

## Toy

### Lowchen (Little Lion Dog)

The Lowchen (pronounced 'lerv-chun') carries a German name, but it is thought that it is French in origin, and is a member of the Bichon family. The epithet of 'Little Lion Dog' comes from the traditional clip of shaved hindquarters, with plumed tail and a mane of hair over its neck and shoulders. Theories exist that the shaved rear end was warm to the touch and therefore comforting to its lady owners, keeping them warm in bed. The leonine appearance gave the breed the symbolic power of a lion, and therefore the dogs were seen as a source of protection for their owners.

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| Breed Group         | Toy                        |
| Vulnerable Breed    | No                         |
| Size                | Small                      |
| How much exercise?  | Up to 1 hour per day       |
| Length of coat      | Medium                     |
| How much grooming?  | More than once a week      |
| 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](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 Lowchen (Little Lion Dog)?

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.

### Lowchen (Little Lion Dog) Clubs

| Name                           | Telephone    |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Lowchen (Little Lion Dog) Club | 01704 228145 |

### Lowchen (Little Lion Dog) Rescue Organisations

| Name                | Telephone    |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Lowchen Club Rescue | 01746 862507 |



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

## Assured Breeders

| Name  | Member since | Phone        | Accolades   |
|---|--------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Ms D C Gregory</b><br>Lincoln, Lincolnshire            | 31/10/2008   | 01522 703666 |      |
| <b>Mrs M &amp; Miss J Pascoe</b><br>Southport, Merseyside | 02/10/2012   | 01704 228145 |      |
| <b>Mrs J Creffield</b><br>Ipswich, Suffolk                | 02/07/2004   | 01449 744250 |     |



**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

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