

# Smooth Collie

Herding Dogs from the early 19th Century, be they rough, smooth or broken coated, were bred together regardless of coat, although the different coat types did tend to a regional distribution, with Smooth Coated Sheepdogs predominating in North East England and South East Scotland.

The Show World, *once it got underway in the latter half of the 19th Century, concentrated on the Rough and Smooth Collie varieties, but as interbreeding between these two variants continued for more than a hundred years after the foundation of the Kennel Club, interbreeding is still the norm in North American countries where coat type is not even recorded against registration details, the Smooth Collie's development has mirrored that of its more popular Rough cousin. It has, however, to be admitted that the Smooth Collie's outline has changed less dramatically over its more than 140 year association with the Show community than that of the Rough.*

Published data on the prevalence of the MDR-1 mutant gene treats the Rough and Smooth Collie as a single breed, which means there is no breed specific data regarding the Smooth Collies, however it is reasonable to assume it will mirror Rough Collie results.

