

Hound

Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired)

Originating in Germany where he is known as the Teckel (badger dog) the Dachshund, is still used for both tracking wounded game such as deer, and for going to ground after badger or rabbits. In his native country there are three sizes: standard, miniature and Kaninchen (rabbit dog) all defined by measuring the circumference of the chest.

In the UK there are two sizes with miniatures preferably weighing under 5 kilograms.

There are three coat types in each variety: the Smooth haired, the Long haired and the Wirehaired and the six varieties all share the same breed standard, divided by size and coat.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 30 minutes per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 12 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 Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired)?

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

- DNA test - PRA (cord1)

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

With effect from 01 January 2010, the Kennel Club will not accept the registration of any Dachshund puppies from matings which take place on or after this date, where both parents are dapple. This is due to associated health risks of impaired vision and hearing associated with the dapple gene in this breed.

Dachshund parents of the same breed may produce one or more puppies of a different coat and may be registered as the breed to which its coat most closely conforms. This proviso does not allow for the interchange of Dachshunds between the two sizes. The option to register online is not available and must be submitted by post on a litter application form. A note should be made next to the relevant puppy or in the form of an accompanying letter.

Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Dachshund Club	07843 619807
Dachshund Club Of Wales	01639 884082
East Yorkshire Dachshund Club	01757 630826
Eastern Counties Dachshund Association	01406 821005
Great Joint Dachshund Association	02920 614339
Lancashire & Cheshire Dachshund Association	01563 524606
Longhaired Dachshund Club	01981 551191
Midland Dachshund Club	01785 664461
Miniature Dachshund Club	01934 813007
Northern Counties Dachshund Association	01914 142701
Northern Longhaired Dachshund Breeders Association	01563 524606
Scottish Dachshund Club	01314 401763
Southern Dachshund Association	
West Of England Dachshund Association	01395 268283
West Riding Dachshund Association	01709 510796

Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Dachshund Rescue	01458 850745
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488568
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488586
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488725
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488599
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488640
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488635
Dachshund Rescue	07773 642786
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488626
Dachshund Rescue	07773 642781
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488579

Name	Telephone
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488682
Dachshund Rescue	01757 630826
Dachshund Rescue	07773 488712
Dachshund Rescue	07773 642775
Scottish Dachshund Club Rescue	01835 863996