

Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Average size & weight

35cm – 40cm

11kg – 17kg

14 – 16 years

General Appearance

Easy misidentified as a Pit Bull, American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terrier as well as other Bull breeds. Their colours are red, fawn, white, black, blue and brindle. Potential owners of the breed should be aware that there are no rare colours in Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

Background

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier was brought into existence in the early 1800s and is a cross between the bulldog of the day and the old English Terrier – a breed which is now extinct.

Characteristics/Temperament

Staffordshire Bull Terriers are a true best mate. There is probably no breed more loving with its family, and thrives on affection, attention and devotes itself to being part of the human family. However they are known to be animal aggressive if not socialised at a young age with other

animals. Staffordshire Bull Terriers are also known as the “Houdini of the dog world” as they will go under, over or through fencing to seek attention or affection. Recommended to families that have time to spend with their devoted pets.

Exercise

Puppies can be easily trained to obey house rules and obedience training can be an excellent avenue to provide socialisation with other animals. Obedience is a fun way to develop a close bond of friendship and respect with your Stafford. They love to be with you and take great delight in pleasing you.

Grooming

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a low maintenance breed, the short coat requiring little more than a regular brushing and the occasional bath

Health

Hip Dysplasia, cataracts and Luxating Patellas are seen in the breed. The inherited eye condition PHPV (Persistent Hyperplastic Primary Vitreous) as is a hereditary neurological condition, L-2 hydroxyglutaric Aciduria is also present in the Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed.

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.

