

# Finnish Lapphund Information

## Description

### Origin

Finnish Lapphunds are an ancient breed that comes from Lapland, the region above Finland, Sweden and Norway. They lived with the native Sami people and were used for herding reindeer.

### Height & weight

Females are 41-47cm at withers and weigh 10-16kg. Males are 46-51cm at withers and weigh 14-20kg. Size differs between breeders. If size is important to you discuss your preference with breeders.

### Colours

Lappies, as they are affectionately known, come in a wide array of colours. Black and tan is the most common colour, but they can also be brown, domino (a grey and white pattern), cream, solid black, sable and wolf sable. This is not a breed where every dog looks the same. Each Lappie develops its own unique markings.

## Suitability

### With children

They are excellent with children.

### Family dog

They are an excellent family dog.

### For novice owners

They are excellent for novice dog owners, noting that Lappies need regular and consistent training for the first 1-2 years of their life.

### With other dogs and cats

Lappies love having a canine playmate, and many Lappies live happily with cats.

### As a guard dog

Low - they may bark at an intruder but it's unlikely they will show any sign of aggression.

### As a therapy dog

Many members of the breed are excellent therapy dogs.

### Apartment living

They can happily live in apartments providing the owner works from home, can take them to work or has a dog walker come during the day.

### Sports

Lappies compete in agility, obedience, rally obedience, tracking, flyball, dancing with dogs, nosework, backpacking, herding and lure coursing.

## Care

### Grooming requirements

Brush once a week for 15-45 minutes. Coat drop is once to twice a year, daily brushing required during this period. Do not need to be washed regularly.

## Care continued

Amount of hair shed

Low to medium, except during the once or twice a year coat drop when it is high.

Exercise requirements

Varies depending upon individual dog. Many Lappies are couch potatoes, whereas others enjoy being active. For many Lappies, it's not so much about exercise, but about spending time with you. Whether that's hanging out at home, accompanying you to a cafe or going for a walk.

Breeders can provide advice about the typical exercise requirements of their lines, and match a suitable puppy.

Food

Fresh food. For their size, they don't consume much food.

## Health and Wellbeing

Intelligence

They are intelligent and easy to train.

Energy

Medium. They enjoy activity, but also enjoy cuddling on the lounge.

Level of aggression

Low.

Tendency to bark

Varies depending upon dog and upbringing. Can be high, but can be trained out at a young age.

## Adoption information

Purchase price

\$4,500 - \$5,500

Breeders

Breeders are listed here - <http://www.flcnsw.com.au/member-breeders>

Enquiries

Contact our Breed Liaison with any enquiries:  
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