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The Greater Houston Boston Terrier Club is
an affiliate of the Boston Terrier Club of
America which is a sanctioned Breed Club of
the American Kennel Club

American Kennel Club

www.akc.org

Boston Terrier Club of America

www.bostonterrierclubofamerica.org

Dog Shows

www.onofrio.com

Houston Boston Terrier Rescue

www.houstonbostonrescue.org



Suggested Readings

The Boston Puppy Book

Compiled by Trudy Sample, BTCA Health
Committee (Morris Publishing, 2005)
A very informative book on the Boston Terrier
is available for sale by the Greater Houston
Boston Terrier Club

E Boston Terriers

Free online www.ebostonterriers.com



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"The American Gentleman"



The Greater Houston Boston Terrier Club invites all Boston Terrier lovers to attend our club meetings. We offer events throughout the year including two Specialty Shows, Fun Day in the Park, Health Clinics, Mentorship Program, Meet the Breed, Educational Opportunities, and more. Please visit our website for a membership application, and additional information. Please feel free to contact a club member if you have any questions about the GHBTC or any general Boston Terrier question or concern. We invite you to come be part of our club!

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The Boston Terrier is a small, active, sturdy house dog. This wonderful breed is also affectionate, intelligent, elegant, alert, loyal, delightful, stylish, friendly, outgoing, comical, and quiet. Have we convinced you yet? They show little reserve (if any) with strangers and are often the favorites of children or the elderly. All of the above characteristics, plus being easy to care for has made the Boston Terrier a near-perfect companion. Boston Terriers live for their owners, are eager to please and prefer to be right by their owner's side at all times.

The breed originated in Boston, Massachusetts in the late 1800s. He was bred from crosses between the English Bulldog and English White Terrier (and other dogs). The Boston Terrier was first recognized by AKC in 1893. It is the first American breed and is nicknamed "The American Gentleman".

Boston Terriers are found in brindle, black or seal. Their distinctive white markings may include a white blaze, white on all or part of the forelegs and a white collar. Unusual colors such as reds, blues, or splashes (spotted) are discouraged.

The ideal weight for this breed is about 15 pounds, with a range of 10 to 20 pounds. Boston Terriers not within this range are severely discouraged. There is not a "toy" or "mini" Boston Terrier so beware of the seller who is advertising such a dog.

Boston Terriers are clean, easy to care for, and make a loving and affectionate companion. They are not at all suitable for outdoor living and must be kept inside as house dogs. Their short coats offer little protection from the cold, and they may need a sweater in cold weather. Boston Terriers are also a brachycephalic (short-nosed) breed, and because of this short nose, they do not handle heat well. Boston Terriers will overheat very quickly if left in an unairconditioned vehicle or outside for a long period of time on a hot, sunny day. Never leave any dog in a hot closed vehicle.

If you have purchased a "show prospect" puppy and are interested in showing your dog in conformation competition (in American Kennel Club dog shows) you should familiarize yourself with the official Boston Terrier Standard of the Breed which describes how the ideal Boston Terrier should look. A copy of the Standard (along with other important information) can be found at the Boston Terrier Club of America website at: www.bostonterrierclubofamerica.org

Like all other breeds of dogs, the Boston Terrier is susceptible with several hereditary health problems, and responsible breeders screen their breeding stock to ensure that the adult dogs are clear from these problems:

Temperament is the single and most important feature of this breed. When looking to purchase a puppy, ask to see the parents or at least the dam of the litter. Ask yourself, "Do you like the parent/s of the litter of puppies?" "Are the adult dog/s friendly and happy?" "Do they appear aggressive or too reserved?" If a parent's personality does not appeal to you, look elsewhere for a puppy.

Juvenile Cataracts can result in a dog who is blind by the time it is a year old. Testing for juvenile cataracts is done through a specific DNA sample from the dog.

Adult Cataracts can first occur at one year of age. Responsible breeders will have their breeding stock checked annually. This is called CERF testing.

Seizures—Onset of seizures is typically between the ages of 1 & 4 years of age. This condition can often be controlled with meds prescribed by a vet.

Deafness—A hearing test (called a BAER test) should be given to all Boston Terrier breeding stock. The dogs should have passed this test before being bred. Puppies as early as six weeks of age can be tested for deafness.

Luxating Patellas (kneecaps) - This condition is a hereditary problem that affects many small breeds. All Boston Terriers should have their patellas checked and cleared before breeding.

Demodectic Mange—This is an inherited skin problem originating in a weakened immune system that can lead to severe hair loss and itching. An outbreak can occur in dogs who are in a stressful situation.

Information cited from Boston Terrier Club of America

Non-Sporting Group

The Boston Terrier is a lively, highly intelligent, smooth coated, short-headed, compactly built, short-tailed, evenly balanced dog, brindle, seal or black in color and evenly marked with white. The head is in proportion to the size of the dog and the expression indicates a high degree of intelligence.

The body is rather short and well knit, the limbs strong and neatly turned, the tail is short and no feature is so prominent that the dog appears badly proportioned. The dog conveys an impression of determination, strength and activity, with style of high order; carriage easy and graceful. A proportionate combination of "Color and White Markings" is a particularly distinctive feature of a representative specimen.

"Balance, Expression, Color and White Markings" should be given particular consideration in determining the relative value of GENERAL APPEARANCE to other points.

Size, Proportion, Substance - Weight is divided by classes as follows: Under 15 pounds; 15 pounds and under 20 pounds; 20 pounds and not to exceed 25 pounds

The length of leg must balance with the length of body to give the Boston terrier its striking square appearance. The Boston Terrier is a sturdy dog and must not appear to be either spindly or coarse. The bone and muscle must be in proportion as well as an enhancement to the dog's weight and structure. *Fault:* Blocky or chunky in appearance.

Influence of Sex: In a comparison of specimens of each sex, the only evident difference is a slight refinement in the bitch's conformation.