

Hound

Portuguese Podengo

The breed bears some common ancestry with the Pharaoh hounds, brought into the Mediterranean by Phoenician sailors. Podengo means 'rabbit hunter' or 'warren hound' and this hunting ability, along with his skill in controlling vermin around the house made him very popular in Portugal from the 16th century. Nowadays he retains that popularity but mostly as a family companion where his friendly temperament, character and intelligence make him a great personality.

The breed has three sizes – small, medium and large and two coats – the smooth haired variety – developed in the wetter climate of northern Portugal and the wire coated in drier areas where the wire coat could often protect against the sun. Only the smallest variety is seen in the UK.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 30 minutes per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or 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 Portuguese Podengo?

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.

Portuguese Podengo Clubs

Name	Telephone
Northern Portuguese Podengo Association	01787 473454
Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain	01793 783297






Portuguese Podengo Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Portuguese Podengo Rescue/Welfare	01793 813010



THE KENNEL CLUB
ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs S A Brundle Arundel, West Sussex	31/08/2009	01243 553722	 
Mr K V & Mrs S Pearson Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire	31/03/2009	01613 305404	  



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club
