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Shetland Sheepdog Breed Information

Other Common Names:

Sheltie

Description:

The Shetland Sheepdog or "Sheltie" is a small, strong, nimble and lightly built dog breed, making it a fast runner and an able jumper. The breed combines the speed, endurance, agility and intelligence to be an outstanding herder. From a young age, Shetland Sheepdogs demonstrate a desire to please their owners, which make this dog breed easily trainable and an ideal family pet.

Country of Origin:

The Shetland Sheepdog originated in Scotland

Height:

Male Shetland Sheepdogs range from 13 inches to 15 inches. Female Shetland Sheepdogs range from 12 inches to 14 inches.

Weight:

Male Shetland Sheepdogs range from 14 to 18 pounds. Female Shetland Sheepdogs range from 12 to 16 pounds.

Colors:

Shetland Sheepdogs colors range from black to sable to golden or mahogany marked with different amounts of white or tan.

Coat:

Shetland Sheepdogs outer coat is long, straight and harsh, while the undercoat is short and furry. Their coat requires regular brushing.

Temperament:

The Shetland Sheepdog is intelligent and willing to please. Gentle and playful, the Shetland Sheepdog does well with children.



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Health Concerns:

The Shetland Sheepdog is susceptible to disease of the eyes.

Life Expectancy:

The expected life span of the Shetland Sheepdog is 12-14 years.

Living Environment:

Shetland Sheepdogs will do well in apartments as long as they are given sufficient amounts of exercise.

AKC Group:

The Shetland Sheepdog is in the Herding group.