

English Shepherd

Developed in America as a useful all-round farm worker, from stock taken to the States by 19th century settlers, the English Shepherd is primarily a working dog closely associated with the smaller mixed farms along America's Eastern Seaboard, and inland as far as the Mid-West.

Reminiscent, in both appearance and working style, of the early herding dogs of Britain which still form the backbone of working farm dogs in the upland areas of England, Scotland and Wales, the breed is still very variable in type despite having been registered by America's United Kennel Club for more than 80 years, although not recognised by any other canine register.

Included as one of the control breeds by the American research team which investigated drug sensitivity in Collies, the English

Shepherd fared better than most with a less than 15% penetration of the MDR-1 mutant gene, and no double mutants.

