



***The BULL TERRIER  
AND  
BULL TERRIER (MINIATURE)  
Association of W.A. (Inc)***

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**(Miniature) Association of WA (Inc)**

**ABOUT THE CLUB:**

Our Club was founded by a dedicated group of individuals with the objective of having a club for all owners of **Bull Terriers** as well as **Bull Terriers (Miniature)** whether they are pets or show dogs. Our aim is to educate people about Bull Terriers and Bull Terriers (Miniature) and promote healthy, happy "Bully's" at all levels of ownership as well as socialise at club activities and at the same time have fun.

**WHAT THE CLUB PROVIDES:**

The Bull Terrier and Bull Terrier (Miniature) Association of WA (Inc) promotes healthy breeding of Bull Terriers/Bull Terriers(Miniature) as well as encourages people to promote the breed. The club organises shows with local and interstate judges and actively encourages members with registered dogs to show their pure bred Bull Terrier / Bull Terrier (Miniature). This helps to increase the number of dogs exhibited for the judges to assess and shows what WA has to offer. Club points are awarded and trophies are presented at our Annual General Meeting. Other social activities are organised throughout the year with no pressure and prove to be a great day out for your dog and yourself, these include fun days, family picnics, quiz nights, dinners and much more. A club magazine is published 4 times a year and is full of information that would be of interest to our members as well as our calendar of coming events. We also offer support for new comers on a range of issues, from buying a registered pure bred puppy, to information on showing and can often offer support and information on health and training issues they may have.

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# History of the Bull Terrier and the Bull Terrier (Miniature)

James Hinks of Birmingham, crossed the **Bull and Terrier** with the milder mannered **White English Terrier** (now extinct) and later the **Dalmatian** to create a strain of white dogs that we know today as Bull Terriers which were more streamlined and elegant than their predecessors. In 1862 the Bull Terrier was shown publicly for the first time and the breed's name was made. Popularity quickly snowballed and Hinks' breed spread all over the world, equally at home in the tropics to the Arctic. The breed was recognised of unmatched courage and tenacity enough to be the a nursemaid and versatile a companion to frontiersman, or to a child.



Today, Bull Terriers are not always white in colour (the coloured coat was introduced through the Staffordshire Bull Terrier in 1933) but can be brindle and white, red and white, black and white and tri colour which is a combination of black red and white. Solid coloured dogs have no white on their body but are rarely encountered.

There are no height or weight limitations and vast differences in size can be found but most important is that the dog must have maximum bone and substance in relation to its size. The **Miniature Bull Terrier** or **Bull Terrier (Miniature)** to use the correct term was granted breed recognition by the English Kennel Club in 1943. Historical records show that small Bull Terriers existed in the early nineteenth century and it was from this early small Bull Terrier and the old Toy Bull Terrier that the breed evolved. The weight standard between 1900 and 1914 was fixed at 12 lbs, breeders were having difficulty in breeding typical specimens of this size and many gave up breeding. By 1918 the breed was in



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exception of size. The height for the modern day Bull Terrier (Miniature) is 35.5 cm (14 inches) at the shoulder. They should be balanced and have a maximum substance for size. There is no weight limit. This is the only difference between the Bull Terrier (Miniature) and the Bull Terrier.

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were imported into  
only 13 pups were bred  
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Australia with imports  
New South Wales. The  
miniature is exactly the  
Terrier with the

Although their formidable appearance is enough to deter most uninvited callers, if you are thinking of getting a Bull Terrier just as a watchdog, then think again. This breed loves people. They are not the breed to be chained up and need a properly fenced yard, decent weather proof sleeping quarters, shade and lots of love and affection. You as the owner and friend will need a firm hand and a stern tone to your voice coupled with praise to train your dog and they will learn what you expect from them.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** the Bull Terrier needs to be carefully disciplined and loved. They will require a lot of your time, if you can't afford it then perhaps a Bull Terrier is not for you.

## **Breed Personality, Characteristics and Temperament**

### **Bull Terrier**

The Bull Terrier is a combination of balanced power, grace and agility. It needs human companionship and its character and individuality win it lifelong friends. It is very devoted to its family. The bull terrier has a quirky sense of humor, brains, imagination, personality and to those who love them -beauty.

