

Utility

Boston Terrier

Like many breeds the Boston Terrier takes his name from the area where he was developed – in this case the New England city of Boston USA. The first club was founded in the 1890s in Boston and membership was confined to Bostonians. However, its fame soon spread throughout America and by the 1950s it was the most popular breed in the USA.

The Boston is the smallest of the Bull breed i.e. containing Bulldog blood. The founding father of the breed is reputed to be a dog known as Hooper's Judge, born in Liverpool, a cross between a Bulldog and an English White Terrier and exported to America. He inherited the brindle markings from the Bulldog and white markings from the Terrier, with the smart brindle/white being the accepted colour of the breed to this day. The colour pattern of white on legs, chest, collar and head make the Boston a very 'Dandy' dog and the term 'Boston marked' is sometimes applied to other breeds with similar colour patterns e.g. Mantle Great Danes.

Breed Group	Utility
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Boston Terrier?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- Eye testing
- DNA test - HC-HSF4

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Boston Terrier Clubs

Name	Telephone
Boston Terrier Club	01942 884250
Boston Terrier Club Of Scotland	0141 641 8690
Northern Boston Terrier Club Of England	01706 219902

Boston Terrier Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Boston Terrier Club Rescue	01892 652095
UK Boston Terrier Rescue	07770 880539



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss T Branson	13/05/2011	07881 454991	

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Ely, Cambridgeshire			
Mrs E Simpson Ellesmere Port, Cheshire	16/04/2019		  
Miss H E Harper Hartlepool, Cleveland	12/03/2014	01429 408015	
Miss H Roulston Middlesbrough, Cleveland	28/05/2019	07919 441371	
Mrs M E Allen Wrexham, Clwyd	30/09/2009	01978 421404	  
Messrs D Parker & S Martin Stanley, County Durham	31/03/2008	07554 011771	  
Mrs J M Whittaker Sedbergh, Cumbria	22/07/2005	07443 437283	   
Mr W J & Mrs A Connor Kidwelly, Dyfed	29/04/2005	07975 564696	  
Mr & Mrs M Hounslow Crowborough, East Sussex	28/02/2011	01892 655104	  
Mr M L Ellis-Leagas Snodland, Kent	31/03/2011	07970 628605	
Mrs L & Miss N Simpson Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire	07/07/2016	01253 720741	 
Mrs L Humphrey Coalville, Leicestershire	14/11/2013	07951 937615	
Mr S A & Mrs A M Mynard Leicester, Leicestershire	31/10/2008	01162 477543	  
Miss J Hawkins Loughborough, Leicestershire	16/11/2017	07538 787513	
Mr R Naulls Spalding, Lincolnshire	31/01/2010	01775 750089	 
Mr P T & Mrs J R Dalton Newark, Nottinghamshire	18/09/2013	07525 447953	 
Mrs D S Law Worksop, Nottinghamshire	18/03/2005	01909 540790	 
Messrs R Brown & R Duckett Scunthorpe, South Humberside	24/11/2011	01724 798940	 
Messrs I F Chapman & P K Conway Woodbridge, Suffolk	30/12/2011		  
Mrs P Scipio & Mr J Lightfoot Melksham, Wiltshire	02/04/2012	07816 161298	 
Mrs A T Franik Crewe, Cheshire	02/07/2013	07429 907879	



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club