

Xoloitzcuintle (Mex Hairless) Std



The Mexican Hairless dog come in three sizes, all descending from the standard size which originated it is thought from the Colima dog of Western Mexico.

Its name (pronounced sholo-its-quintli) means dog of the god Xolotl who was the Aztec god of deformed things, and the hairless body qualified the breed for that description. Sadly the early function of the breed was as a source of food without hair and therefore 'oven ready': a sad thought. However, in direct contrast to their nomenclature, the breed also has a coated variety which is more rarely seen.

It has long been thought that the breed has curative powers: it was known as a healing dog thought to help with asthma, rheumatism and migraines, and with its hot skin providing comfort against the cold.

The breed first appeared as a curiosity in dog shows in America in 1883 but remained rarely seen until the 1980s. In the 21st Century it has gained a following as a show dog in most European countries as well as in America.

What health screening is currently relevant?

Kennel Club Accredited Breeders must use, or are strongly recommended to use, the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams:

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.



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