A Bull Terrier is very active and much like a three year old child in a dog suit. You must be prepared for anything and you must supervise it. The breed is playful, clownish, witty, silly,

humorous, stubborn and conniving. Keeping 'busy' is a common characteristic in nearly every young Bull Terrier. All puppies are extremely busy and need toys changed regularly so they don't get bored. Many Bull Terriers remain active and playful well into adulthood (5-6 years). A Bull Terrier likes to be doing something and for this reason it fits well into active families where it receives a great deal of companionship and supervision. They will also fit in with older adult families who live a more sedate lifestyle and will become a laid back dog or a lounge lizard. A Bull Terrier will not do well in a situation where it is expected to remain alone in the home or yard for long periods of time, or where the physical activity is very restricted.



**Average lifespan: Between 11-13 years of age**

### **Bull Terrier (Miniature)**

How do they differ from a Bull Terrier? They are just the same, only smaller. They have the power and the looks of a full sized Bull Terrier but, and most importantly, they are a happy dog with a friendly temperament all rolled into a small manageable package. They are easy to handle, faithful and eager to please,

very alert, ideal for those who like the Bull Terrier but are unable to handle the size and strength of them, they are a pleasure to own.

**Average lifespan: Between 12-14 years of age**  
**Compatibility with children**

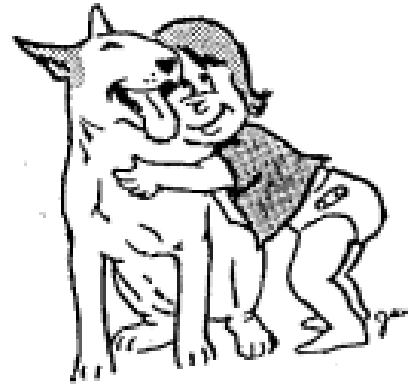


The Bull Terrier and Bull Terrier (Miniature) are generally very good with children but need supervision with small children (just like any other breed of dog) as they are energetic and vigorous and may unintentionally knock over a small child whilst playing together. They are very patient and take a lot from a child; they are always ready for a game with the ball, stick, shoe or anything they can get their teeth into. Tug-o-war being one of their favourite games, most of all they love their daily walk, plenty of exercise is important as they will soon put on weight.

**Stewie**

**Occie**

**Doris**



### **Compatibility with other pets**

Many Bull Terriers/Bull Terriers (Miniature) can and do enjoy the company of other dogs- with certain exceptions. Male Bull terrier which have not been de-sexed, do not as a rule get along with other male dogs. A male and female Bull Terrier can live together quite happily and two females can often share the same home. Again care must be taken that jealousies do not arise. Raised from a puppy with cats and other animals they can have a friendly co-existence.



### **Care Requirements**

A Bull Terrier/Bull Terrier (Miniature) sheds its coat twice a year. Loose hair can be removed with a daily rubdown using a special glove or brush. Nails and dew claws should be checked monthly and should be clipped with dog nail clippers. Bully's are natural sun bakers and especially in WA care should be taken in the hotter months to apply sunscreen. Solar Malignant Cancer is as common in white Bully's as it is in humans. Any recurring skin sores on the face, ears or abdomen should be referred to the vet. A smearing of white zinc cream (which is kind to the skin – free of additives) on the nose and abdomen will help to keep your Bully free of sunburn and discomfort.



Giggs



**Please take note:** Although generally healthy Bull Terriers can be prone to skin allergies and relevant shampoo should be used. For extra advice please refer to club members and /or your vet

Make sure you buy a Bull Terrier/Bull Terrier (Miniature) from a registered, reputable breeder. Some are listed in this booklet or contact Dogs West (WA Canine Council) who will give you contact telephone numbers.

Please think very carefully if you are contemplating a crossbreed Bull Terrier, remember a cross Bull Terrier is **not** a Bull Terrier, you may have all kinds of problems. Type, character and temperament cannot be guaranteed. Also be wary of pups advertised in newspapers as Bull Terrier Miniatures, sometimes they are the genuine article but more often than not they are just small Bull Terriers being sold off as Miniatures. It is wise to check with your local club or a breeder of Miniatures before you purchase.



# Introduction to the Bull Terrier. . . .

Written by WE Mackay-Smith and published by the Bull Terrier Club Philadelphia

The character of the Bull Terrier is probably the most outstanding feature which draws prospective owners to the breed. A typical Bull Terrier is active, interested, playful and clownish. It is also extremely attached to its owners or family. These sound like attributes of the perfect dog however there are drawbacks to these characteristics which do not suit every prospective owner or every situation.

## Bull Terrier Character

Bull Terriers are unique individuals. The combination of courage, intelligence, sensitivity... coupled with a peculiar sense of humour, sets the breed apart from all others. Life with a Bull Terrier is sometimes trying, often chaotic but *never* dull!

