

# Alaskan Malamute



The breed takes its name from the Mahlemut tribe of Eskimos who had developed and used the breed for pulling heavy loads over long distances. It is the strongest of the sled dogs. Spitz-like in its features, the Malamute is built to survive in his environment, where he will often sleep outside in all weathers, his double coat protecting him against the extreme cold. Even the insides of his ears are furred. His tail, carried like a waving plume, is a hallmark of breed type.

## 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:

- **BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme**
- **Eye testing**
- **Bitches not to be mated before third season**
- **Bitches not to produce a litter under two years of age**
- **Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period**
- **DNA test - AMPN**
- **DNA test - Cone degeneration**



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