

BOXERS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Boxer is medium-sized and is classified as a companion, protection and working dog. Colours are fawn and brindle, with or without white markings, and sometimes all white. (White Boxers are not suitable for breeding but like the fawns and brindles they make delightful pets and companions.)



Boxers are active, athletic and can be quite boisterous. They are excellent family dogs and very affectionate and patient with children. They are naturally clean, normally easy to housetrain and the short sleek coat requires minimal care and grooming.

GETTING A BOXER PUPPY

Before deciding to acquire a Boxer puppy, read as widely as possible about the characteristics of this unique breed. Visit the Facebook pages of Boxer Club Gold Reef, Western Province Boxer Club (WPBC also has a website) and the wealth of other information available on the internet.

If you are quite sure that the Boxer is the breed for you, contact the Secretary of the KUSA Boxer Club in your area (see contact details below). The club will be able to assist you with the names of breeders in their area and any other information you may require.

Make an appointment to visit the breeder(s) and meet their dogs. Don't hesitate to ask questions about their



breeding stock. Responsible Boxer breeders breed only from sound, healthy stock with steady temperament. When viewing a puppy you are interested in, please discuss any concerns you may have about disposition, health, congenital or genetic defects with the breeder.

WHY JOIN A KUSA-AFFILIATED BOXER CLUB?

The KUSA affiliated Boxer clubs provide their members with the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities and events with other Boxer owners and their dogs, to receive regular newsletters and other information and to consult club members with many years of experience on matters such as breeding and raising Boxers, how to deal with behaviour problems and many other matters that might be worrying you. Clubs also have training classes or might be able to recommend a training club in your area.

TRAINING AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

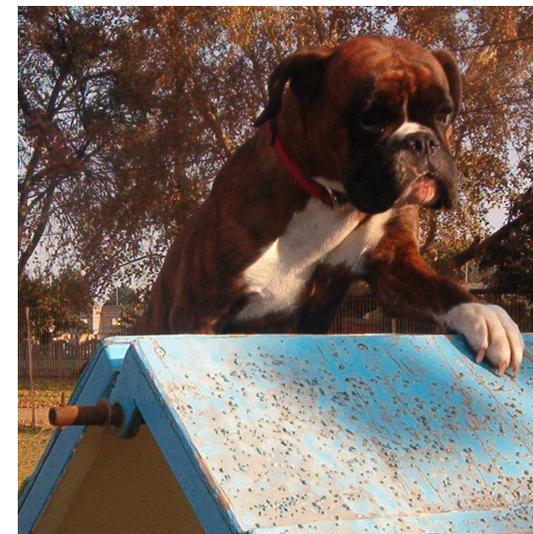
Like all dogs developed for working, Boxers require lots of exercise, interaction and mental stimulation. They therefore do best when part of the family - if left alone in the backyard for long periods of time, they become lonely and bored and may amuse themselves by digging, redesigning your garden, barking, playing with the washing or jumping the fence.

All Boxer puppies should be taken to puppy socialisation classes with a reputable trainer. The puppy classes should be followed by at least some basic obedience

training. Training methods should be based on motivation and positive reinforcement, not on compulsion and punishment.

For the more competitively minded, there are more than 400 KUSA licensed events held annually throughout the country in which you could enter your Boxer to earn internationally recognized qualifications, including:

◆ Agility



This is an exciting, fast moving sport where the dog has to negotiate a course consisting of a number of obstacles, such as tunnels, long and clear jumps, a see-saw, an A-frame and weaving poles.

◆ Aptitude Tests

A test of the innate qualities of a dog, such as response to visual and audio stimuli (e.g. gunshot) and various tests of fear and courage.

◆ Breed Assessments and Breed Surveys

A physical examination of a dog in relation to the Breed Standard and an examination to determine the quality of character and temperament of a dog. The Assessors compile a report on a prescribed form for each dog entered.

◆ Breed Working Tests

A test in tracking, obedience and defense work for breeds classified as protection and working dogs.

◆ **Canine Good Citizen Tests**

Emphasis is placed on responsible dog ownership and the ability of the owner to handle, care for and ensure that the dog is socially acceptable. Tests include standing for examination, walking on a loose lead, reaction to strange dogs and people and lying down and staying on command. Qualifications are awarded for passing tests at increasing levels of difficulty (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

◆ **Carting**

Dogs have to perform a number of exercises while harnessed to a cart, to demonstrate their usefulness as a draft animal.

◆ **Conformation (Breed Shows)**

KUSA is a full member of the FCI (Federation Cynologique Internationale) and has reciprocal agreements with all other major national dog authorities, e.g. the American Kennel Club, the Australian National Kennel Club, The Kennel Club London (British Kennel Club), the Canadian Kennel Club and the New Zealand Kennel Club.

As a result KUSA judges are recognized and allowed to judge internationally. Our Boxer specialist judges are often invited to judge all over the world.

In turn our dogs are regularly assessed by judges invited here from all corners of the globe.



A breed show is a competition where dogs are evaluated against the Breed Standard in both stance and movement.

In an All Breed Show the Best of Breed winner competes against the winners of the other breeds in the Group (e.g. Working, Terriers,

Gundogs, etc.) and the Group winners then compete for Best in Show.

In a Specialist Show dogs of only one breed compete against each other.

◆ **Flyball**

Flyball is a fast, exciting team relay race where the dog runs a course, catches a ball and returns it to its handler.

◆ **Obedience**

Competitive obedience requires a close bond between handler and dog and a high level of accuracy in the execution of the exercises, which include heelwork on and off lead, staying, retrieving of articles and scent discrimination, depending on the level of the competition.

◆ **Working Trials**

These include

- Classic Working Trials - Companion Dog (CD), Tracker Dog (TD1, TD2, & TD3) and Police Dog (PD)
- International Working Trials (IPO 1, 2 & 3) and Schutzhund (SchH 1, 2 & 3)
- Tracking Trials (TT 1 to TT 5)

In all working trials the handler-and-dog teams compete at increasing levels of difficulty and each trial includes a specific range of exercises such as obedience, jumping, nosework and protection work, where the dog has to apprehend and restrain an assailant.



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In all the competitive events listed above, the ultimate achievement is for the dog to become a Champion in the specific discipline.

BOXER RESCUE

We occasionally need to find a caring, permanent new home for Boxers in distress.



Boxers are very adaptable and a rescued Boxer usually integrates very well into a new home, making a devoted and loyal companion and protector.

If you are prepared to provide a rescued Boxer with a secure and permanent home, please contact:

ERNA at 082 749 3275 in Gauteng
MICHELLE at 082 738 5926 in Cape Town

KUSA AFFILIATED BOXER CLUBS

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