

Terrier

Bedlington Terrier

Like many breeds the Bedlington was developed and was popular in one locality before gaining national recognition. From the Northumberland mining town of Bedlington, he was also known a little further north as the Rothbury Terrier.

The linty coat and distinctive arched loin of the Bedlington and his long head give him a lamb-like appearance, but he is an excellent dispatcher of vermin from rabbit to fox. The origins of the breed are much debated with some suggestion of the Bull Terrier and the Otterhound and perhaps some Dandie Dinmont but as in many breeds there is some dispute in the background of the breed.

Breed Group	Terrier
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	No
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 Bedlington Terrier?

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

- Eye testing

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

- DNA test - COMMD1

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.

Bedlington Terrier Clubs

Name	Telephone
Bedlington Terrier Association	01633 889423
Midland Bedlington Terrier Club	01788 860 833
National Bedlington Terrier Club	01132 631 551



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

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
