## **Breed Descriptor of Vechur (Cattle)**





<b>Breeding Tract</b>				
State: Kerala	Kasargode			
	Pathanam Thitta			
	Kottayam			
	Alappuzha / Alleppey			
Location				
Longitude (deg.)	76.34 - 77.			
Latitude (deg.)	9.3 - 9.5			
General Information				
Synonyms				
Origin	It is known by the name of a place Vechur - a small place			
	by the side of Vembanad lake near Vaikam in Kottayam			
	district of South Kerala.			
Major utility	Food - Milk; Dung - Manure			
Comments on utility	Milk production in Vechur cattle is relatively higher than			
	in other dwarf cattle available in this area.			
Comments on breeding	Kuttanad, a unique agricultural tract, which covers			
tract	Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta; and			
	Kasaragod districts of Kerala			
Adaptability to environment	The social requirement as well as heavy rain and hot			
	humid climate of the area coupled with low input			
	available to the animals led to the selection of a small			
	adaptable animal by man as well nature. This was the			
	basis for evolution of Vechur animal.			
Population		<b>.</b>		
	Year	Population	Other information	
	2013	1065	Source: Estimated	
			Livestock Population	
			Breed Wise Based on	
			Breed Survey 2013.	
			Department of	
			Animal Husbandry,	
			Dairying & Fisheries,	
			Government of India,	
			New Delhi	
Management				

Extensive			
Grazing			
Animals from each house are let loose in the morning.			
These animals herd together and go for grazing in bigger			
groups. Breeding bulls are also present in the grazing			
area. Cows conceive out of natural mating from these			
bulls. Animals return home in the evening. Generally			
animals are confined to sheds in the night. Tree leaves			
are spread in sheds as breeding. Additional leaves are			
spread on alternate days on the previous layer. Daily			
cleaning of sheds is not done as in other parts of state.			
Manure is removed 3 or 4 times a year and used as mulch			
(organic manure) for cultivation.			
Horns are small, thin curving forward and downward. In			
some cases they are extermely small and are hardly			
		Overall	
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	4.7	5.8	
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