

Pastoral

Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren)

Sheepdogs of this type date back in Belgium to the Middle Ages. Four varieties of the breed exist sharing the same physical attributes and alluded only by coat and colour - Groenendael: black and long coat; Tervueren: long coated and seen in red, fawn or grey, often with a black mask and overlay; Malinois: with a dense, short coat and with the same colourings as the Tervueren; Laekenois: a harsh wiry coat, red/fawn with some black shadings.

It was not until 1891, the first breed club was formed and Professor Adolphe Reul of the Belgian veterinary school examined 117 examples of the breed and classified the varieties which were named according to the area of Belgium where they originated. The Laekenois gained its name from the Château of Laeken – a royal residence of Queen Marie Henriette who favoured the variety.

Their physical attributes equip them to be excellent herding dogs: they are agile, fast and lightly built yet robust, but the breed has shown its versatility as a service dog, widely used by the police and armed forces. They have an appetite for work, being watchful, wary and highly intelligent.

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
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 Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren)?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- 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.

Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Belgian Shepherd Dog Association Of Great Britain	01159 447145
Northern Belgian Shepherd Dog Club	07866 842316

Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Belgian Shepherd Dog Association Of Great Britain Rescue Service	01527 545552
Northern Belgian Shepherd Dog Club Rescue	01436 678895
Northern Belgian Shepherd Dog Club Rescue	01482 667080
Northern Belgian Shepherd Dog Club Rescue	01254 703472



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss N E Mackie Redruth, Cornwall	28/02/2008	01209 890630	  
Mrs L Lester & Miss S Smith Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	09/11/2017	01242 575536	 
Mesdames R J Gardiner & L McNamara Wirral, Merseyside	31/12/2006	01516 786508	  
Miss J Davies Llandovery, Dyfed	31/08/2009	01550 720942	  



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