

Utility

Kooikerhondje

This is a Dutch breed which works with hunters as a decoy to attract ducks by waving its white plumed tail and lures them along streams where they are eventually trapped in nets. The orange/red of its parti-coloured coat is thought by some to be associated with the Royal House of Orange and Dutch historians tell of the 'Kooiker' which saved Prince William of Orange by barking loudly when intruders entered the royal chambers.

When the breed was first recognised in the UK it was placed in the Gundog Group, but since the Kooikerhondje does not work alongside hunters with guns, it was felt appropriate to transfer it to the Utility Group.

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| Breed Group | Utility |
| Vulnerable Breed | No |
| Size | Small |
| How much exercise? | Up to 1 hour per day |
| Length of coat | Medium |
| How much grooming? | More than once a week |
| Supposedly sheds? | Yes |
| Town or Country | Either |
| Type of home | 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 Kooikerhondje?

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.

Kooikerhondje Clubs

| Name | Telephone |
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| Kooikerhondje Club Of Great Britain | 01280 812281 |

Kooikerhondje Rescue Organisations

| Name | Telephone |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Kooikerhondje Club Of GB Rescue | 01889 568341 |
| Kooikerhondje Club Of GB Rescue | 07708 190130 |



Assured Breeders

We have no breeders listed for this breed.



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