, he has enough substance to get him through thick undergrowth and he is furnished with pliable, elastic skin for protection. However these two functional features must not be exaggerated and the breed should retain athletic fitness and good ground clearance to keep him fit for his original purpose.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
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 Basset Hound?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- BVA/KC/ISDS Gonioscopy

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- BVA/KC Elbow Dysplasia Scheme

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

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

Basset Hound Clubs

Name	Telephone
Basset Hound Club	0141 959 6050
Basset Hound Club Of Northern Ireland	0282 5892703
Basset Hound Club Of Scotland	01964 535126
Basset Hound Club Of Wales	01495 271 101
Hadrian Basset Hound Club	01912 854 116
Lancashire, Yorkshire & Cheshire Basset Hound Club	01695 371731
Midland Basset Hound Club	02476 315577
South Of England Basset Hound Club	01255 317415

Basset Hound Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Basset Hound Welfare	020 8302 4309
Basset Hound Welfare	01202 886280
Basset Hound Welfare	01733 240307
Basset Hound Welfare	01257 451553
Basset Hound Welfare	0191 285 4116
Basset Hound Welfare	01947 821651
Basset Hound Welfare	01749 346190
Basset Hound Welfare	01430 860472
Basset Hound Welfare	01932 562580
Basset Hound Welfare	01842 750926
Basset Hound Welfare	01795 531534
Basset Hound Welfare	01865 873229
Basset Hound Welfare	01606 831368
Basset Hound Welfare	01244 534082
Basset Hound Welfare	01371 873210
Basset Hound Welfare	01179 279219
Basset Hound Welfare	01262 671327
Basset Hound Welfare	01488 71819
Basset Hound Welfare	01837 658905
Basset Hound Welfare	01920 822405

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Basset Hound Welfare	01420 588532
Basset Hound Welfare	01795 553690
Basset Hound Welfare	01233 732345
Basset Hound Welfare	01604 645594
Basset Hound Welfare	07703 965426
Basset Hound Welfare	01889 801242
Basset Hound Welfare	01296 714775
Basset Hound Welfare	01803 782898
Basset Hound Welfare	01255 474114
Basset Hound Welfare	01803 752615
Basset Hound Welfare	07900 818811
Basset Hound Welfare	01556 650353
Basset Hound Welfare	01903 504207
Basset Hound Welfare	01340 831267
Basset Hound Welfare	07540 104058
Basset Hound Welfare	01235 817044
Basset Hound Welfare	07817 935042