

Boston Terrier



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

In 1870 a new breed was created in Boston, Massachusetts, the result of a cross between the English Bulldog and the now extinct white English Terrier. After a number of careful selected breeding programs, including some inbreeding, this dog was standardized to reproduce true to the type, as we see today.

BREED APPEARANCE:

This breed is a small dog with a height of 12 to 14 inches and weighs 15 – 25 pounds. It has a smooth coat with a short head and a compact build. Its tail is short and its body is well balanced. The coat colors are: brindle, seal or black with a white stripe down the middle of the face, It has a white muzzle, collar, chest, underbelly and part or all of forelegs and hind legs below the hocks.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED: This dog is lively and highly intelligent. If properly bred, The Boston Terrier can be a good natured companion that easily fits in small apartments or homes. This dog is intelligent, dapper, fun loving, loyal and has a stable temperament. The Boston Terrier was truly bred to be a companion dog.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

The short face can make them prone to heat and breathing problems. They also drool and bark a lot. This dog can have a lot of social and physical problems if bred improperly. Boston Terriers also tend to be a little gaseous and their snoring can put any drunken sailor to shame.

Perfect Pet Rating



Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: This dog is affectionate, undemanding, and a good watchdog.

MINUSES: They can over heat very easily, drool and their snoring can keep you up at night.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

If you like being outside and very active on hot summer days (with your dog), this breed is not for you. If you have young children, care must be taken to avoid damage to the bulging eyes of this little dog.

DO THEY SHED?

They shed very little. Groom only when necessary.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This breed is great with children. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

Some Boston Terriers will become aggressive with another male over dominance related issues. Training and socialization are very important.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They can be exercised in the house or preferably, walked outside. They require little exercise to be happy.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

They are fairly easy to train. Poorly bred dogs can be more of a challenge.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Their small head causes heat, breathing problems. The bulging eyes make them susceptible to scratches and injury. The mouth is small and can cause jaw or teeth to be deformed. Some dogs are unable to keep their tongues in their mouth. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.