They seem to take great pleasure in stirring up a little excitement wherever they go. You may not always find this trait amusing. If your ego demands a dog that will always be flattering you, you ought to look elsewhere! Deeply perceptive of human character, they invariably seek out the only dog-hater around to torment! Their antics will entertain you, sometimes embarrass you, but you can always count on a Bull Terrier to make you smile when everything else in the world seems to be going wrong.

Your Bull Terrier will need firm, intelligent discipline if he is to mature into a well-mannered representative of his breed. If you are not confident in your ability to make corrections when needed, you probably should not get a Bull Terrier. They are energetic, out-going dogs that can also be obnoxious when not trained properly. They have a stubborn streak a mile wide, but never mistake this for stupidity! A Bull Terrier will be quick to pick up on your weaknesses and take advantage if you don't establish yourself as the boss. Once he has you pegged as a pushover, the battle is lost. It is your duty to train the dog properly from puppyhood. The breeder provides you with a blank canvas with which you can either make a 'work of art' or a disaster! It's up to you. If you haven't got the time or inclination to make an honest effort to raise the dog properly, please get a hamster or a goldfish instead.



Bull Terriers become very attached to their owners and their families. This usually makes them very good natural guard dogs, but care must be taken that they are not encouraged to become

possessive or jealous. While this would seem a desirable attribute for someone who wants a dog to protect the family, it can be a nuisance if the





dog does not distinguish between acceptable strangers and malevolent ones. Bull Terriers can also become involved in the presence of violent physical activity such as children's fist fights or exceptionally rough play where they see no reason not to join in, either to play roughly (which, with Bull Terriers often includes nipping and knocking) or to guard the family against the physical assaults of outsiders



Onsdale The Wizard of Oz (import UK)

Pet name: Draco

Gr Ch.Honhazta Ring Quest

Pet name: Frodo



Bull Terriers like to join family activity and for this reason require constant and firm discipline. They can be wonderful with children if handled with common sense, both by the adults and the children. Bull Terriers will tolerate a large range of children's behaviour but they will not tolerate being teased and can be rough if constantly provoked. In their formative years, as do children, Bull Terriers require large amounts of supervision. They are tireless playmates and will chase balls, follow children and watch their games for hours on end.

Males and females vary only slightly in temperament. The unaltered males tend not to tolerate prolonged association with other unaltered males. Undesirable tendencies produced by the sex drive can be remarkably reduced by spaying and neutering females as well as males. There can be more differences in the temperament of Bull Terrier families in general than between the sexes. Some families tend to be more possessive and less tolerant of other dogs and some families have a tendency to some shyness and apprehension with strangers and in strange places. Some families are very bright and innovative (which can be mixed blessing) and some are less intellectual and more placid.

Bull Terriers are unique in the spectrum of dogs. They have been carefully selected and bred largely by responsible and caring people who understand the legacy of their chosen breed. They can give tremendous joy or wreak havoc, depending on the time and effort spent by their owners to control and develop their special character.

## General Information

So you have decided to add a Bull Terrier to your family. You have contacted a Bull Terrier Breeder and you are ready to pick your puppy. Before you make the big commitment, (which is just as much an emotional commitment as it is a financial commitment) you should make sure you have asked all the questions you need to, before you buy the dog. Make a list of what you want to know and take it with you. We have listed below a number of questions that we feel are very important and should be asked of all breeders. Any reputable breeder will discuss these points with you openly and honestly. If you feel you have not received the answers you like, then contact the breed club and ask them for help. By taking the time to collect all the information you can before buying any dog, you will make sure that you have added a healthy, happy and well adjusted canine companion to your family.

### **1 Temperament of the parents**

The temperament of the puppy's parents is very important as it will give you a very good indication of the puppy's future disposition. If both parents are happy, well socialised individuals then there is a very good chance that the puppy will have inherited these same character traits. The breeder should have at least one of the parents available for viewing and they should be willing to arrange for you to meet with the other parent if you wish to do so.

### **2 Canine Registration**

If you are purchasing a 'pure-bred' Bully ask to see the registration papers of the parents. The puppies should also be registered with Dogs West (Canine Association of WA). Ask to see any paperwork the breeder may have so that you are sure that you are receiving your pedigree Bully.

### **3 Health Record of the Puppy**

Puppies require regular worming and vaccinations as well as micro chipping. Ask to see any records the breeder may have for the litter. Also ask when the next immunisations are due and you should get a copy to go with your puppy as well as the dosages required for worming tablets. Puppies need extra care during the first months of their development and this should be documented by the breeder and by the vet giving the immunisations.

