

# **KYON reg'd NORWEGIAN BUHUNDS**

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## **HOW TO RAISE A KYON NORWEGIAN BUHUND**

**(1) Feeding:** We feed PURINA PRO-PLAN LAMB AND RICE and PEDIGREE CHICKEN canned food. Discontinue use of the canned food after one week. If you want to switch to another brand then do so gradually. Your pup should get the diet it's used to for at least one week after homecoming. Feed the pup 3 meals per day until it is 6 months, then reduce to twice daily feedings. At maturity most Buhunds only need one meal per day. Do not feed bones, give biscuits for a treat instead. To encourage good eating habits let the puppy have 10 minutes to finish its food, then remove dish. Ignore the fussy eater. Make sure your pup has plenty of water. INCREASE amount of feed as puppy grows. A seven week old puppy eats approx. ½ - ¾ cups, 3x daily. At 6 months, a Buhund puppy may require 2 cups of kibble twice per day.

**(2) House Breaking:** Please get a crate for your puppy. It makes training very easy, since no animal likes to mess in it's sleeping place. It provides security and privacy for your dog...a place of its own. Take your puppy outside to a designated spot every time it has to relieve itself. Always return to the same spot and remain there until the pup has done its business. PRAISE every time you have success. Ignore mistakes inside. Remember always to return to the spot as soon as your pup wakes up from sleep, whenever it has finished eating or had water and immediately after playtime. Buhund puppies may scream and bark in the crate. Arm yourself with a spray bottle, add a touch of vinegar and spray the puppy in the face every time the puppy barks and use the quiet command. Also make the crate a special place, put chew-bones in and always give your puppy a biscuit for going nicely into the crate.

**(3) Barking:** The Buhund is bred for a specific purpose, that is to herd livestock by barking. This bark must be high and piercing, so as to intimidate the sheep etc. to move. An untrained Buhund can become quite obnoxious, therefore, from day one it is important that a puppy needs to learn that barking is only acceptable in certain instances. NEVER tie your dog up and do not allow a Buhund puppy to spend any length of time in the backyard unsupervised, or else it will drive your neighbours crazy with all the barking, as it will be it's inbred instinct to sound off every time it sees something. If you spend time training your puppy in it's first few months, you will have a joy to live with.

**(4) Chasing:** As all herding breeds, the Buhund will wish to chase anything that moves and this includes people, other dogs and cats, bicycles and especially cars. In the beginning allow your puppy off leash frequently in safe areas to practice the recall or come command. Your puppy will follow you wherever you go while it is little and it is

very important to build on that from the beginning. Otherwise, practice common sense and keep your puppy on leash near traffic. Barking and chasing are linked so do not allow barking while on leash.

(5) **Training:** The Buhund has been bred for centuries for trainability and with consistency and firmness in training this breed can be taught just about anything. The smart owner starts obedience training as soon as possible after getting the puppy. Enroll in puppy classes and follow this up with at least 2 more regular obedience courses. A Buhund that is kept busy and trained daily is a happy dog!

(6) **Health & Grooming:** Brush your dog weekly unless it is shedding, then use a rake and brush daily. It will help to speed up the shedding, if you give your dog a warm bath several times per week. Remember Buhunds are extremely easy to keep groomed and almost clean themselves, like a cat, however during shedding time you will be well advised to do rigorous brushing. Practice nail clipping once a day while your puppy is little. It is important that your dog lets you handle his feet regularly. When your dog is fully grown you can reduce the nail clipping to once a month.

(7) **Confining Your Dog; Do Not Let Your Dog Run Free:** You will only be inviting disaster if you do not confine your dog. A dogs run should be 10 by 8 feet AT LEAST. A fenced backyard is ideal. DON'T TIE YOUR DOG. He will hate it and might forever try escaping. He might get strangled in the attempt. Also tying a Buhund will result in an extremely NOISEY and sometimes aggressive dog. Remember to exercise your dog regularly. If you are not the jogging type then try throwing things for the dog to fetch. An adult Buhund needs to run to stay in good condition. A dog that does not get enough exercise will become bored and may develop annoying habits. Let your Buhund be a house dog. Dogs that are allowed in the house are more content and easier to train than the lonely dog that is left alone outside. Remember Buhunds are very "people oriented". The breed is not a dog that will roam great distances, however a loose Buhund on the road can quickly get hit by a passing car because of their strong herding and chasing instinct.

(8) **Aggressiveness:** Our Buhunds are generally very soft tempered and gentle. However, even the mildest mannered puppy will show aggressiveness at one point. Nip this right in the bud. Be VERY FIRM and DOMINANT. You must show your pup that you will never tolerate aggressiveness. Grab the muzzle of the pup and squeeze hard, say NO in a DEEP voice. Never excuse your pup if it is aggressive! Train it so that it will not object if you take away its food, toys etc. . An aggressive dog is really just a spoiled brat. Do not allow tug of war or rough housing, or games that encourage dominance. A male Buhund that is not used for breeding might be slightly territorial and dominant towards other male dogs. This is best cured by neutering.

(9) **Keep In Touch:** We have put a lot of time, effort and love into every one of our pups and we would dearly like to follow them through the years. We know that they are going to be in good homes, but it is always nice to hear how they are growing and developing. We are always here to help you.