

# Silken Windhound

A medium sized sighthound created by Francie Stull, North America, as recently as 1984 from a Borzoi/Longhaired Whippet cross the Silken Windhound, or Silken, retains many Borzoi qualities. Still in the development stage the breed remains outside all canine control bodies, although it is gaining popularity in the USA and Europe.

Silkens while excelling at racing and lure coursing have also proved to be responsive enough to enjoy less typical sighthound activities, such as agility, flyball and obedience, while others have been trained as assistance dogs.

Data available suggests the foundation dogs were chosen with future health very much in mind and of the 84 Silkens DNA tested by the original research team investigating drug sensitivity the penetration

of the mutant MDR-1 gene was limited to a third of those tested, the majority of which had inherited a single copy only.

