

Pastoral

Collie (Rough)

The Rough Collie shares its origins with the Smooth Collie in the working sheepdogs of Scotland. The earliest Collies were smaller than today's dogs and largely black/white or tricolour or black/tan. The first sable, Old Lockie, born in 1868 caused a sensation and from that time the sable/white became the most popular colour. However, the tricolour and the blue merle are still very much evident in the breed.

It was not until 1870 that there were separate classes for "Sheepdogs Rough" and "Sheepdogs Smooth". The founder of the Kennel Club Mr S.E. Shirley promoted the Rough Collie and Queen Victoria brought some from Balmoral to her Royal Estates including Windsor Castle.

Perhaps it is the "glamour" of the coat which attracted many people to the breed at the expense of the Smooth Collie and for many years the Smooth was considered the poor relation.

Breed Group	Pastoral
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Medium
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
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 Collie (Rough)?

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- Eye testing

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- DNA test - CEA/CH
- DNA test - MDR1

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.

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

With effect from 01 January 2013, the Kennel Club will not register puppies whelped from a merle to merle mating born on or after this date. This is due to associated health risks of impaired vision and hearing associated with the merle gene in this breed.

Current Registration Colours

- Blue Merle
- Sable & White
- Tricolour

Collie (Rough) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Ayrshire Collie Club	01290 551307
British Collie Club	01287 660773
Collie Association	01766 830742
Collie Club Of Wales	01656 728256
East Anglian Collie Association	01636 626321
Irish Collie Club	02891 815354
Lancashire & Cheshire Collie Club	01204 789842
London & Provincial Collie Club	02083 003038
London Collie Club	01737 371886
Midland Collie Club	01767652873
Northumberland & Durham Collie Club	01207 571972
Scottish Collie Club	0141 569 6489
West Of England Collie Society	01275 845567
Yorkshire Collie Club	01246 451526

Collie (Rough) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	0115 9612260
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01629 650556
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01584 872627

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Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01377 267693
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	0114 2347440
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01909 550791
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	0161 437 5713
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01656 741883
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01290 700276
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01726 851116
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	01623 469921
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	0121 6845047
Collie Rescue (Rough & Smooth)	0114 2347440