

Bull Terrier



Average Height: 43-53 cm
Average Weight: 20-30 kgs
Average Life Span: 11-13 yrs

ORIGIN

Bull Terriers were developed in England during the 19th century. Around 1835 a cross between the Old English Terrier and the Bulldog produced the Bull Terrier, a breed that excelled in the dog fighting pits.

CHARACTERISTICS

The most distinctive physical feature of the Bull Terrier is its head, which is egg-shaped and flat on top. The eyes are small, dark, and close-set. The ears are pointy. The body is broad and the back short and strong. Bull Terriers have a medium-length tail. The Bull Terrier's coat is short and dense and is white, black, brindle, red, fawn, or tri-colored.

IDEAL COMPANIONS

Bull Terriers are gentle, affectionate, and playful with family members. They also are loyal pets that will guard the family. As with any large or tough breed, proper precautions around strangers, children, and other animals is essential.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Bull Terriers must be exercised daily in a fenced-in yard or with walks on leash and should not be permitted to run free, even if trained and socialized. Because of their stocky build, care must be taken not to overfeed; otherwise, they can easily become obese. The dogs are considered average shedders.

EXTRA NEEDS

Because the breed is powerful and some members may have aggressive tendencies, Bull Terriers must be obedience trained. They must also be carefully socialized from a young age. Socialization requires frequent supervised exposure to other people and pets in the neighborhood.