

Basset Fauve De Bretagne



This neat little hound comes, as his names implies, from France, and is a reddish-fawn in colour. A recent arrival in Britain, he is already gaining in popularity because he is lively and friendly and also a handy size, suitable for the small house and garden.

The breed was probably created from crosses of the Griffon Fauve de Bretagne and Brittany Basset. The former was a dog which could track down predators molesting the flocks of French sheep and the latter hunted in small packs, normally four in number. His coat is wiry in texture and not overlong, so grooming is not a great chore. He is a tough little character, ready for all the exercise he's given, though woe betide any rabbits unwise enough to loiter in the area when he's about, because he really is nimble. His legs are slightly shorter than the length of his back, but he is not as low to ground as the Basset Hound.

What about Health Issues?

You may be aware that some breeds of dog (and crossbreeds too) can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the puppy 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 on the Kennel Club's website at:

www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Puppy buyers 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.

And what health screening is relevant for the Basset Fauve De Bretagne?

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Accredited Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.