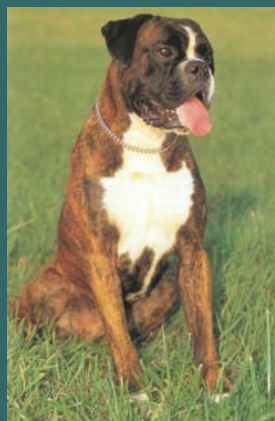




Read about the Breed

Boxer

Working Group



Boxers Communicate with a Wide Variety of Body Language and Vocalizations

Breed History:

- An ancient breed, Boxers are descended from "Molossian" hounds kept by Alexander the Great and British Mastiffs.
- Pedigreed Boxers were bred in Germany in the second half of the 18th Century, with the first known Boxer club formed in Munich in 1895.
- The first U.S. Boxer was registered by the AKC in 1904 and belonged to the governor of New York.



Keys to the Breed:

- High Energy Indoors
- Special Exercise Needs
- Special Grooming Needs
- Good Watchdog
- Good with Kids

Breed Characteristics:

- **Appearance** — A medium-sized, square-built dog with well developed muscles and a short, tight-fitting coat. Coat colors include fawn (light tan to mahogany) and brindle (black stripes on a fawn background).
- **Grooming** — Once weekly coat care can be accomplished with a hound glove, rubber curry comb, bristle brush, or a chamois. Bathing should be infrequent, as it affects the natural protective coating of the skin. Eyes, ears, nails, and teeth should also be attended to on a regular basis.
- **Exercise** — Boxers are energetic dogs that need daily walks and/or playtime. They have great stamina and can run along with bikers, joggers, and roller-bladers.
- **Temperament** — The Boxer is typically courageous, self-confident, calm, and even tempered. They are loyal to members of their family, but usually wary of strangers. Fearless as a guard dog.

Vital Stats:

- **Size** — Dogs (males) stand 23-25 inches, bitches (females) 21-24 inches
- **Weight** — Average of 55-75 lbs
- **Life span** — About 10-12 years on average
- **Common Health Issues** — Tumors, hypothyroidism, cardiomyopathy, colitis (colon inflammation), corneal ulcers, deafness, and bloat
- **Breed Clubs** — American Boxer Club

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AKC Standard Says:

"Developed to serve as a guard, working, and companion dog, the Boxer combines strength and agility with elegance"