

SLOUGHI HEALTH STATEMENT

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The Sloughi is generally a healthy breed, but like all dogs, Sloughis can have some health concerns, including cancer, and more rarely, autoimmune disorders and wobblers syndrome.

The American Sloughi Association recommends that all U.S. breeding dogs have their eyes certified with an OFA eye exam within 12 months prior to breeding and DNA testing screening for progressive retinal atrophy.

In general, the majority of Sloughis live healthy lives, generally to the age of 12-14 years. This is a breed that requires vigorous regular exercise in order to be physically and mentally healthy, and this is a breed that is suited to a life in which it can gallop freely and fully extend its legs in a safe place nearly every day.

Working with a responsible breeder, those wishing to own a Sloughi can gain the education they need to know about specific health concerns within the breed. Good breeders are willing to honestly and openly discuss any health concerns about the breed.

Very truly yours,

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