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**Boston
Terriers**

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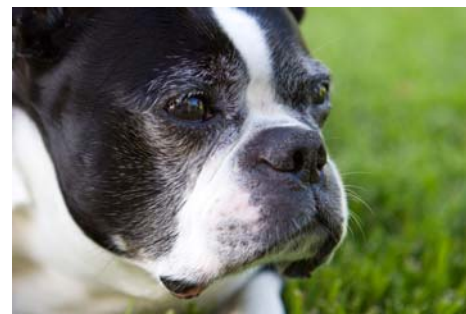
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The Boston Terrier

About the Boston Terrier

Boston Terriers, often referred to as “The American Gentleman”, is one of the few breeds that originated here in the US. The Boston Terrier was bred from a cross between Bull Terriers and Bulldogs. In the late 1800s, a group of breeders in Boston, MA established the Boston Terrier Club of America and applied for entrance of the new breed with the AKC.



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| Average Weight | 10–25 Lbs | Temperament | Gentle, alert, lively & playful. |
| Average Height | 15-17 inches | Good with Children? | Yes. If raised with a child, they can become a protector. |
| Coat | Smooth, short-haired coat | Health Concerns | Breathing difficulties, heart & skin tumors. |

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Boston Terrier Characteristics

Boston Terriers are companions who strive to please their owners and are extremely easy to train. While small in stature, these animals carry themselves like a large breed, defending their territory and owners. They require plenty of daily exercise, enjoy playing with toys, fetching a ball, and playing with children. Boston’s must be an inside pet only, due to their inability to deal with extreme cold or heat. Their short coat makes shedding minimal and only requires a weekly brushing to keep their coat looking in top shape. Regular ear cleaning, as well as keeping nails trimmed, are also necessary. With a short muzzle, Boston Terriers can have difficulty breathing, especially after prolonged activity. Snoring or snorting is not unusual, although many owners swear that after time they rarely notice these breathing noises.

Selecting Your Boston Terrier Puppy

Making the decision to either adopt or purchase your puppy from a breeder is a matter of personal choice. Both options are discussed here, along with some positives and negatives for both.

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 chose 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.



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A Few Words About Breeders

Some people will prefer that their Boston Terrier come from a reputable breeder. This can be the best choice for owners wishing to show their dog or become breeders themselves. Breeders can provide you with a wealth of knowledge around Boston's, including health issues, family history, and the various breed characteristics. Boston Terrier breeders can easily be found by going to the AKC website and searching by location. You can also search newspaper classifieds or locate breeder websites on the Internet. You should have a list of questions ready to ask the breeder when you visit or call. It is good to inquire about the length of time the breeder has been in business, if the parents will be available for you to see, and what kind of health guarantees and records will be provided. Expect a good breeder to have several questions for you as well, such as the environment in which the dog will reside, and how much time you will be able to spend with the dog.

Purchasing your Boston Terrier from a breeder or adopting are both good choices. You need to be sure to do your research first and to avoid making a quick decision based on immediate availability. Sometimes it is better to build a relationship first with a chosen breeder and plan for an upcoming litter

How to Choose your Boston Terrier

Choosing a new puppy can be one of the most exciting events in your family. It is important that you have done your homework upfront and know what kind of dog you are looking for. Some things to look for when selecting your new pup are:

- No major skin conditions; clean, healthy coat
- Clean and clear eyes
- Coughing or difficult breathing (signs of respiratory infections)
- Paw pads soft and no deep cracking or infections
- Limping, little or no movement (signs of injury or birth defects)
- Proper weight/size

Bringing Your Boston Terrier Home

Expectant mothers prepare for months for their new arrival. A room is prepared for the new baby, necessary items are stocked, and made easily accessible, with schedules even being adjusted accordingly. While we might not prepare for months for a new puppy, it is important to be ready for your new addition before he arrives. You should make sure that your home is free of items that can become a new chew toy, or possible areas where the puppy can easily escape outside. If you have other pets already, you should be sure that their food is in a safe place, at least in the beginning until everyone adjusts.

It's also a good idea to pick up a book on your puppy, so that you can further understand the breed and what sort of things to expect as they grow. Once your puppy comes home, you will want to make an appointment with your vet, if you have one already, or chose one based on a recommendation or by locale. If you have purchased your puppy from a breeder or animal shelter, they have most likely had their first set of shots. Regular visits to the vet will ensure your pet a happy and healthy life. Your vet will also be able to address any concerns, behavior issues, or other questions that you might have.



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Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have a Boston Terrier puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Terrier and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Boston Terrier is 15 lbs and 16 inches tall. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds such as the Boston Terrier.

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The Boston Terrier Pup

When you purchase a puppy vs. an adult, you have the advantage of training the dog to fit your lifestyle. While Boston's can have a strong will, most have a stronger desire to please their owners. The Boston puppy will be quite active and will require lots of your time. You can use these early days to establish the do's and don'ts in your household, such as housebreaking, chewing on their toys but not your shoes, and being content in their crate while you are away for short periods of time.

The Boston Terrier Adult

With your Boston being well-established now, he has become the king of his kingdom. Even though he is not considered a puppy anymore, there are still several times throughout the day where his behavior states otherwise. The adult Boston still requires much play time and enjoys getting out for frequent walks through the park. You need to pay special attention to your Boston's weight and adjust the diet as necessary. Regular check-ups at the vet are a must, watching for good dental hygiene and up-to-date shots.

The Boston Terrier Senior

As your Boston becomes even older, he may become more content watching you run around and do the fetching; however, there is still playfulness on his mind. Like many dogs at an older age, there is a need to be more attentive to their behaviors, especially around young children. Older pets can become more irritable, especially when napping or eating. While Boston's overall are known to have very good temperaments, you should remember that all pets have their own individual personalities, and everyone can have a bad day. Your vet will watch for signs of possible skin and heart tumors, as this is a common ailment of the breed.

Boston Terriers are a wonderful breed with a lively personality, and an almost human-like sensitivity. With their love for children and overall charm, they are a great addition to almost any family.

Medical Considerations

Boston Terriers have an overall good health record. While regular exercise is important for any pet, too much physical activity for a Boston can cause extreme difficulty breathing and heat exhaustion. Short walks and staying indoors on hot summer days and cold winters are required. As they age, skin and heart tumors can become a concern. Because of the predominance of the Boston's eyes, it is necessary to keep them clean and watch for irritations. They are prone to cataracts (where the lens of the eye becomes cloudy). With regular visits to your veterinarian, these conditions can be identified and treated early on.



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