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Working

Boxer

The Boxer is a descendant of the Bullenbeisser (meaning bull biter), a German breed which was used to hunt bear, boar and deer in the 19th Century. It is thought that this breed was crossed with the Bulldog and this provided the basis for the present day Boxer.

The Boxer, much loved as a family companion for his intelligence and character, is an excellent guard dog and has proved his worth as a tracking dog and worked in the armed forces as a messenger and as a pack carrier. His clean outline, glossy coat and the nobility of his beautiful head and expression have brought the breed many admirers.

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| 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 their crosses 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.

Current 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

| Name | Telephone |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Anglian Boxer Club | 01507 451633 |
| British Boxer Club | 01235 835207 |
| Cotswold Boxer Club | 01453 511755 |
| Essex & Eastern Counties Boxer Club | 01702 876014 |
| Irish Boxer Dog Club | 02830 838919 |
| London & Home Counties Boxer Club | 01483 232733 |
| Mancunian Boxer Club | 01606 889043 |

| Name | Telephone |
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| Merseyside Boxer Club | 0151 531 6361 |
| Midland Boxer Club | 01773 779864 |
| Northern Boxer Club | 07836 325125 |
| Scottish Boxer Club | 01698 821977 |
| Sheffield Bull Breeds Club | 01773 431087 |
| South Wales Boxer Club | 07587 181643 |
| South Western Boxer Club | 01278 760305 |
| Trent Boxer Club | 01949 850950 |
| Tyne Wear & Tees Boxer Club | 07715 556577 |
| West Lancs Boxer Training Club | 01942 511104 |

Boxer Rescue Organisations

| Name | Telephone |
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| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07817 853866 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07483 167946 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07824 611961 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 0151 737 1006 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07474 176869 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07711 701000 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07946 568843 |
| Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England | 07759 551853 |
| Boxer Rescue (UK) | 01352 713333 |
| Boxer Rescue (UK) | 01624 627718 |
| Boxer Rescue Service (Southern) | 01273 870776 |
| Boxer Rescue Service (Southern) | 0783 1173240 |
| Boxer Rescue Service (Southern) | 01293 783142 |
| Boxer Welfare Scotland | 01779 812799 |
| Cotswold Boxer Rescue | 07900 555087 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 01926 429903 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 01452 535373 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 01747 822345 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 01992 421387 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 07952 882023 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 01869 321010 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 01908 560230 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 07931 167700 |
| Home Counties Boxer Welfare | 07876 522688 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 01438 220864 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 0191 5650528 |

| Name | Telephone |
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| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 01348 874805 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 020 8595 8551 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 01406 490350 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 01636 640687 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 01843 846161 |
| Lincolnshire, Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue | 01268 280546 |
| Norfolk Boxer Rescue | 01508 218471 |
| Norfolk Boxer Rescue | 01603 890655 |
| Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue | 07952 740282 |
| Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue | 01246 241041 |
| Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue | 07919 372514 |
| Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue | 07941 375764 |
| Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue | 07816 622958 |
| Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue | 07747311624 |
| Scottish Boxer Club Rescue | 01698 821977 |
| South Wales Boxer Club Rescue | 01269 870960 |
| South Western Boxer Club Rescue | 01626 865016 |
| South Western Boxer Club Rescue | 01747 828241 |
| Thames Valley Boxer Rescue | 01793 726868 |