



Royal Kennel Club

Annual health report 2025

Elbow grades by breed

Data calculated to 31/12/2025

The following is an annual summary, covering all breeds where at least one dog has been tested, using data from the current approximated breeding population (data from dogs scored in the last 15 years only). By representing dogs scored in the last 15 years, a more accurate reflection of each breed's current state of health and improvement is given. The data reflects Royal Kennel Club registered dogs only.

Breed	Tested in last 15 years	Tested in 2025	Grades									
			0		0< (1, 2 & 3)		1		2		3	
			Number scored	%	Number scored	%	Number scored	%	Number scored	%	Number scored	%
Afghan Hound	7	2	6	86%	1	14%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%
Airedale Terrier	31	5	20	65%	11	35%	5	16%	6	19%	0	0%
Akita	14	1	14	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Alaskan Malamute	47	1	42	89%	5	11%	3	6%	2	4%	0	0%
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	5	0	4	80%	1	20%	0	0%	1	20%	0	0%
Australian Cattle Dog	128	11	108	84%	20	16%	12	9%	7	5%	1	1%
Australian Shepherd	348	28	331	95%	17	5%	11	3%	5	1%	1	0%
Barbet (Imp)	50	5	45	90%	5	10%	2	4%	3	6%	0	0%
Basenji	4	2	3	75%	1	25%	0	0%	1	25%	0	0%
Basset Fauve De Bretagne	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)	1	0	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Basset Hound	12	3	7	58%	5	42%	3	25%	2	17%	0	0%
Bavarian Mountain Hound (Imp)	18	3	16	89%	2	11%	2	11%	0	0%	0	0%
Beagle	10	0	10	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bearded Collie	549	34	517	94%	32	6%	22	4%	6	1%	4	1%
Beauceron	15	1	12	80%	3	20%	2	13%	1	7%	0	0%
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael)	30	6	27	90%	3	10%	1	3%	1	3%	1	3%
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Laekenois)	4	0	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois)	220	22	203	92%	17	8%	11	5%	6	3%	0	0%
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren)	23	3	15	65%	8	35%	3	13%	4	17%	1	4%
Belgian Shepherd Dog	1	0	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Bergamasco (Imp)	5	0	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bernese Mountain Dog	1544	77	1055	68%	489	32%	198	13%	206	13%	85	6%
Bichon Frise	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Black and Tan Coonhound (Imp)	42	2	40	95%	2	5%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%
Bloodhound	34	5	27	79%	7	21%	1	3%	4	12%	2	6%
Border Collie	846	106	818	97%	28	3%	23	3%	4	0%	1	0%
Border Terrier	9	3	7	78%	2	22%	2	22%	0	0%	0	0%
Borzoi	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Boston Terrier	3	0	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bouvier Des Flandres	39	1	34	87%	5	13%	2	5%	3	8%	0	0%
Boxer	31	5	30	97%	1	3%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%
Bracco Italiano	258	9	194	75%	64	25%	43	17%	19	7%	2	1%
Braque D'Auvergne (Imp)	9	1	8	89%	1	11%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%
Brittany	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bull Terrier	1	0	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%
Bull Terrier (Miniature)	3	0	1	33%	2	67%	2	67%	0	0%	0	0%
Bulldog	17	1	9	53%	8	47%	1	6%	5	29%	2	12%
Bullmastiff	241	27	160	66%	81	34%	39	16%	35	15%	7	3%
Canaan Dog	3	0	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Catalan Sheepdog	7	0	7	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	3	0	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	0	0%
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Chow Chow	202	5	71	35%	131	65%	33	16%	44	22%	54	27%
Collie (Rough)	20	2	20	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Collie (Smooth)	4	2	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Dachshund (Long Haired)	1	0	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Dachshund (Miniature Smooth Haired)	3	0	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
Dachshund (Miniature Wire Haired)	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Dachshund (Wire Haired)	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Dalmatian	220	17	205	93%	15	7%	9	4%	4	2%	2	1%
Dobermann	135	20	133	99%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
Dogue de Bordeaux	319	6	198	62%	121	38%	52	16%	45	14%	24	8%
English Setter	15	9	14	93%	1	7%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%
Entlebucher Mountain Dog (Imp)	2	1	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Estrela Mountain Dog	13	0	11	85%	2	15%	0	0%	2	15%	0	0%
Eurasier	181	10	169	93%	12	7%	6	3%	5	3%	1	1%
Finnish Lapphund	20	1	20	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
French Bulldog	17	1	12	71%	5	29%	4	24%	0	0%	1	6%

