

Collie (Smooth)



The Smooth Collie has always lived in the shadows of its more glamorously coated cousin but the two have always existed side by side and until 1994 they could be interbred so Smooth and Roughs could be born in the same litter.

It is thought that the Smooth sheepdogs of the 19th century were shorter on the leg and thicker set than the Rough Collie and with this in mind and infusion of greyhound blood to give more elegant and refinement. The resulting stock was mated back to the Rough Collie and the breeds today look almost identical apart from the coat. Amongst the dogs taken from Balmoral to Windsor Castle by Queen Victoria was her favourite dog Sharp who was a Smooth.

In 1979 the Kennel Club allocated the first Challenge Certificates for Smooth Collies as a separate breed and in recent years the breed has enjoyed increased popularity in the show ring, with its outgoing temperament, sound movements gaining it many admirers.

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:

- **Eye testing**
- **DNA test - CEA/CH**
Collie Eye Anomaly/Choroidal Hypoplasia (CEA/CH)
Optigen
www.optigen.com
- **BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme**
- **BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme - Litter Screening**
- **DNA test - MDR1**



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