

## The Breed

The Silken Windhound is an American Breed of sighthound that originated in Austin, Texas in the mid-1980s. This is a medium-sized, coated, modern sporting hound, registered through its parent organization, the International Silken Windhound Society.

As of March 2009, close to 1,000 Silken Windhounds are registered worldwide, and there are over 120 active members of the ISWS.



## Performance and Show History

Silken Windhounds are competing successfully in performance events alongside LGRA, NOTRA, WRA, CWA and ASFA clubs around the country. Silken Windhounds are also showing in conformation events in ISWS sponsored specialties, and with the all breed organizations NAKC/Rarities, IABCA, and NCA.

- A Straight Racing program for the breed started in 2005. Currently over 200 dogs are registered for racing. With dogs having achieved the racing titles of SRC, SRCX and the SRCXII, which are equivalent to the GRC, SGRC and the SGRC2.

- A Lure Coursing program started for the breed in 2007, with the first field Ch being awarded in 2008
- An Oval Track program started for the breed in late 2008
- Silken Windhounds overseas have run in unofficial lure coursing, oval, and straight racing events in Finland, and have shown in ISWS sponsored shows in Finland, Sweden, and Germany. They are officially recognized in Slovenia, and can show in the sighthound group in that country. Several Silken Windhounds are titled there.
- Silken Windhounds in the U.S. have been awarded many Best in Show and Reserve BIS honors at all-breed events that welcome them, as well as numerous Hound Group wins.
- Many Silken Windhounds have achieved dual championships. Care has been taken to encourage an informed and balanced breeding program in order to maintain sighthound functionality



## The Registry

- The International Silken Windhound Society has a registration process based closely on the AKC's, however, it has also utilized modern science, with the assistance of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory to verify all DNA on breeding Silkens, and incorporated an extra step of a two-tiered registration that allows breeders to assess and upgrade their puppies to breedable status with the club as adults. Additionally the ISWS sponsors health testing for the breed, and stages health testing events.

| Feature                         | Benefit   |
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| DNA verified pedigrees with VGL | Completely accurate pedigrees                           |
| Two -Tiered Registration        | Breeders have more control over dogs of their breeding  |
| ISWS sponsored health testing   | Assists breeder education and encourages health testing |



<http://silkenwindhounds.org>

## Goals

The Silken Windhound breed club's goal is to bring a balanced performance sighthound to world recognition. Silken Windhounds are now found throughout the US, Austria, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Norway, United Arab Emirates, the Union of South Africa, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

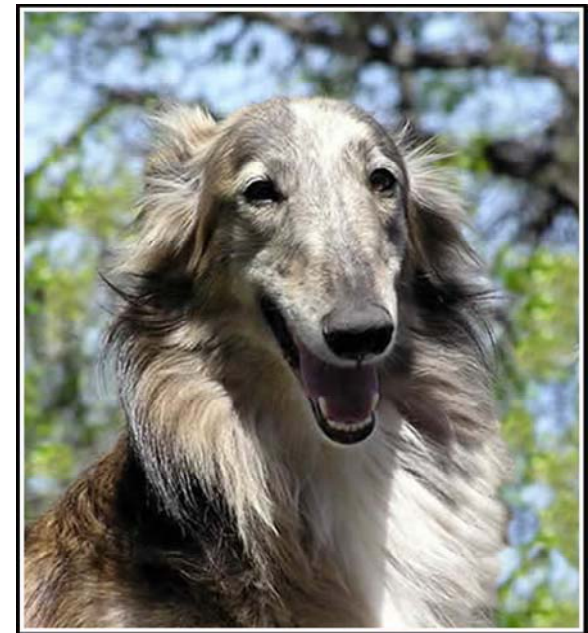


The breed is working towards applying for full recognition with the AKC and UKC in the USA, and with kennel clubs worldwide. If accepted by the AKC, the Silken Windhound would be the only sighthound of American origin in its ranks.

***The Silken Windhound is a modern sporting sighthound of American Origin .***

***The breed has a breed club , a standard, a registry, a worldwide group of dedicated breeders and owners, multiple regional and national clubs outside the US, and a rescue program .***

# The Silken Windhound



The First American Sighthound Breed

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