

## BREED HISTORY

The Finnish Lapphund are an ancient spitz herding breed descendant from the harsh Lapland region of northern Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia. They were traditionally used as working dogs by Sami farmers in the care of their reindeer herds.

The Finnish Lapphund first arrived in Australia in 1995 and the first litter was born in 2001. As the breed has increased in numbers so has its popularity. There are now many Finnish Lapphunds (or "Lappies") gracing their family homes across most States and Territories of Australia

## PUPPY GUIDE

With ever increasing popularity, it is becoming even more important to research your breeder thoroughly. Finnish Lapphunds can have varied temperaments, activity levels and appearances. Finding a breeder who suits your lifestyle is important. Be prepared to wait for your perfect puppy, as most breeders will only breed once or twice a year.

## QUICK STATS

Life Expectancy: 12-15 years

Alert/Watch Dog: Yes

Guard Dog: No

## SIZE



## GROOMING



## EXERCISE



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The Finnish Lapphund  
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# CHARACTER

The Finnish Lapphund has a happy and affectionate nature and is naturally drawn to people. They are an active breed, yet quite gentle and laid back. They are intelligent and quick learners, with spitz-like independence and stubbornness.

They enjoy being part of the family, and don't like being left outside, forgotten. This can lead to destructive behaviour.



# COLOURS

Finnish Lapphunds come in almost all colours of the canine rainbow, the most common being black with tan points. They also come in cream, solid black, brown (with tan point or without), as well as with patterns such as domino, wolf sable (agouti) and red sable. White markings on the chest and feet are common, and more occasionally on the face and neck.



# APPEARANCE

The Finnish Lapphund is a very attractive medium sized "spitz type" dog, ranging in size from 41 to 52 cm at the shoulder. They appear strongly built, an impression accentuated by abundant, thick, erect coat.

The expression of the Finnish Lapphund should convey softness and respect for people. They have a broad, and relatively short, spitz head with either pricked or tipped ears.



# FAQ

## Q: How often should you groom them?

A: Regular short grooming sessions of around 30-40 minutes a week will help maintain coat and remove dead fur. About twice a year they will seasonally "blow" their coat. During this time, brushing should be more frequent.

## Q: Do they bark?

A: The breed by nature is a vocal dog. It is instinctive of many Lapphunds to alert their owners to anything new or of interest, or to communicate something.

## Q: How do they cope in hot weather?

A: Their double coat provides insulation and protection from both heat and cold. Due to this, their fur should never be shaved. On hot days, they will typically find a cool place such as a patch of dirt or tiles. You will notice them come alive at night once the weather turns cooler.

## Q: Do they need much exercise?

A: Finnish Lapphunds are a working breed, however most owners find mental stimulation much more important than physical.

## Q: Are they good with kids?

While you should always supervise children around dogs, the Finnish Lapphund temperament makes it an excellent choice for homes with children.