

## Pastoral

### Norwegian Buhund

In Norwegian the word “Bu” means homestead and thus the breed is now the dog of the homestead – versatile as a herder of sheep and a guard dog of the farmyard. Archaeologists discovered the skeletons of dogs with a strong resemblance to the Norwegian Buhund buried in a Viking grave, suggesting that they were highly esteemed to be buried alongside their master, and guiding him the afterlife.

Spitz-like in its wedge shaped head, shapely pointed ears and curled tail, they are popular in their homeland as companions.

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
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 Norwegian Buhund?

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.

## Norwegian Buhund Clubs

Name	Telephone
Norwegian Buhund Club of the UK	07800 969116

## Norwegian Buhund Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Norwegian Buhund Club Rescue	07714 206002



## Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs C T Lambert</b> Blackwood, Gwent	18/04/2013	01495 201727	  
<b>Mrs K Hay</b> Spalding, Lincolnshire	31/03/2010	01945 440935	  

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs J C Shorer-Wheeler</b> Barnsley, South Yorkshire	29/10/2011	07800 969116	  
<b>Mrs D M Stirling</b> Scunthorpe, South Humberside	31/03/2011	01724 732398	   



**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