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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.

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](http://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.

## Boxer Clubs

Name	Telephone
Anglian Boxer Club	01406 422990
British Boxer Club	01235 835207
Cotswold Boxer Club	01453 511755
Essex & Eastern Counties Boxer Club	01702 876 014
Irish Boxer Dog Club	02830 838919
London & Home Counties Boxer Club	01483 232733
Mancunian Boxer Club	01606 889043
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	01777 249193
South Wales Boxer Club	07587 181 643
South Western Boxer Club	01278 760305
Trent Boxer Club	01949 850950
Tyne Wear & Tees Boxer Club	07715556577
West Lancs Boxer Training Club	01942 511104

## Boxer Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
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	01625 586149
Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England	07474 176869

Name	Telephone
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
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	01953 600480
Norfolk Boxer Rescue	01473 401514
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