



## Working

### Bouvier Des Flandres

The word Bouvier means cattle herder and this was the traditional role of the breed. Many regions of Belgium and France had their own types of Bouvier, but most have become extinct, wiped out in the battles of the First World War.

A Belgian army vet, Captain Barbry helped the breed to survive after rescuing a Bouvier in the War, and later started a careful breeding programme with this dog.

The Bouvier is a strong dog with a dense matt coat. He has shown his versatility in tracking, carting and as a guard dog. He was also used by the armed forces as an ambulance dog.

Breed Group	Working
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	No
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](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 Bouvier Des Flandres?

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Assured Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.

### Bouvier Des Flandres Clubs

Name	Telephone
Bouvier Des Flandres Club Of Great Britain	07734 423937
National Bouvier Des Flandres Club	01453 843102



### Bouvier Des Flandres Rescue Organisations



Name	Telephone
Bouvier Welfare & Rescue UK	07866 683897
National Bouvier Des Flandres Club Rescue	01353 687955
National Bouvier Des Flandres Club Rescue	01706 240008



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

## Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Miss C M Burnett</b> Ballymena, County Antrim	30/11/2004	07711 015563	 
<b>Ms J A Cartwright</b> Ballymena, County Antrim	30/11/2010	02825 878 603	  
<b>Mrs C A Pierpoint</b> Clacton-On-Sea, Essex	31/03/2010	07484 217819	  

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs T L &amp; Mr C M Pickering</b> Barnsley, South Yorkshire	08/12/2015	07854 645418	
<b>Mrs M Lloyd</b> Pontefract, West Yorkshire	31/10/2009	01977 646289	



**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