

Mastiff



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: This breed is descended from the ancient Alaunt and Molosser. Mastif refers to the Old English Mastiff which originated in Europe and became nearly extinct after World War II.

BREED APPEARANCE: Mastiff's are 26"-36" in height and weigh 160-230 lbs. These are massive dogs with a huge head and wide chest. They all have black masks and ears; brindle, fawn or apricot in color.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

This massive breed is a gentle giant. He is very confident and makes an excellent watch dog. This breed generally does not like to roam and is also a remarkable companion dog that is very loving and loyal and protective of his family. The Mastiff also excels at tracking, search and rescue and weight pulling.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

The Mastiff lives to please, however, they can also go through "stubborn" phases which last from a couple days to a couple weeks or even throughout their puppy days. They are also very sensitive and can become easily frightened, hurt or confused. Once this happens, they cannot be coaxed out of it.

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 breed is obedient and great with children. They are great guard dogs that require little exercise.

MINUSES: This breed drools, snores and loves to dig! They are a giant breed that must live in large quarters. Extra care must be taken to create an atmosphere that is stable and conducive to the breed's sensitivity and stubbornness.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

If you have a small house or a lot of people coming in and out of your house, this breed may not be the right choice for you. The Mastiff will become unpredictable if living in an unstable environment and not exercised daily!

DO THEY SHED?



This breed sheds very little. However, they should be brushed and given a bath when necessary.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



This breed should be fine with children they are raised with. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Mastiff's are typically friendly toward other dogs but may show signs of intolerance toward animals they haven't been socialized with. Therefore, early socialization to all kinds of animals will lessen the chances of aggression toward strange animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



Mastiffs tend to be couch potatoes and like to lay around the house. However, exercise is still important to keep them mentally and physically healthy.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



Mastiff's are smart and naturally obedient. Keep training sessions short and frequent. Harsh corrections are generally not needed with the Mastiff due to its high level of sensitivity and willingness to please.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



Mastiffs suffer from joint problems due to their size. Other conditions commonly known to the Mastiff are: eye problems, hypothyroidism, Wobblers Syndrome, skin and nervous system disorders. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.