

CLUB OBJECTIVE

The objective of the club shall be to promote all those things found to be desirable and in the interest of Staffordshire Bull Terriers in Canada

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DISCOVER OUR BREED



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The STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER BREED

Characteristics: Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the modern dog draws its character of indomitable courage, high intelligence, and tenacity. This coupled with its affection for its friends, and children, its off-duty quietness and trustworthy stability, makes it a foremost all-purpose dog.

The Stafford had its beginnings in England many centuries ago when the bulldog and mastiff were closely linked. Bull baiting and bear baiting in the Elizabethan era produced large dogs for these sports and later the 100-120-pound animal gave way to a small, more agile breed of up to 90 pounds.

Early in the nineteenth century the sport of dog fighting gained popularity and a smaller, faster dog was developed. It was called by names such as "Bulldog Terrier" and "Bull and Terrier". The Bulldog bred then was a larger dog than we know today and weighed probably about 60 pounds. This dog was crossed with a small native terrier which appears in the history of the present-day Manchester Terrier. This dog, averaging between 30 and 45 pounds, became the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Believe us when we say, your true Staffordshire Bull Terrier would go to his death with a smile for you. So great is his love for his master or mistress. All he asks is your kindness in return. Therefore, we strongly appeal to any who may read this to study and help in the life of perhaps the most faithful and true friend. Remember, however much you love your Stafford, he will love you even more.

In conclusion, we would add once a Stafford owner, always a Stafford owner. This terrier may be classed as '*The King of Terriers*'!



OFFICIAL BREED STANDARD FOR THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER

General Appearance: The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a smooth-coated dog. It should be of great strength for its size and, although muscular, should be active and agile.

Head and Skull: Short, deep through, broad skull, very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, black nose. Pink (Dudley) nose to be considered a serious fault.

Eyes: Dark preferable but may bear some relation to coat colour. Round, of medium size and set to too straight ahead. Light eyes or pink eye rims to be considered a fault, except that where the coat surrounding the eye is white the eye rim may be pink.

Ears: Rose or half-pricked and not large. Full drop of full prick to be considered a serious fault.

Mouth: A bite in which the outer side of the lower incisors touch the inner side of the upper incisors. The lips should be tight and clean. The badly undershot or overshot bite is a serious fault.

Neck: Muscular, rather short, clean in outline and gradually widening toward the shoulders.

Forequarters: Legs straight and well boned, set rather far apart, without looseness at the shoulders and showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point the feet out a little.

Body: The body is close coupled, with a level topline, wide front, deep brisket and well sprung ribs being rather light in the loins.

Hindquarters: well-muscled, hocks well let down with stifles well bent. Legs parallel when viewed from behind.

Feet: Well padded, strong and medium sized. The nails are black in solid coloured dogs.

Tail: Medium length, low-set, tapering to a point and carried low. Tail should not curl much and may be likened to an old fashioned pump handle.

Gait/Movement: Free, powerful and agile with economy of effort. The legs must move parallel when viewed from the front or rear. There must be a discernible drive from the hind legs.

Coat and Colour: Coat smooth, short and close to the skin. Colour red, fawn, black or blue, or any of these colours with white. Any shade of brindle or any shade of brindle and white. Black and tan or liver colour not to be encouraged.

Size: Desirable height at the withers is 35.5-40.5 cm. (14" to 16"). These heights should be related to the weight. The weight of a dog should be 12.7 – 17.0 kg or 28 to 38 lbs. Bitches should be 11 – 15.25 kg or 24.2 to 33.5 lbs.

Faults: To be penalized in accordance with the severity of the fault. Light eyes or pink eye-rim; tail too long or badly curled; non-confirmation to the limits of weight or height; full drop and prick ears; undershot or overshot mouth.

The following faults should debar a dog from winning any prize: Dudley nose; badly undershot or overshot mouth.

