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Gundog

Spaniel (Sussex)

The golden-liver coated Sussex is the rarest of the land spaniels with a rich history. A founding pillar of the breed was Mr A E Fuller of Rosehill Park, near Hastings in Sussex and he developed a spaniel for working in the dense cover of his local terrain and so the Sussex is low to ground and powerfully built with a thick protective skin to get through the densest of undergrowth. He is the only spaniel to give tongue whilst working (some say that there might have been an input of hound blood) and this helps his handler keep track of his whereabouts when not visible.

When Mr Fuller died in 1847, his dogs were sold and the breed became scarce. Fortunately, despite several periods of threatened extinction, the breed has made progress both in type and numbers in recent years.

Breed Group	Gundog
Vulnerable Breed	Yes
Size	Medium
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	Country
Type of home	Small or 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 Spaniel (Sussex)?

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

- 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.

Spaniel (Sussex) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Sussex Spaniel Association	01665 602961

Spaniel (Sussex) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Sussex Spaniel Association Rescue Scheme	01332 880359



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mr T & Mrs A J Graham Askam-In-Furness, Cumbria	31/01/2009	01229 464203	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs A L Moon Maidstone, Kent	08/01/2019	01622 744334	 



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