Working

Boxer

Devotees of the Boxer need to be fit to stand up to their charges; a gentle, meek Boxer does not exist; extrovert and energetic are two adjectives that spring to mind as soon as the breed is mentioned, along with loyal and fun-loving. Once converted to the Boxer, owners never give up the breed.

Home for the Boxer is Germany and behind the breed are believed to be dogs such as the Great Dane and the Bulldog. It is thought his name may have come from a corruption of the German word beisser, the Boxer being a refined version of Bullenbeisser, meaning 'bull biter'. The breed has been in its present form since the late 1800s and in America (though not in the UK), it has its ears cropped (upright).

A guarding breed of a high order, the Boxer is intelligent and, with patient firmness, tractable, but he needs to be convinced of the rightness of what he is asked to do. On the other hand, he will enter into the spirit of the most riotous of family games. Hardy and full of stamina, his idea of a country walk is to get as wet and muddy as possible, but the shortness of his coat permits easy cleaning.

A good trencherman, he is rarely finicky or faddy. Truly a delightful breed, he is not quick to pick a fight but ready to prove that his slightly pugnacious face with its upturned chin can be backed to the hilt.

Breed Group	Working
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Varieties

- Bobtail

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog (and crossbreeds too) can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Boxer?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- Breed Club - Heart testing (aortic stenosis)

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not accept an application to register a litter when:

1) The dam has already whelped 4 litters (as of the 1st January 2012 the limit changed from 6 litters to 4 litters). As of this date the Kennel Club will no longer register any further litters from any bitch which our records show has already whelped 4 litters. Therefore for any litter born on or after the 1st January 2012, the system will automatically check to see how many previous litters the Kennel Club has an account of. Where the number previously recorded is 4 or more, the application will be rejected, or
2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping, (relief from this restriction may be considered normally provided an application is made prior to the mating, the proposed dam has previously whelped at least one other registered litter, and the application is supported by veterinary evidence as to the suitability of the bitch involved in the proposed whelping), or
3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating, or
4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons, or
5) (From 1st January 2012) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating, or

6) The dam was not resident at a UK address at the date of whelping.

There are further Kennel Club Rules and Regulations that may prevent a litter from being registered; the full Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

Breed Specific Breeding Restrictions

In October 2008, the General Committee agreed to record puppies that are born with naturally bobbed tails on registration certificates. The decision was made in order to help breeders identify which dogs or lines carry the tailless gene. The word bobtail is the only description of the tail which is accepted. The description of any other tail length or tails which are not naturally bobbed, such as full tail or legally docked will not be recorded. Confirmation of the tail status of puppies must be accompanied by veterinary certification (on practice headed paper) and sent with the litter registration form. As veterinary certification is required to record the status, this service is not available online.

Accepted Registration Colours

- Black Brindle
- Black Brindle & White
- Brindle
- Brindle & White
- Brindle Black Mask
- Dark Brindle
- Dark Brindle & White
- Fawn
- Fawn & White
- Golden Brindle & White
- Light Brindle
- Light Brindle & White
- Red
- Red & White
- Red & White Black Mask
- Red Black Mask
- Red Brindle
- Red Brindle & White
- Tiger Brindle
- Tiger Brindle & White
- White

Boxer Clubs

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Anglian Boxer Club	01507 472156	jinnybrux@btinternet.com
British Boxer Club	01235 835207	marionseeney@aol.com
Broadland Dog Training Club	01603 402859	valdonaldson2002@yahoo.co.uk
Cotswold Boxer Club	01453 511755	winuwuk@btinternet.com
Essex & Eastern Counties Boxer Club	01702 206683	nadia19@sky.com
Irish Boxer Dog Club	02830 838919	paul@paulkeenan.orangehome.co.uk
London & Home Counties Boxer Club	07791 005768	hon.sec@lhcbc.co.uk
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South Western Boxer Club	01278 785071	glenda@tibbotts.fsworld.co.uk
Trent Boxer Club	01509 551504	martinesders@postmaster.co.uk
Tyne Wear & Tees Boxer Club	01913 770602	stewart.copeland@dsl.pipex.com
West Lancs Boxer Training Club	07903249824	rwalker_bm@hotmail.co.uk

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Boxer Rescue Service (Southern)	01273 870776	
Boxer Rescue Service (Southern)	0783 1173240	
Boxer Rescue Service (Southern)	01293 783142	
Boxer Welfare Scotland	01779 812799	boxerwelfarescotland@hotmail.co.uk
Cotswold Boxer Rescue	07900 555087	
Home Counties Boxer Welfare	01926 429903	lorraine.harvey@hcbw.org.uk
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Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	01623 634772	
Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	01268 280546	
Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	01406 490350	
Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	01476 564024	
Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	01268 441164	
Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	01442 393153	
Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue	0208 595 8551	
Norfolk Boxer Rescue	01953 600480	
Norfolk Boxer Rescue	01603 890655	
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