

Boxer



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variables can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of a dogs' performance and behavior. Please do your research carefully before selecting any breed of dog for you or your family!

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Boxers that resemble the dogs of today were known as early as the 16th Century in Germany. The Boxer is one of the descendants of the fighting dog of Tibet and cousin to most all recognized breeds of Bulldogs. Until the mid 19th century, Boxers were used for dog fighting. They were also used as police dogs because of their intelligence, fearlessness, agility and strength. The Boxer was also used as a courier during war time and was used as a hunting dog for bull, bear, or boar, and even performed in the circus.

BREED APPEARANCE

The Boxer is medium sized square-built, well muscled dogs at 21 - 25 inches at the withers and weigh 55 to 70 pounds. There are no miniatures or giant varieties. It has a square balanced head with his muzzle in proportion to his skull. The erect cropped ears and wrinkles lend it the look of an alert intelligent dog. The Boxer has a very short coat which is shiny, laying smooth and close to his body, in colors of fawn and brindle. It should only have white no more than one third of the entire coat. Hearing should be checked on all white Boxers.

WHY WOULD YOU LOVE THIS BREED:

The Boxer loves people and especially children. He is protective of his family, yet playful and not aggressive.

WHY WOULD YOU NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

Boxers have a wide range of temperaments, which could entail dog aggression, so socialization and training is very important. They also can be pushy and dominate their owners.

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: Great with children and guarding family members. Boxers are also used as Seeing Eye dogs.

MINUSES: With their short muzzle, they have breathing problems, drool, snore and suffer from over heating and because of their short coat, have an intolerance to cold weather. They may guard your house against friends.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

You should avoid this breed if you have no time to train your dog and do not have a fenced yard. If you are petite, delicate and soft spoken this dog will walk all over you.

DO THEY SHED?



They shed minimal to moderate. They require simple brushing and bathing.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



They love children but are to rambunctious for young children. Their probability to bite is Medium especially if raised with children. EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WILL THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Two dogs of the same sex or same age should not reside together, they may fight.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



Boxers need exercise, but caution should be taken during warm weather not to overdo.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



Training is Mandatory to direct and develop control over their enthusiasm for life and control their boundless energy.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



You will need lots of dollars to keep this breed healthy. They are prone to Bloat, Cancer, gum and dental problems, fatal colitis, eye problems (Boxer Ulcer), back degeneration, Sub-aortic Stenosis. They are short lived usually under ten years and because of their short muzzle, they, snore. They suffer heat stress and of all things; pass gas. Set aside money for a quality dog food. To help prevent Bloat, rest your dog for an hour before and one hour after you feed them. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.