



American Staffordshires

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The American Staffordshire

About the American Staffordshire

The American Staffordshire Terrier is a powerful and strong breed. With family, they are loving, gentle and devoted to their households. This complimentary e-book will not only inform you on this intriguing breed, but it will guide you through getting to know your pet. You will receive valuable veterinary tips and great product suggestions to keep your pet happy. We hope you enjoy this e-book as much as we enjoyed writing it for you. We want to ensure that the new pet parent brings up a happy, healthy and loving American Staffordshire Terrier.

American Staffordshire Characteristics

The American Staffordshire Terrier is a friendly dog. They are not good guard dogs, because they are not wary of strangers and don't generally show aggression towards people. They get along very well with children. The Staffordshire Terrier is a strong breed; they are very muscular and have broad features. They have a protective nature towards their owners, and if provoked, can be aggressive towards other dogs. Accompanied by their owner and a leash, they enjoy long walks and play. They require minimal coat care because they have a very short coat. This is a very obedient dog with a high activity level. A home with a fenced yard is ideal, but the Stafford Terrier will do well in an apartment setting, too.

Average Weight	57-67 pounds	Temperament	Courageous, tenacious
Average Height	16-19 inches	Good with children	Friendly, good guard dogs
Coat	Coarse heavy top coat, heavy and soft undercoat, require weekly grooming	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia, cataracts, congenital heart disease

Selecting Your American Staffordshire Puppy

It's all about personal preference when deciding to either adopt an American Staffordshire Terrier or to select one from a reputable breeder.



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A Few Words About Adoption

Every year, thousands of animals are either captured or turned in by their owners to be adopted. These pets can make wonderful companions and desire a loving home to call their own. When considering adoption, you should choose an animal shelter or rescue in your nearby community that you trust and one that has a long-standing reputation for providing exceptional care to the animals. Shelters that have an on-site vet clinic are a plus. Many facilities will require the pet to be spayed or neutered before the adoption is complete. This fee will be included in the adoption costs.

A Few Words About Breeders

Choosing to purchase an American Staffordshire Terrier from a breeder is a beneficial decision, as well. You are not only getting a 100% pure breed, in most cases, but you're assured that the dog will be healthy and well trained. When selecting a breeder, make sure they are reputable. Your breeder should be knowledgeable about the American Staffordshire Terrier's genetics and nutrition. Their structure and movements are important, too. A reputable breeder will make certain their pups have all their immunizations and inoculations at the times needed and that they are done under the advisement of their veterinarian. Be sure that your breeder gives individual attention to the socialization and raising of their pups, and have them give assurance that their pups are brought up in clean and healthy environments. It is also important that interaction with people and other pets be part of the breeding process. There is an array of screening methods you can use when choosing a breeder. Choose wisely, and be informed before you buy.

Either option is viable based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when selecting your pet is to select the right pet for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. Select a pet that fits your lifestyle.

How to Choose your American Staffordshire

Choosing a dog can be a difficult decision, because there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities you may want to look for. When choosing your American Staffordshire Terrier pup, be sure you are choosing carefully and are informed about your breed. Look out for signs of a healthy dog by following these tips below:

- Nose not running and clear of mucus
- Check for gum discoloration. Gums should be a healthy pink.
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- Check for clear breathing in chest.
- Do a thorough check of the head, throat, mouth and structure.



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EXPERT TIP

Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have an American Staffordshire puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult American Staffordshire is 57 lbs and 16 inches tall. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds.

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Exercise is key to keeping your pup healthy. A Staffordshire Terrier, has a lot of energy and needs a daily outlet for that energy. Taking out for long walks or play is preferable. Introducing your puppy to the vet and their grooming process is best done early on. Following the breeder's and veterinarian's advice on nutrition will ensure your pup maintains a healthy diet. Adhere to your dogs allergies, as they require special dietary ingredients. As long as you pay attention to your breed's needs and stay knowledgeable about your breed, you will ensure success at a positive adjustment for your puppy to their new surroundings.

The American Staffordshire Pup

Each stage of your pet's life will be characterized by special needs. Puppies are just like babies, they need lots of attention and they are just starting out in life and wanting to learn. Staffordshire Terrier puppies need socialization early to prevent aggression. Vaccination is important in this stage of their lives; it will maintain their immunity to diseases. Puppies are continuously growing; trimming your puppies' nails about every two to three weeks will keep nails groomed and the risk of scratching at a low. You want to ensure that you do not over-feed your puppy. Filling the bowl no more than level is good for the puppy now. American Staffordshire Terrier puppies should be allowed to relieve themselves about every three hours to prevent problems with soiling in the house.

The American Staffordshire Adult

As your dog begins to age, his needs begin to change. Adult dogs are coming into their own and they begin to understand their owner more and understand what it is their owners want from them. Staffordshire Terriers are more outdoors type than indoors. As your dog begins to grow, ensuring that they have enough room to roam and run will keep a happy Staffordshire Terrier. Staffordshire Terriers can be hard to housebreak, so starting when they are young will ensure a housebroken pet. This dog is eager to please and when brought up right will obey the master's command. They love companionship, so giving a lot of attention is beneficial.

The American Staffordshire Senior

When your pet begins to get older, they have special needs that are different from the pup American Staffordshire Terrier and the adult. An older American Staffordshire Terrier is seasoned at this stage; they will do just about everything on command. They begin to lose muscle tone and condition and can develop arthritis. They do not do well on slippery floors, so you may want to put down covering that have non-skid rubber. They begin to enjoy routines, by eating at the same time everyday, sleeping at the same time of day or go out at the same times everyday. Dehydration is common with the older American Staffordshire Terrier, so keeping a close eye on their drinking habits will ensure they don't dry out. You will want to continue an exercise regimen, but frequent breaks are necessary to prevent overexertion.

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Make Staffordshire Terrier memories with your American Staffordshire Terrier. A well trained American Staffordshire Terrier will give you all the loyalty, companionship, and love any family needs. Treat just as a part of the family and make them feel wanted. All those ingredients will make a happy pet out of your American Staffordshire Terrier.

Medical Considerations

American Staffordshire Terriers are very healthy, generally. They do suffer from hip dysplasia, which is a malformation of the hip joints. They can contract hereditary cataracts and congenital heart disease.



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