#### **4 Diet**

Diets can be breed specific. What works for one breed of dog may not be suitable for another. Ask the breeder to give you a copy of the puppy's current diet and a feeding schedule. Try to stick to the original diet plan as much as possible. If you are going to change their diet don't alter this too quickly as you will upset their digestive system and make them uncomfortable. Introduce new foods slowly, just a little bit at a time.

#### **5 Genetic/Inheritable Diseases**

This could possibly be one of the most important questions you can ask your breeder. Different dog breeds are prone to a variety of specific, genetic and inheritable diseases. Clubs and associations have been working very hard to find out as much as they can about the diseases affecting their breeds and most have introduced strict guidelines and controls for early detection.

It is YOUR responsibility to find out as much as you can about these problems before buying your puppy. There is nothing more heartbreaking than losing your dog to a disease that could have been avoided.

**Be prepared to be interviewed by the breeder as they have the best interests of their puppies and want to make sure they are going to permanent forever homes.**



# Mind Games Dogs Play With Humans

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**After your humans give you a bath, DON'T LET THEM TOWEL DRY YOU! Instead, run to their bed, jump up and dry yourself off on the sheets. This is especially good if it's right before your humans bedtime.**

**Act like a convicted criminal. When the humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused. (Note: This only works when you have done absolutely nothing wrong.)**

**Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly. Then the humans try to demonstrate it to someone else, stare blankly back at the humans. Pretend you have no idea what they're talking about.**

**Make your humans be patient. When you go outside to go pee, sniff around the entire yard as your humans wait. Act as if the spot you choose to go pee will ultimately decide the fate of the earth.**

**Draw attention to the human. When out for a walk always pick the busiest, most visible spot to go poop. Take your time and make sure everyone watches. This works particularly well if your humans have forgotten to bring a plastic bag.**

**When out for a walk, alternate between choking and coughing every time a strange human walks by.**

**Make your own rules. Don't always bring back the stick when playing fetch with the humans. Make them go and chase it once in a while.**


**Hide from your humans. When your humans come home, don't greet them at the door. Instead, hide from them, and make them think something terrible has happened to you. (Don't reappear until one of your humans is panic-stricken and close to tears).**


**When your human calls you to come back in, always take your time. Walk as slowly as possible back to the door. Wake up twenty minutes before the alarm clock is set to go off and make the humans take you out for your morning pee. As soon as you get back inside, fall asleep. (Humans can rarely fall back asleep after going outside, this will drive them nuts!)**


-Author Unknown




## DOG QUOTES


 It's no coincidence that man's best friend cannot talk.


 A dog is one of the remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk.


 Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window


 Dogs lead a nice life. You never see a dog with a wristwatch.


 What does a dog do on his day off? He can't lie around - that's his job.


 Every dog has his day, unless he loses his tail, then he has a weak-end.


 Dogs are animals that poop in public and you're supposed to pick it up. After a week of doing this, you've got to ask yourself, "Who's the real master in this relationship?"


 Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about little puppies.

 If you feed your bully a chip be prepared to stock up.


 You may have a dog that won't sit up, roll over or even cook breakfast, not because she's too stupid to learn how but because she's too smart to bother.


 Anybody who doesn't know what dog shampoo tastes like never washed a dog.

 A well-trained Bully will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it.


 A guy wanted the vet to cut his dog's tail off. The vet asked why. "Well, my

mother-in-law is visiting next month and I want to eliminate any possible indication that she is welcome."

 Potential Puppy Owner: "Has this dog a good pedigree?" Breeder: "Has he? Say, if that dog could talk, he wouldn't speak to either of us."

 If you want the best seat in the house, move the dog.

 If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

 Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail



*We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our booklet, and for showing interest in our club as well as the Bull Terrier breed. We hope you enjoy the information provided*

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*Picture: Grand Champion Honhazsta Ring Quest (Frodo)*

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# Long time Bully owners have 3 Absolute Rules about owning Bullies:

1. ALWAYS keep lots of ice in the freezer to stop bleeding of injured facial areas of dim-witted Bully owners.
2. Bullies HATE Kazoos and many other small musical instruments, appropriate for tormenting Bullies in the privacy of the home.
3. ALWAYS put one hand firmly on top of the muzzle of the Bully if you are planning to bend over to the Bully head as a Bully will ALWAYS toss its bony head up to see why you are bending over – otherwise you will be at Rule 1 again !

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