

## Hound

### Bloodhound

The Bloodhound is possibly descended from hounds once kept at the monastery of St Hubert in Belgium, but has been bred and developed in Britain since before 1300. In the 19th century, he was used to rescue the French Chien de St Hubert from extinction, and carries that name in parts of Europe. He was originally used as a leashed hound in hunting deer and wild boar, but also from very early times in tracking humans. In Scotland he was known as the sleuth-hound, and was used up to about 1600 on both sides of the Scottish border in pursuit of raiders and cattle thieves.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	Yes
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Country
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Under 10 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 Bloodhound?

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.

## Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not accept an application to register a litter when:

- 1) The dam has already whelped 4 litters (as of the 1st January 2012 the limit changed from 6 litters to 4 litters). As of this date the Kennel Club will no longer register any further litters from any bitch which our records show has already whelped 4 litters. Therefore for any litter born on or after the 1st January 2012, the system will automatically check to see how many previous litters the Kennel Club has an account of. Where the number previously recorded is 4 or more, the application will be rejected, or
- 2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping, (relief from this restriction may be considered normally provided an application is made prior to the mating, the proposed dam has previously whelped at least one other registered litter, and the application is supported by veterinary evidence as to the suitability of the bitch involved in the proposed whelping), or
- 3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating, or
- 4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons, or
- 5) (From 1st January 2012) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating, or
- 6) The dam was not resident at a UK address at the date of whelping.

There are further Kennel Club Rules and Regulations that may prevent a litter from being registered; the full Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

## Breed Specific Breeding Restrictions

## Bloodhound Clubs

Name	Telephone
Association Of Bloodhound Breeders	01697 746933
Bloodhound Club	07775 733180

## Bloodhound Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Association of Bloodhound Breeders Welfare	07939 867217
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01925 730606
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01724 763277
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01637 880443
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01526 580769
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01323 811696
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	0191 290 2928
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01623 825815
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01792466187
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	07847 826481
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	0131 629 6450
Bloodhound Lifeline Ltd	01463 731823