

French studbook statistics 2021: Favourite dog breeds in France

With 276 506 registrations in the French Stud Book, the LOF, in 2021, there is no doubt about the interest of French people in purebred dogs. In fact, the figures exceed the symbolic threshold of 250 000 registrations, never reached in France. The Australian Shepherd is still stealing the spotlights as he remains the favourite breed in France, with 20 449 registrations in 2021!

Top of favourite dog breeds in 2021

Right behind the Australian Shepherd, once more at the top of the ranking, the Golden Retriever has a great comeback to top 3 with 14 444 registrations in 2021. Even if he was 2nd place in 2020, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier is now leaving the podium for the 4th place with 13 324 registrations (a less important increase compared to the other breeds of the ranking). On the 3rd place, and with 13 542 registrations, we find the Belgian Shepherd Dog, and the German Shepherd Dog completes top 5 with 10 486 registrations.

Top 20 of the most popular breeds in 2021

Breed	2021 Registrations
Australian Shepherd	20 449
Golden Retriever	14 444
Belgian Shepherd Dog	13 542
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	13 324
German Shepherd Dog	10 486
Labrador Retriever	9 086
American Staffordshire Terrier	8 167
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	7 644
English Setter	6 927
Beagle	6 613
English Cocker Spaniel	6 604
French Bulldog	5 911
Brittany Spaniel	5 837
Italian Cane Corso	5 092
Siberian Husky	5 087
Chihuahua	5 042
Dachshund	4 490
Miniature American Shepherd	4 115
Shih Tzu	3 817
Yorkshire Terrier	3 732

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French studbook statistics 2021: What results for our French breeds?

2021 turned out pretty good for the French Studbook for purebred dogs, the LOF, with more than 275 000 registrations, representing a 13% growth compared to 2020. What about the French breeds?

Far from being left behind, the registrations of the 60 French breeds increased by 12%, with a total of 34 463 registrations in 2021! French canine heritage seems to be doing well, fact highlighted by the stable 10-15% ratio of French breeds' registrations in the global registrations during the last five years.

Statistics by FCI groups

On the subject of each FCI group results, excepted those which do not include any French breed (i.e., groups 3 and 4): our French breeds register a stronger increase than the average in groups 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10. Moreover, in groups in which we have only one French breed, the latter is above the group's average! In this case are the Cursinu/Corsican Dog, in group 5 (168 registrations, +26% compared to the 16% group average) and especially the Barbet in group 8 (107 registrations against 41 in 2020, +161%). The 80% registration increase in the registrations of the Curly Coated Pluri-Coloured Dog (from 45 in 2020 to 81 in 2021), a French breed not yet recognized by the FCI, can also be noted.

Remarkable statistics of French breeds

Our star breeds

We can praise our most popular breeds whose registrations keep growing in 2021. The well-known French Bulldog is still on top of all French breeds (in France as well as abroad) with 5 911 registrations in 2021 (+6%), closely followed by the Épagneul Breton/Brittany Spaniel and its 5 837 registrations (+12%). We can highlight the 21% growth of the Whire-haired Pointing Griffon Korthals, with 1 210 registrations, as well as the Basset Fauve de Bretagne spiking at 995 registrations (+23%).

A few decreasing French breeds this year

Despite the very positive overall result, a few breeds seem to lose momentum in 2021. For instance, there are no registrations for the Berger des Alpes et de Savoie, as well as several French Hound breeds in group 6 this year. However, figures do not accurately reflect reality in these specific cases. The Berger des Alpes et de Savoie, breed recognized by the French Kennel Club, the SCC, in 2020, is still to have its breed standard approved by the Zootechnical Commission; therefore, none of the 2021 births could be registered in the LOF studbook.

As for our Hounds in group 6 - Billy, Grand Anglo-Français Blanc et Orange and Français Blanc et Orange - there was indeed a significant number of births in some of them, but registrations remain scarce due to the specific breeding mode of these breeds, as dogs are not sold, but raised in packs. Exception: the Grand Anglo-Français Blanc et Noir, whose raise in registrations from 0 to 67 in 2021 has to be praised.

Without falling to zero registrations, some breeds are vulnerable: with its 314 registrations, the Petit Bleu de Gascogne loses 5% between 2020 and 2021, as the Épagneul Bleu de Picardie with 153 registered dogs. The drop in popularity seems more important for the Basset Bleu de

Gascogne, whose registrations decline by 10%, and, even more concerning, for the Braque d'Auvergne, decrease of 22% (239 registrations in 2021).

French breeds with limited numbers but impressive growth

As described in the article Top of favourite dog breeds in 2021, other breeds with smaller population have registered an impressive growth! If registrations in the Chien de Montagne des Pyrénées (676), and the Berger de Brie (308) increased by 50%, the Bruno Saint-Hubert Français does even better with a 61% growth and 283 registrations.

French breeds' registrations: what results in 2021?

The conclusion for this year: the ranking of the favourite national breeds in French homes is essentially the same.

Graphs highlight a significant discrepancy between the breeds from the TOP3 and the rest of them in terms of registration figures. Interesting fact to be noticed: the Épagneul Breton/Brittany Spaniel, on the second place for many years, records an impressive increase since 2019 and even challenges the first place, the French Bulldog.#