
THE QUEENSLAND BOXER CLUB

The Queensland Boxer Club was established in 1958 and is affiliated with the National Boxer Council and the Canine Control Council (Qld).

The club is made up of people who are dedicated to the wonderful Boxer and who deal with issues that affect all Boxers - show dogs and family pets alike.

We don't "control" the breed, what we do is examine the issues that may affect the Boxer and make recommendations as to what we think will be the best in the long term for all Boxers.

We promote the Boxer through bringing specialist Boxer judges to our Dog Shows, our Boxer All Stars Obedience Demonstration Team and through our Family Fun Days.

If you have a question on any aspect of your Boxer's life, we can refer you to a member who's experienced in that particular area.

We can recommend experienced, responsible breeders who take care in selecting healthy parents and raise their puppies in a healthy environment and also offer an after sales back-up service.

So if you have any queries, contact the Qld Boxer Club - we're not strangers, we're just Boxer owners you haven't met yet!

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Puppies



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CHOOSING A PUPPY

Having decided that a Boxer is the dog for you, you need to establish whether you would prefer a male or female.

Male dogs do not come into season, but being the more headstrong gender could be inclined to roam looking for love but they do tend to be more affectionate. Females usually come into season twice a year and attract the attention of all the neighbourhood males. And don't think a fence will stop them. Dogs will get over, under or even mate through a chain link fence.

Do not however buy a female purely because you have the idea that you can get some of your money back by having puppies. Breeders spend a lot of time, knowledge and money in raising their puppies not to mention all the sleepless nights.

Desexing your puppy is the responsible course to take if you don't intend to show your Boxer but don't let them become fat and lazy.

Boxers come in two colours, brindle and red, with differing amounts of white markings. (All white puppies can be born but they are often put to sleep because they are thought to suffer from a number of health problems including cancer and deafness). Reds can vary from a pale fawn to a rich deer-red while the brindle coat consists of a red background colour with black stripes banding the entire coloured area.

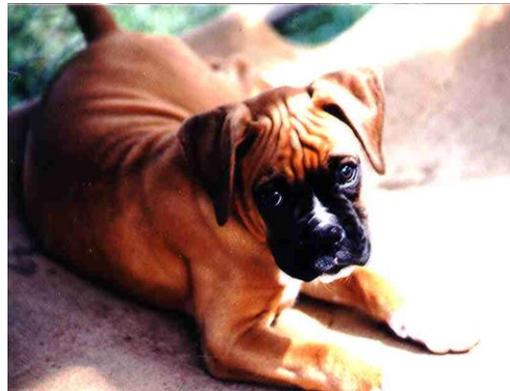
Many breeders will sell puppies that have too little or too much white as pets while puppies with flashy white markings are the most successful in the show ring.

Finding a responsible breeder is the surest way to buying a happy, healthy puppy. The Queensland Boxer Club can put you in touch with breeders with many years of dedicated experience.

When you contact a responsible Breeder they will ask you many questions some of which you may think are a bit too personal. But this is because they want their puppies to go to good homes with people who are suited to owning a Boxer.

Find out when the breeder expects to have a litter of puppies. Most breeders have waiting lists but don't become impatient and rush out and buy just any puppy. A quality puppy is worth waiting for.

You will have told the breeder what you are looking for - show puppy or pet, male or female - and when the litter is born they will contact you so that you can go and see the new arrivals.



It is always good to view the puppies in a group to see how they act with each other and this way you can also see if any puppy is smaller or more timid than the others. Find out from the breeder which puppy or puppies suit your requirements that way you won't fall in love with a puppy you can't have. When you have decided which puppy is for you, your breeder will give you regular updates on his progress until you are able to take him home.

Talk with your breeder on the best way to take your puppy home. A small dog or cat carrier is usually recommended. And it is important to take another person with you so that they can sit in the back seat with the puppy to reassure him during your journey - remember, he has just been taken from his family and you are a stranger to him. If you have a long way to go, your puppy may get car sick so be prepared.

When you arrive home, let the puppy out into the garden so that he can explore and relieve himself. Don't let children or friends fuss too much about the puppy, let him adjust to his new home before surrounding him by even more strangers.

You should have prepared where your puppy is to sleep. Every dog should have their own place away from the hubbub of the household. Let your new puppy sleep in his own bed from the very first day so he knows his territory.

Your Boxer is going to share many years as part of your family so it makes sense to make sure you get the best possible puppy.

Don't forget to start your puppy on training once he is old enough - training & socialization are important for a dog that will grow as big as your Boxer.

