

THE BOSTON TERRIER.....

Is one of the few truly American breeds. The Boston Terrier was developed in Boston Massachusetts in the late 19th Century by crossing the English Bulldog and an English Terrier. Thence the name Boston Terrier. Size ranges from approximately 10 to 25 pounds, although some may weight up to 30 pounds. Physical characteristics include the bulldog-type short nose, naturally erect ears, compact, muscular body, and a short, smooth coat. Markings vary, but all Boston's have white markings with a black, seal, or brindle body—as if the dog is wearing a tuxedo. They are compactly built and well balanced and convey an expression of determination, strength, and activity.

The Boston Terrier makes a wonderful pet and companion. They are basically an indoor dog. The Boston Terrier is genuinely “a people dog” preferring his owner’s companionship to that of other members of the animal kingdom. He is a watch dog, companion and protector, the ideal family dog. He is adaptable to the smallest home because of his size, disposition and short coat. He loves to romp and play with children and adults alike.

Because of their short noses and dark, short coat, Boston's are extremely vulnerable to heat prostration. Although chronic health problems are unusual, because of their short noses, Boston’s may be prone to heart or respiratory difficulties; and they may be more vulnerable to injuries to their prominent eyes. Other problems seen occasionally in the breed include long soft palates, stenotic nares, luxating patella's (slipped stifles), hemivertebrae and cataracts. In addition, care must be exercised by veterinarians in the use of anesthesia; faster-acting isoflurane is recommended for this breed for surgical procedures. Maintained in good health, Boston's usually live 12 to 15 years, with some living as long as 18 years.

Purchase your Boston Terrier from a reputable breeder who is willing to answer all your questions. The breeder should also help you and your puppy get acquainted by teaching you about a healthy diet, house breaking, and medical care. As a purchaser you should received a written contract guaranteeing health. Your breeder should select for you, a puppy that is of the right personality for your families collective personality that is healthy, active, alert, and curious. It would be good to take your puppy to the vet after you get it home.