



Gundog

Retriever (Curly Coated)

It has been claimed that the Curly Coated Retriever is the oldest of the Retriever breeds. He is also the tallest. The hallmark of the breed, a coat of small tight curls, nods acknowledgement to his ancestor, the English Water Spaniel, now extinct, which was added to a base of Retriever blood probably the Labrador. Poodle blood was also added to the mix to give the tightness of curl. The coat gives the dog a waterproof quality when retrieving ducks from water, the function for which he was originally bred. The first breed club was established in 1933.

Breed Group	Gundog
Vulnerable Breed	Yes
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 Retriever (Curly Coated)?

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

- BVA/KC Hip 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.

Retriever (Curly Coated) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Curly Coated Retriever Club	07923 470402

Retriever (Curly Coated) Rescue Organisations












Name	Telephone
Curly Coated Retriever Rescue	01782 518888



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs E L Legg Newbury, Berkshire	02/05/2013	07979 003360	
Mrs J M & Mr K D Rule Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	16/10/2018	01945 871112	
Mr M & Mrs M A Jacques Consett, County Durham	31/03/2007	07776 308220	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss D Courtier Newton Abbot, Devon	31/05/2010	07854 768616	  
Mrs H J Denbigh Preston, Lancashire	31/01/2011	07809 400391	  
Mr S T Clack Thetford, Norfolk	14/05/2013	07885 026636	 
Mrs E & Mr B Lacey Nottingham, Nottinghamshire	18/04/2013	01159 204752	 
Mr B J & Mrs S M Perkins Langport, Somerset	13/03/2020	01458 250095	



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