

Utility

German Spitz (Klein)

The German Spitz breeds are thought to be descendants of larger spitz dogs brought from Scandinavia by the Vikings.

The Germans divide the breed into several sizes: two of these are recognised by the Kennel Club; the larger size the Mittel and smaller Klein. They share the same Breed Standard, divided only by size. Any colour or combination of colours is permitted which is part of the breed's attraction. Highly intelligent and full of character, they have become very popular.

The German Spitz is the ancestor of the Pomeranian, the smallest of the Spitz breeds.

Breed Group	Utility
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	None
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 German Spitz (Klein)?

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

- Eye testing

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.

German Spitz (Klein) Clubs

Name	Telephone
German Spitz Breeders & Owners Club	01913884220
German Spitz Club of Great Britain	01159 282641

German Spitz (Klein) Rescue Organisations





Name	Telephone
German Spitz Club Rescue	01295 770725



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs J & Miss R Tullis Glasgow, Lanarkshire	24/08/2016	01415 776652	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs R R Godridge Gainsborough, Lincolnshire	14/08/2018	01427 628990	
Mr P A & Mrs S Hill Southam, Warwickshire	31/01/2007	07549 028649	   



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