

The Norwegian Buhund

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Background

The Norwegian Buhund originates on the western coastlands of Norway and is bred for use by the Vikings. The name behind the Norwegian Buhund is derived from the Norwegian word "bu," which means farm or livestock and "hund," which means dog. The buhunds protected farms and herded the cattle and sheep. In the 1920s John Saeland, of Norway's state-counsel, put together the first Buhund show held in Jaeren Norway.

Buhunds are now trained to aid the hearing impaired and the police.

The Norwegian Buhund was recognized by the American Kennel Club in 2009.

Sizing up

- Weight: 26 to 40 lbs.
- Height: 16 to 18 inches
- Coat: Thick, double coat
- Color: Wheaten (any shade from pale cream to bright orange with or without dark tips), black, and gray.
- Life expectancy: 12 to 15 years

What's the Norwegian Buhund like?

The Norwegian Buhund is highly cheerful and extremely active. Buhunds are not lazy by any means and it takes a lot to tire them out so daily exercise is very important. If they feel ignored they may get destructive but this behavior can be stopped if you begin training early. Because of how highly active they are training can be exhaustive and demanding. They form strong bonds with their owners which make them a great natural watch dog, just be careful around strangers; they tend to get wary when someone they don't know enters the home. This could also cause some anxiety in the breed.

The Buhund is very intelligent which sometimes makes them a little more headstrong than other breeds. They want to learn new things to impress and please you. Even though they have high energy levels they love to give kisses and cuddle up to the ones they love. They can also get along with children, other dogs, and even cats if they're raised with them.

Because of their thick, double coat a weekly brushing is recommended in order to keep it clean and remove dead hair from this breed which sheds all year-round.

Health

The Norwegian Buhund is a typically healthy breed but watch out for [Hip dysplasia](#) and [Cataracts](#).

Takeaway Points

- The Norwegian Buhund requires daily exercise to use all of his energy. Otherwise he may get destructive.
- The Norwegian Buhund would make a great companion for someone who loves to go on hikes, jogs, or long bike rides.
- The Norwegian Buhund is an excellent watch dog who loves his family.
- The Norwegian Buhund is independent but if you plan to leave him for a long time make sure he has toys to keep himself entertained.
- The Norwegian Buhund sheds all year long, so if you have allergies this may not be the right breed for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.