

## American Staffordshire



**Average Height:** 43-49 cm  
**Average Weight:** 22-30kg  
**Average Life Span:** 12-14 yrs

### ORIGIN

The American Staffordshire terrier's modern roots lie in the cruel practice of bull-baiting, in which a bull was sometimes tormented for hours.

### CHARACTERISTICS

The American Staffordshire terrier is a bundle of muscles in an agile package. The broad head with powerful jaws can be intimidating, but fortunately the face usually bears a happy expression and is usually followed by a wagging tail that is short, but not docked.

### IDEAL COMPANIONS

The average American Staffordshire is playful, gentle, and tolerant. They are good with children and other animals, but not necessarily other dogs. Some American Staffordshires have proven themselves otherwise, however, sometimes with tragic results. As with any large dog, American Staffordshires and children should always be supervised when together.

### CARE REQUIREMENTS

Its short coat makes it unsuited as an exclusively outdoor dog, and besides, this breed wants to be a part of all family activities. Coat care could not be easier; simply wash and wear. A good long run or a rollicking game of ball is a great way to bond with an American Staffordshire terrier. Obedience training is also good mental exercise, and a good defense against public misperceptions about the breed.

### EXTRA NEEDS

This breed needs a vigorous daily workout, along with some mind games, in order to be at its best.