

Bouvier Des Flandres



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Bouvier is from Southwest Flanders and the French northern plain, owned by Butchers, farmers, or cattle Merchants. Their ancestry is cloudy, attributed to a type of sheepdog, the Dutch griffon, and the barbet or water dog. The standard of the Bouvier type was drawn up and accepted in 1912. During the wars these dogs were used as couriers and for seeking out the wounded. During World War I and II, the breed was nearly wiped out, but a few survived fleeing to Belgium. Careful breeding was responsible for the Bouvier as we know today.

BREED APPEARANCE:

They are a large dog with a height of 23 to 27 inches and weighs from 65 – 100 pounds. They are powerfully built, rough-coated dog giving the impression of great strength. They are agile, spirited, bold, yet have a serene disposition. They are alert and intelligent. Their ears are surgically cropped or left natural. They are equal in height and body length, with a bobbed tail. They have a harsh double coat, with colors of black to gray, silver, salt and pepper, or fawn.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

Generally quiet in the home, protective of his family. Remarkable for a police dog, drug detection, blind or hearing impaired

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

They are suspicious of strangers and animals they don't know.

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: The adult Bouvier makes a great jogging partner in cool weather.

MINUSES: The Bouvier's guarding instincts can lead to unwanted aggression.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

The Bouvier needs a strong, experienced and in control person or family that will train, socialize and spend time with him.

DO THEY SHED?

Their coat sheds little, but requires professional grooming. Their beard gets smelly and needs washing often.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This dog gets along great with children that they are raised with. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They may attack dogs they are unfamiliar with. Training is mandatory.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They are a medium energy dog, but require exercise; preferably in a large fenced in yard.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Training and socializing your Bouvier is a must. The family needs to start training their dog as a pup and seek professional help to develop a correct and sound relationship.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Health problems in these dogs are: hip dysplasia, cancer, bloat, eye diseases, and some genetic disorders. If you feed your dog a premium diet it may booster his health. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.