More About This Breed

* The Keeshond (pronounced KAYZ-hawnd) is a medium-sized dog with an impressive gray, black, and cream coat and a massive, plumed tail. He was known for years as the "Dutch Barge Dog" because of his role as companion and guardian on barges and small boats on Holland's many canals and rivers.

While the Keeshond will issue a stern bark when someone approaches his property, he's such a love that he'll [readily accept anyone](https://dogtime.com/raising-people-friendly-dog.html) his owner brings into the household. In truth, he isn't a very effective guard dog.

The Keeshond is a fan of cool weather. He likes spending time outside when the weather is crisp. However, he isn't a backyard dog; he's too people-oriented for that. He needs to live inside with his family and participate in all their activities.