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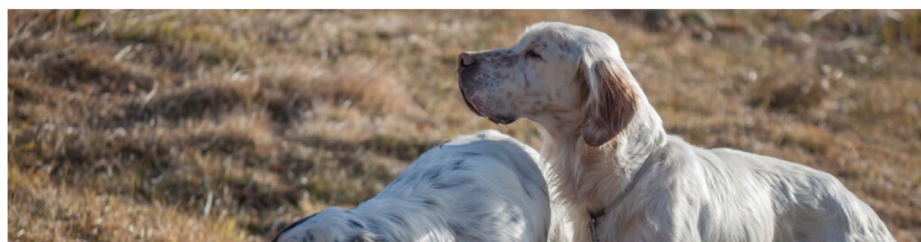
Meet the English Setter – Update Your Knowledge!

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Staying up to date with common, let alone rare, health risks in susceptible dog breeds can be difficult. In this regular feature, our Educational Partner, the [International Partnership for Dogs \(IPFD\)](#), signposts resources on a particular breed and highlights breed-specific diseases

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IPFD has published "[Get a GRIHP! on the English Setter](#)" as an in-depth examination of health and well-being of this breed.

An active upland bird hunting dog

English Setters are upland bird hunting dogs which also make excellent companions.

An owner with an active lifestyle, and able to provide mental and physical activities is a good fit for an English Setter's needs.¹

Quite a healthy breed – neoplasia the most important health condition

English Setters are quite healthy, and typically live to 10 years or older.



As active dogs, English Setters are prone to injury. Injury (trauma skin and claw, snake/insect bite, poisoning) was one of the three main reasons for veterinary care in Swedish English Setters during 2011-2016 (Agria insurance statistics).

The most important health conditions in the breed are:

- tumors (mostly skin and mammary),
- skin conditions,
- osteochondrosis,
- deafness,
- hypothyroidism, and
- digestive conditions.

Prone to bloat

Vets should advise clients and prospective owners to recognise signs of bloat (gastric dilatation-volvulus, GDV), as the breed is prone to it as a large, deep-chested breed.

Excessive skin on the head may cause problems with eyes, ears, and lips, and should thus be avoided when choosing dogs for breeding.

Having a silky, medium-length coat, English Setters require regular grooming to prevent tangles and matting.

See chart for health testing recommendations in different countries.



Health Screening Summary - by country
R1-Mandatory for registration
R2-Recommended
R3-Recognized



English Setters



Condition	UK	US	FI	SE	NO	NL	FR	IT
Hip Dysplasia	R2	R2	R1	R2	R2	R1	R2	R2
Elbow Conditions		R2	R1	R3	R2	R2		R2
Eye Conditions		R3			R2			
Autoimmune Thyroiditis	R3	R2						
Skin / Allergies	R3	R3						
NCL (DNA test)	R2	R3	R1	R2	R1			
PRA rcd 4 (DNA test)	R2	R3	R1	R2	R1			
Offspring limitation*			R1			R2		
Working result / character test	R3	R3	R2	R2			R2	R2
Deafness (BAER)	R3	R2				R1		

* Maximum level set for the number of registered offspring

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