

## Utility

### Tibetan Terrier

Closely related to the Lhasa Apso, the Tibetan Terrier was classified with that breed at early dog shows in the UK as a Lhasa Terrier. The breed is not a terrier but has been used as a herding dog for sheep.

The breed first came out of Tibet thanks to an English surgeon, Dr Greig who was working in a hospital on the Indian/Tibetan border in the early 1920s. When she returned to England in the 1930s she brought her dogs with her and her Lamleh strain was instrumental in establishing the breed both in the UK and in the USA. The breed was recognised by the Kennel Club in 1937.

Squarely built and rustic in appearance, the Tibetan Terrier has gained great popularity as a show dog in recent years.

Breed Group	Utility
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Long
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	No
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](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 Tibetan Terrier?

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

- Eye testing
- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- DNA test - PLL
- DNA test - NCL
- DNA test - PRA3
- DNA test - PRA (rcd4)

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.

## Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not accept an application to register a litter when:

- 1) The dam has already whelped 4 litters (as of the 1st January 2012 the limit changed from 6 litters to 4 litters). As of this date the Kennel Club will no longer register any further litters from any bitch which our records show has already whelped 4 litters. Therefore for any litter born on or after the 1st January 2012, the system will automatically check to see how many previous litters the Kennel Club has an account of. Where the number previously recorded is 4 or more, the application will be rejected, or
- 2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping, (relief from this restriction may be considered normally provided an application is made prior to the mating, the proposed dam has previously whelped at least one other registered litter, and the application is supported by veterinary evidence as to the suitability of the bitch involved in the proposed whelping), or
- 3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating, or
- 4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons, or
- 5) (From 1st January 2012) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically

proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating, or

6) The dam was not resident at a UK address at the date of whelping.

There are further Kennel Club Rules and Regulations that may prevent a litter from being registered; the full Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

## **Breed Specific Breeding Restrictions**

### **Tibetan Terrier Clubs**

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Tibetan Terrier Association	01536 762111
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