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Breed: Boxer
Breeder

Breed Specifics

Temperament (friendly towards family, kids, strangers and other dogs)

Boxers are a very loyal breed and want to be close to their family, they will quickly become lapdogs if you let them. They can be rather comical to watch. They are very protective and patient with children. I've seen these dogs jumping around in excitement and then immediately settle down when a small child approaches. They typically get along with other dogs and strangers. Of course the more you socialize and work on obedience the better your chance of having that well-behaved dog.

Health issues

The American Boxer Club has compiled a list of common health issues and recommended testing.

- 1- Boxer Cardiomyopathy (recommends 24hr Holter monitor once at 1-2 yrs and yearly if breeding and additional ARVC DNA)
- 2- Aortic Valve Disease (recommends Auscultation or echocardiogram once around age 2)
- 3- Hypothyroidism (Thyroid Panel 2 or yearly if breeding)
- 4- Degenerative Myelopathy (DNA once at any age)
- 5- Hip Dysplasia (X-Ray at 2 1/2 years once)

Most responsible breeders will do these test on their dogs before breeding.

Grooming

They are short-haired dogs and only shed about twice a year for a few weeks at a time. They are very good at cleaning themselves and require only the occasional bath. And as with all dog breeds their nails need to be trimmed often.

Physical Needs (energy level, exercise needs)

Boxers are very athletic dogs and require a space large enough for them to cut loose and run (this in addition to walking). It doesn't usually take long for them to run a few sprints around the yard.

Adaptability (space needed, temperature restrictions)

You do have to be careful in the summer months as they can overheat very quickly because of the short length of their muzzles. The best time to exercise them is in the early morning and late evening.

Colors

Fawn, Brindle and White