German Longhaired Pointer	8	2	8	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
German Pinscher	3	1	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
German Shepherd Dog	6629	244	5402	81%	1227	19%	652	10%	375	6%	200	3%
German Shorthaired Pointer	287	42	282	98%	5	2%	4	1%	1	0%	0	0%
German Spitz (Klein)	4	0	3	75%	1	25%	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%
German Spitz (Mittel)	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
German Wirehaired Pointer	194	12	184	95%	10	5%	8	4%	2	1%	0	0%
Giant Schnauzer	88	8	82	93%	6	7%	6	7%	0	0%	0	0%
Glen Of Imaal Terrier	2	0	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Gordon Setter	46	17	35	76%	11	24%	8	17%	3	7%	0	0%
Great Dane	240	26	220	92%	20	8%	8	3%	9	4%	3	1%
Great Swiss Mountain Dog	58	0	46	79%	12	21%	6	10%	5	9%	1	2%
Greenland Dog	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Havanese	24	3	20	83%	4	17%	4	17%	0	0%	0	0%
Hovawart	14	0	14	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hungarian Mudi	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hungarian Puli	4	1	2	50%	2	50%	2	50%	0	0%	0	0%
Hungarian Pumi	34	2	29	85%	5	15%	4	12%	1	3%	0	0%
Hungarian Vizsla	1210	76	1117	92%	93	8%	70	6%	17	1%	6	0%
Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla	242	21	224	93%	18	7%	12	5%	6	2%	0	0%
Icelandic Sheepdog (Imp)	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Irish Red & White Setter	25	0	25	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Irish Setter	51	10	50	98%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%
Irish Terrier	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Irish Wolfhound	17	3	12	71%	5	29%	1	6%	3	18%	1	6%
Italian Greyhound	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Italian Spinone	127	6	110	87%	17	13%	10	8%	6	5%	1	1%
Japanese Akita Inu	7	1	7	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Japanese Shiba Inu	4	3	3	75%	1	25%	0	0%	1	25%	0	0%
Keeshond	96	9	81	84%	15	16%	14	15%	1	1%	0	0%
Komondor	4	0	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Kooikerhondje	2	0	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Korean Jindo (Imp)	5	0	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Korthals Griffon (Imp)	82	7	71	87%	11	13%	7	9%	2	2%	2	2%
Lagotto Romagnolo	200	18	193	97%	7	4%	6	3%	1	1%	0	0%
Large Munsterlander	266	18	220	83%	46	17%	33	12%	9	3%	4	2%
Leonberger	663	25	601	91%	62	9%	42	6%	10	2%	10	2%
Maremma Sheepdog	6	2	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mastiff	140	4	112	80%	28	20%	5	4%	12	9%	11	8%
Miniature Schnauzer	4	0	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Neapolitan Mastiff	26	1	16	62%	10	38%	5	19%	2	8%	3	12%
Newfoundland	1137	23	799	70%	338	30%	178	16%	109	10%	51	4%
Norfolk Terrier	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Norwegian Buhund	2	0	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Norwegian Elkhound	16	2	16	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Old English Sheepdog	160	18	150	94%	10	6%	8	5%	2	1%	0	0%
Otterhound	95	8	32	34%	63	66%	39	41%	17	18%	7	7%
Papillon	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Picardy Sheepdog (Imp)	10	0	9	90%	1	10%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%
Pointer	17	0	16	94%	1	6%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Pomeranian	2	0	1	50%	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%
Poodle (Miniature)	35	5	29	83%	6	17%	6	17%	0	0%	0	0%
Poodle (Standard)	264	22	239	91%	25	9%	19	7%	6	2%	0	0%
Poodle (Toy)	12	1	10	83%	2	17%	1	8%	1	8%	0	0%
Portuguese Pointer (Imp)	9	3	8	89%	1	11%	0	0%	1	11%	0	0%
Portuguese Water Dog	152	4	143	94%	9	6%	7	5%	2	1%	0	0%
Pug	7	0	1	14%	6	86%	3	43%	2	29%	1	14%
Pyrenean Mountain Dog	47	4	47	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)	23	0	23	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth Face)(Imp)	5	0	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)	131	8	108	82%	23	18%	8	6%	11	8%	4	3%
Retriever (Curly Coated)	39	7	39	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Retriever (Flat Coated)	902	81	885	98%	17	2%	13	1%	2	0%	2	0%
Retriever (Golden)	9531	710	7589	80%	1942	20%	1091	11%	732	8%	119	1%
Retriever (Labrador)	36545	2197	32650	89%	3895	11%	2427	7%	982	3%	486	1%
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)	435	37	425	98%	10	2%	9	2%	1	0%	0	0%
Rhodesian Ridgeback	996	66	880	88%	116	12%	65	7%	43	4%	8	1%
Rottweiler	1899	109	1006	53%	893	47%	488	26%	353	19%	52	3%
Russian Black Terrier	95	1	55	58%	40	42%	16	17%	18	19%	6	6%
Samoyed	71	8	69	97%	2	3%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%
Schnauzer	6	2	5	83%	1	17%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%
Scottish Terrier	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Shar Pei	8	0	5	63%	3	38%	1	13%	1	13%	1	13%
Shetland Sheepdog	63	11	61	97%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%
Shih Tzu	3	0	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Siberian Husky	31	0	31	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Skye Terrier	1	0	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer (Imp)	8	3	8	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	10	0	9	90%	1	10%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%
Spaniel (American Cocker)	4	1	3	75%	1	25%	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%
Spaniel (Clumber)	463	38	431	93%	32	7%	19	4%	8	2%	5	1%

Spaniel (Cocker)	851	133	839	99%	12	1%	9	1%	3	0%	0	0%
Spaniel (English Springer)	477	67	443	93%	34	7%	25	5%	9	2%	0	0%
Spaniel (Field)	126	13	124	98%	2	2%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%
Spaniel (Irish Water)	293	16	233	80%	60	20%	39	13%	17	6%	4	1%
Spaniel (Sussex)	8	1	7	88%	1	13%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)	33	7	33	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Spanish Water Dog	34	2	34	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
St. Bernard	185	5	158	85%	27	15%	14	8%	9	5%	4	2%
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	27	7	21	78%	6	22%	0	0%	5	19%	1	4%
Swedish Lapphund (Imp)	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Swedish Vallhund	3	1	1	33%	2	67%	2	67%	0	0%	0	0%
Tibetan Mastiff	152	4	120	79%	32	21%	18	12%	8	5%	6	4%
Tibetan Terrier	15	3	15	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Weimaraner	106	19	103	97%	3	3%	2	2%	1	1%	0	0%
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)	3	0	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	10	1	10	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
West Highland White Terrier	1	0	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Whippet	3	0	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
White Swiss Shepherd Dog (Imp)	98	9	73	74%	25	26%	14	14%	8	8%	3	3%
Xoloitzcuintle (Mex Hairless) Std (Imp)	23	2	22	96%	1	4%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%