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**Working**

## Leonberger

The town of Leonberg in Southwest Germany has on its crest the dog that was created there in 1840 by the mayor, Heinrich Essig. He was helped by the monks of St Bernard who had crossed their St Bernards with Newfoundlands and this cross was the basis of the new breed. It is thought that there was also an infusion of Pyrenean Mountain Dog blood. Essig wanted to create a dog of leonine appearance to match the lions on the town's heraldic crest. Selectively bred for the red and fawn coats, the breed does have a leonine quality about it. The Leonberger was originally used as a guard dog but has now gathered legions of devotees because of its gentle and affectionate temperament.

Breed Group	Working
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Country
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Under 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](http://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 Leonberger?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- Eye testing

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

- BVA/KC Elbow Dysplasia Scheme
- 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.

## Leonberger Clubs

Name	Telephone
Leonberger Association	0114 232 6557
Leonberger Club Of Great Britain	

## Leonberger Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Leonberger Club of Great Britain Rescue	07540 699460
Leonberger Club of Great Britain Rescue	07711 678302
Leonberger Club of Great Britain Rescue	07521 050195
Leonberger Club of Great Britain Rescue	07734 351518
Leonberger Club of Great Britain Rescue	07730 888736
Leonberger Rescue Centre	07904 382315



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

## Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs W Hempell</b> Reading, Berkshire	24/08/2015	0118 9712292	
<b>Mrs W E Williams</b> Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	22/10/2013	01242 527159	 
<b>Ms S Springel</b> Gloucester, Gloucestershire	23/12/2013	01452 751196	  
<b>Miss E S Macdougall</b> Glasgow, Lanarkshire	31/01/2008	0141 533 2627	
<b>Mr G P &amp; Mrs A J Sagers</b> Burnley, Lancashire	31/08/2008	01282 424001	
<b>Mrs K Hay</b> Spalding, Lincolnshire	31/03/2010	01945 440935	  
<b>Ms D M Temple-Scott</b> Morpeth, Northumberland	31/12/2005	01670 789047	  
<b>Mrs D J Gallimore</b> Shrewsbury, Shropshire	31/03/2009	01743 792292	 
<b>Mrs A Dutton</b> Sheffield, South Yorkshire	15/03/2013	01142 492108	
<b>Mr A &amp; Mrs D Page</b> Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire	30/04/2010	07979 262107	
<b>Mr D W &amp; Mrs H J Niall &amp; Mr T D &amp; Mrs G Rothery</b> Waltham Abbey, Essex	30/04/2010	01992 762009	 
<b>Mrs F L Parry</b> Gloucester, Gloucestershire	31/03/2009	01452 521170	



**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