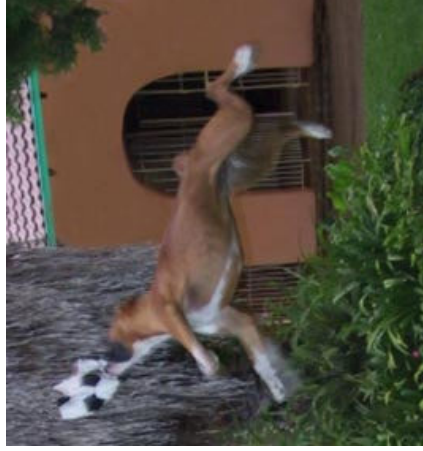


# BOXERS

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Boxer is medium-sized and is classified as a companion, protection and working dog. Colours are fawn and brindle, with or without white markings.



Boxers are active, athletic and can be quite boisterous. They are excellent family dogs and very affectionate and patient with children. They are naturally clean, normally easy to housetrain and the short sleek coat requires minimal care and grooming.

## GETTING A BOXER PUPPY

Before deciding to acquire a puppy, obtain the KUSA information leaflets on purchasing a puppy and on responsible dog ownership. These and other informative brochures are available on the KUSA website ([www.kusa.co.za](http://www.kusa.co.za)) under the heading "OUTREACH", or from P O Box 2659 Cape Town 8000.

If you are quite sure that the Boxer is the breed for you, contact the Secretary of the KUSA Boxer Club in your area (see contact details below). The club will be able to assist you with the names of registered breeders and any other information you may require.



Make an appointment to visit the breeder(s) and meet their dogs. Don't hesitate to ask the questions listed in the KUSA leaflet. Responsible Boxer breeders have their breeding stock x-rayed for hip dysplasia and screened for congenital heart defects by a specialist cardiologist (not an ordinary veterinarian). Ask to see the certificates.

## WHY GET A KUSA-REGISTERED BOXER?

KUSA is a full member of the Federation Cynologique Internationale and has reciprocal agreements with all other major dog organisations e.g. the American Kennel Club, the Australian National Kennel Club, The Kennel Club London (British Kennel Club), the Canadian Kennel Club and the New Zealand Kennel Club.

- ◆ Our registrations are therefore accepted worldwide.
- ◆ KUSA judges are recognized internationally. Our Boxer specialist judges are often invited to judge all over the world.
- ◆ In turn our dogs are regularly assessed by judges invited here from all corners of the globe.

Our breeders frequently import Boxers to enhance and extend the genetic base of the Boxer in this country. KUSA-registered puppies representing top English, European, Australian and American bloodlines can therefore be obtained.

## TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES

Like all dogs developed for working, Boxers require lots of exercise, interaction and mental stimulation. They therefore do best when part of the family - if left alone in the backyard for long periods of time, they become lonely and bored and may amuse themselves by digging, barking, playing with the washing or jumping the fence.

All Boxer puppies should be taken to puppy socialisation classes with a reputable trainer. The puppy classes should be followed by at least some basic obedience training. Training methods should be based on motivation and positive reinforcement, not on compulsion and punishment.



For the more competitively minded, there are more than 400 KUSA licensed events held annually throughout the country in which you could enter your Boxer to earn internationally recognized qualifications, including:

### ◆ Agility

This is an exciting, fast moving sport where the dog has to negotiate a course consisting of a number of obstacles, such as tunnels, long and clear jumps, a seesaw, an A-frame and weaving poles.

### ◆ Aptitude Tests

A test of the innate qualities of a dog, such as response to visual and audio stimuli (e.g. gun shot) and various tests of fear and courage.

◆ **Breed Assessments and Breed Surveys**

A physical examination of a dog in relation to the Breed Standard and an examination to determine the quality of character and temperament of a dog. The Assessor compiles a report on a prescribed form for each dog entered.

◆ **Breed Working Tests**

A test in tracking, obedience and defence work for breeds classified as protection and working dogs.

◆ **Canine Good Citizen Tests**

Emphasis is placed on responsible dog ownership and the ability of the owner to handle, care for and ensure that the dog is socially acceptable. Tests include standing for examination, walking on a loose lead, reaction to strange dogs and people and lying down and staying on command.

◆ **Carting**

Dogs have to perform a number of exercises while harnessed to a cart, to demonstrate their usefulness as a draft animal.

◆ **Conformation (Breed Shows)**



A competition where dogs are evaluated against the Breed Standard in both stance and movement.

In an All Breed Show the Best of Breed winner competes against the winners of the other breeds in the Group (e.g. Working, Terriers, Gundogs, etc.) and the Group winners then compete for Best in Show.

In a Specialist Show dogs of only one breed compete against each other.

◆ **Flyball and Flaglity**

Flyball is a fast, exciting team relay race where the dog runs a course, catches a ball and returns it to its handler. Flaglity is a combination of Flyball and Agility

◆ **Obedience**

Competitive obedience requires a close bond between handler and dog and a high level of accuracy in the execution of the exercises, which include heelwork on and off lead, staying, retrieving of articles and scent discrimination, depending on the level of the competition.

◆ **Working Trials**

- Classic Working Trials - Companion Dog (CD), Tracker Dog (TD1, TD2, & TD3) and Police Dog (PD)
- International Working Trials (IPO 1, 2 & 3) and Schutzhund (SchH 1, 2 & 3)
- International Tracker Trials (ITT 1 - ITT 5)

In all working trials the handler-and-dog teams compete at increasing levels of difficulty and each trial includes a specific range of exercises such as obedience, jumping, nosework and protection work, where the dog has to apprehend and restrain an assailant.



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In all the competitive events listed above, the ultimate achievement is for the dog to become a Champion in the specific discipline.



**BOXER RESCUE**

We occasionally need to find a caring, permanent new home for Boxers in distress.

Boxers are very adaptable and a rescued Boxer usually integrates very well into a new home, making a devoted and loyal companion and protector.

If you are prepared to provide a rescued Boxer with a secure and permanent home, please contact:

JULIUS at 012 480 2031, 083 273 5883 in Gauteng

MICHELLE at 082 738 5926 in Cape Town

**KUSA AFFILIATED BOXER CLUBS**

- ◆ NATAL BOXER CLUB 031 766 0035
- ◆ BOXER CLUB GOLD REEF 011 768 3688
- ◆ WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB 021 715 9758