

AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER



Average size, weight & lifespan

44cm – 49cm
19kg – 23kg
10 – 12 years

General Appearance

The American Staffordshire Terrier is a well put together dog, muscular, but agile and graceful.

Background

The American Staffordshire Terrier was instrumental in the success of farmers and settlers who developed America. They were used for general farm work, guarding the homestead and for companionship.

Characteristics/Temperament

These dogs should be friendly, extremely attentive and extraordinarily devoted. This breed is not for the passive owner who does not understand that all dogs have an instinct to have a pack order. They need a firm, confident, consistent owner who understands how to display proper leadership.

Exercise

Daily exercise is paramount, without it the American Staffordshire Terrier will become hard to handle. They need to be taken on long daily walks or runs. They will seek and demand attention from its human family and will require training to become a good member of the family. A home with a good fenced yard is essential.

Grooming

The American Staffordshire Terrier is a relatively low maintenance dog requirement minimal grooming of its coat. A good rub with a towel or chamois will make the coat gleam.

Health

The breed is prone to Hip Dysplasia, Hereditary Cataracts, skin allergies and Congenital Heart disease.

Contacting Council

If you require any further information about this or any other responsible pet ownership issue, please call Council on 1300 878 001 or visit the Townsville City Council website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au and follow the links to Pets and Animals.

