

# Bullmastiff



**Average Height:** 55-70cm

**Average Weight:** 45-60kg

**Average Life Span:** 8-10 yrs

## ORIGIN

The Bullmastiff was developed during the mid-19th century by British gamekeepers to protect country estates from poachers.

## CHARACTERISTICS

The Bullmastiff's body is large, powerful, and square looking. The coat hair is short and easy to maintain; coat colors may be fawn, reddish-brown or brindle.

## IDEAL COMPANIONS

A family with a Bullmastiff will be rewarded with a loving, loyal companion. However, despite the dog's generally easygoing nature, supervision is imperative when the dog is around children as the dog is so large that it could inadvertently knock a child over. Socialization and training are crucial to living successfully with this breed. By exposing the dog to as many new people, places, and situations as possible, especially when he's a puppy, he may be less suspicious of visitors and people he doesn't know.

## CARE REQUIREMENTS

The Bullmastiff isn't as interested in exercise as other breeds are, but regular moderate exercise is necessary to keep him in good condition. The short coat makes his grooming needs minimal and he sheds little.

## EXTRA NEEDS

These dogs tend to slobber and drool quite a bit.