



Gundog

Italian Spinone

The Italian Spinone is hugely popular in his native country as an all-purpose gundog, his strong head with an almost human expression, his unique top-line and his thick skin and coarse coat making him instantly recognisable. His pounding trotting action gives him stamina rather than speed. An ancient breed of Italy, the Spinone was first seen in the UK in the early 1980s at the Game Fair and later he received recognition in the show-ring where he is now very popular. It is thought that his ancestry contains Italian Hound with perhaps some coarse-haired Segugio blood and perhaps Setter or Mastiff input, but there is much speculation on this.

Breed Group	Gundog
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
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 Italian Spinone?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- DNA (linkage) test – Cerebellar Ataxia

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

- Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age

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.

Italian Spinone Clubs

Name	Telephone
Italian Spinone Club Of Great Britain	0871 996 0620
Northern Italian Spinoni Association	07971 562009

Italian Spinone Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Italian Spinone Club of Great Britain Rescue	0871 996 7746
Italian Spinone Club of Great Britain Rescue	0871 996 0680
Italian Spinone Society of Scotland Rescue	07782 315028



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs J A & Mr P M Neil Camborne, Cornwall	31/03/2011	01209 831059	   
Mrs T J Cannon Llandovery, Dyfed	29/05/2018	01550 720262	
Mrs M & Mr S Busby Fareham, Hampshire	30/09/2009	01329 318324	 
Mrs A P Dinsdale Southampton, Hampshire	31/03/2009	01489 785892	  
Mr M T E Bevan & Mrs J Thompson Leominster, Herefordshire	19/02/2014	01584 711981	
Mrs C J Gilder Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire	26/04/2011	07854 872403	 
Mrs G Carman Norwich, Norfolk	30/06/2007	01263 587789	 
Mr R & Mrs A Spriddell Bedlington, Northumberland	31/01/2011	01670 829980	
Mrs L Mortimer Ilminster, Somerset	31/03/2010	01460 55030	 
Ms T J Hammond & Mr S V Evans Burntwood, Staffordshire	06/05/2005	01543 676492	  
Mr N & Mrs P Price Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	16/10/2018	07980 743346	
Mrs R V & Mr A D W Pinder Salisbury, Wiltshire	16/11/2012	07818 401020	
Mesdames E A Holdich & T M Barron Beverley, North Humberside	12/08/2015	01724 763290	 



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