

Eurasier



Although the Eurasier is a recently developed breed, a result of the work of Julius Wipfel in Germany, it is thought that the breed brings the regeneration of the ancient Russian breed, the Laika, originating centuries ago by tribes living in Central Siberia. The immediate forbears of the Eurasier are the Chow Chow and the German Wolf Spitz with one input of Samoyed blood.

The Eurasier inherits traits from both of its main forbears, the wedge-shaped head, almond-shaped eyes of the Spitz, and the main affectionate, gentle nature of the Chow Chow. He thrives on human company, is devoted to his family and is friendly to other dogs. He is easy to train and makes a vigilant guard dog.

The Eurasier's medium size and equable temperament makes him very suitable as a family dog: he wants to be with the family, not excluded from it. His coat requires regular grooming and will shed at least once a year.

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 Eurasier?

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.