



All About the **Boxer**

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Boxers can be a good addition to your family. These beautiful animals are boisterous, loving and mischievous. It is important to make an informed pet selection, and it is equally important to make informed decisions throughout the life of your pet. We will take you through the process of bringing home your new family member and lead you all the way through your Boxer's senior years. We will provide you with an abundance of information and helpful advice. This complimentary book is packed full of important guidelines to fulfill your dog parenting needs. You will be given access to checklists and handy tips to ensure you are taking proper care of your beloved animal, and we will even provide you with beautiful pictures of these lovely well-mannered dogs. Take a few moments to enjoy this information, and you will spend many years enjoying a loving relationship with your Boxer.



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Average Weight	55 -70 Lbs	Temperament	Boisterous, playful, affectionate, loving, and loyal
Average Height	21-25 inches	Good with Children?	Yes, protective and gentle with children
Coat	Smooth, short-haired coat	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia, corneas, heart problems, cancer, bloat and prone to allergies

Boxer Characteristics

Boxers are happy, loving, loyal and mischievous. They have excellent social skills and interact nicely with children. They have a typical life span of 11 – 14 years. Many happy memories are created with a Boxer by your side. Their beautiful coats can be fawn, brindle, white, or shades of red with white marks. This active breed requires a medium-size yard for play or frequent trips outside if kept in an apartment dwelling. They are frequently used as watchdogs, in police work, search and rescue and hunting. They excel in agility training and can be trained to perform tricks. This is a reliable and trustworthy breed, and they tend to have a lifestyle that is suitable for a family pet. Proper diet, exercise, grooming and veterinary attention will benefit you and your Boxer throughout your many years together.



Selecting Your Boxer

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.

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A Few Words About Adoption

Look for a pet adoption shelter or rescue center in your community by utilizing your community resources, such as your library, newspaper, and any online information to gain some knowledge about the shelter before you go there. Ask questions at the center and talk with other people who may have used their services before. Find out as much as you can about the history of the pet you are considering. Know that some pets are up for adoption because they have been left behind due to divorce or families having to relocate. Not all pets in shelters or rescue centers come from abused or neglectful situations. Pet adoption or rescue is less expensive than purchasing from a dog breeder. For families who face economical challenges, this option is worth considering. You will have the satisfaction of providing a home for a deserving pet.

A Few Words About Breeders

Perhaps you prefer a Boxer that comes from a reputable breeder in order to raise your pet as show dog or for breeding. Breeders are very knowledgeable about the breed's overall health and characteristics. You can find dog breeders by looking in the newspaper, searching on the Internet, or checking with your local vet. You should make sure the breeder is associated with the AKC. Dog breeders can be very particular about the person wanting to purchase one of their dogs. They may want to know what other animals are in the home, if you have a yard for the dog to play in, or if there are any children living in your home. You should make sure the breeder's facilities are clean and ask to see the mother and father of the puppy you want to buy. The breeder should be able to provide a written health guarantee and all the medical records.

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 pet that is right for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. You should select a pet that fits your lifestyle.

How to Choose your Boxer

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



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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 Boxer puppy consider the average height and weight of an adult Boxer and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Boxer is approximately 60 pounds and 23 inches. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds such as the Boxer.

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The Boxer Pup

When you purchase a puppy vs. an adult, you have the advantage of training the dog to fit your lifestyle. While Boxer's can have a strong will, most have a stronger desire to please their owners. The Boxer 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 Boxer Adult

With your Boxer 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 Boxer still requires much play time and enjoys getting out for frequent walks through the park. You need to pay special attention to your Boxer'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 Boxer Senior

As your Boxer 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 Boxers' generally have very good temperaments, you should remember that all pets have their own individual personalities, and everyone can have a bad day.

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

Boxers have several genetic traits that can lead to problems as they age. Heart disease and hip dysplasia are very real concerns that may affect your boxer. They are sometimes prone to epilepsy and also tend to have allergies. Boxers are much more likely than other breeds to develop cancer after the age of 8. White Boxers can be prone to deafness due to the decreased blood flow through their bodies. Due to the shape and formation of their heads, Boxers are likely to drool and snore. They also have a tendency to swallow more air than other breeds, especially while eating, and, as a result, are likely to have more gas than other breeds. Boxers are susceptible to extreme conditions, both hot and cold, so it will be better if they are inside during the hottest and coldest parts of the year.



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