

## Toy

### Bichon Frise

The Bichon family is a group of white breeds found originally in the Mediterranean Countries. The word Bichon means white dog and the Bichon breeds are predominately white with the exception of the Havanese which can be found in a wide variety of colours. The word 'frise' describes the soft corkscrew curls of the coat. Although the Standard suggests that the coat on feet and muzzle may be tidied up, the presentation of the Bichon for the show ring has become much more stylised.

Although France was the country of development for the breed, the Bichon Frise is thought to have existed on the island of Tenerife as far back as the 14th Century and was taken to mainland Europe by traders where he gained popularity, especially in the Royal Courts and in the homes of nobility, where he was often pampered and carried around in an ornamental basket.

Breed Group	Toy
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 30 minutes per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	No
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 Bichon Frise?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- Eye testing

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

## Bichon Frise Clubs

Name	Telephone
Bichon Frise Club Of Great Britain	01323 391474
Bichon Frise Club of Scotland	07929 003384
Northern & Midland Bichon Frise Club	0161 948 1669
Southern Bichon Frise Breeders Association	01608 662025



## Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Ms L Macleod</b> Reading, Berkshire	30/11/2008		
<b>Mrs H M Anderson</b> High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire	28/02/2006	01494 471323	
<b>Mrs A Venables</b> Crewe, Cheshire	31/05/2010	01270 664711	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs S Creaney</b> Craigavon, County Armagh	28/07/2011	07802 457213	
<b>Mr P J Devlin</b> Banbridge, County Down	04/10/2016	07568 061642	
<b>Mrs K Marshall</b> Plymouth, Devon	30/04/2009	01752 312879	 
<b>Mrs C S Osborne</b> Torquay, Devon	30/09/2009	07803 005201	 
<b>Miss J A Coster &amp; Mr S C Allum</b> Colchester, Essex	04/01/2019	01206 251093	
<b>Mrs L Glover</b> Leyland, Lancashire	16/06/2017	01772 497665	
<b>Mrs A Marquiss</b> Wirral, Merseyside	30/09/2010	07711 576964	  
<b>Mrs S Harrison</b> Norwich, Norfolk	25/07/2012	01263 731434	
<b>Mrs E Vint</b> Corby, Northamptonshire	10/02/2012	01536 261631	 
<b>Mrs S D Watts</b> Northampton, Northamptonshire	31/03/2009	01604 647537	
<b>Mrs P A Johns</b> Northampton, Northamptonshire	31/08/2007	01604 858809	   
<b>Ms J M Dawson-Payne</b> Nottingham, Nottinghamshire	31/01/2007	01159 528272	 
<b>Mrs S A &amp; Mr P D Hardy</b> Shipston-On-Stour, Warwickshire	21/11/2014	01608 662025	 
<b>Mr P &amp; Mrs Q Gardner</b> Wakefield, West Yorkshire	05/09/2018	07711 186003	
<b>Mrs F &amp; Mr G Richards</b> Southwick, Wiltshire	28/10/2016	01225 356022	



#### 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