

Toy

Pekingese

This Oriental aristocrat can be traced back to the Tang dynasty in China, where short legged, short-faced dogs of 'Peke' type have been traced back as far as the 8th Century. The breed was a favourite in the Imperial palace in Peking hence its name. He was a pet for the high castes and commoners were not allowed to own one. Perhaps the dignified bearing and carriage of the Peke fitted him for elite Society. When the British ransacked Peking in 1860, four dogs were brought back to Britain and they soon became sought after in elite society. The breed became very popular in Victorian times. They were accepted for Kennel Club registration in 1910 and soon there were large entries of the breed at dog shows. Sadly their popularity has declined in recent years perhaps due to the demands of coat care, a great pity as the Peke has great character and determination and is capable of living life to the full.

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

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 Pekingese?

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

Pekingese Clubs

Name	Telephone
Birmingham Invicta Pekingese Club	0141 316 8587
Imperial Pekingese Association	01832 734518
London Reform Pekingese Association	07771 800637
North Of England Pekingese Club	01915 363323
North Of Ireland Pekingese Club	
Pekin Palace Dog Association	01844 339420
Pekingese Club of Scotland	01683 300181
Sovereign Pekingese Association	07930 434865
Three Counties Pekingese & Cavalier Society	01452 530002
Wales & West of England Pekingese Association	01495 750559

Pekingese Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Pekingese Rescue (Scotland)	01292 312080
Pekingese Rescue (Scotland)	01224 784328
Pekingese Rescue, Rehoming & Welfare	01206 795533