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## THE QUEENSLAND BOXER CLUB

The Queensland Boxer Club was established in 1958 and is affiliated with the National Boxer Council and the Canine Control Council (Qld).

The club is made up of people who are dedicated to the wonderful Boxer and who deal with issues that affect all Boxers - show dogs and family pets alike.

We don't "control" the breed, what we do is examine the issues that may affect the Boxer and make recommendations as to what we think will be the best in the long term for all Boxers.

We promote the Boxer through bringing specialist Boxer judges to our Dog Shows, our Boxer All Stars Obedience Demonstration Team and through our Family Fun Days.

If you have a question on any aspect of your Boxer's life, we can refer you to a member who's experienced in that particular area.

We can recommend experienced, responsible breeders who take care in selecting healthy parents and raise their puppies in a healthy environment and also offer an after sales back-up service.

So if you have any queries, contact the Qld Boxer Club - we're not strangers, we're just Boxer owners you haven't met yet!

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Contact the Secretary on [secretary@qldbboxerclub.org](mailto:secretary@qldbboxerclub.org)

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# Breeding



Affiliated with the Canine  
Control Council (Qld)

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## BEING A BREEDER

Are you interested in becoming a breeder? That's great! We need more people dedicated to breeding better Boxers.

But ask yourself WHY you want to become a breeder. Is it to show the kids the miracle of birth? Is it because you love your Daisy and want a puppy just like her? Is it to make some extra money? Sorry—bad reasons.

Or is it because you love the Boxer breed, you want to dedicate yourself to improving it and you will readily give up most parts of your life unless they're doggy related.

Read the article called "A Breeder's Life" on our website.

We all love our Boxers and we think they are gorgeous and the best Boxer in the world. But only a small percentage of Boxers are truly special animals and are worthy of being bred.

Breeding and showing go hand in hand. It's one thing to say someone is a registered breeder but unless they put their dogs in the show ring, how do they - or you - know that their Boxers are top quality. The reputable breeders are the ones that show their dogs, the ones that HAVE to pay attention to the Standard, because their dogs are in the ring for everyone to see. The reputable breeders are the ones that can quote the Standard to you by heart because it is the bible they live by.

Clubs, like the Qld Boxer Club, bring Specialist Judges to Brisbane from all over the world so that our show dogs (and ultimately our breeding programs) can be assessed by many experts so that our Boxers stay world class.

So what does being a "breeder" mean?

Well, apart from being at the dogs shows nearly every weekend, being a responsible breeder means just that, you have to be responsible for every puppy you breed. If one of your puppies wins a big show, then you will share the credit. But if a puppy of yours bites a child, then you will get the blame. If one of your dogs goes on to father lots of champions, you will share the glory. But if one of your dogs has a serious health condition and you breed him anyway, he could pass that condition onto many more puppies and then no-one in Boxer circles will ever forget your name.

For anyone who strives to be serious breeder and an asset to the Boxer, one must learn to be able to look past our love for our own individual dogs and develop a love for the entire breed.

If you want to become a breeder, the best way is to get involved in showing and in Club activities. Find an experienced breeder that you trust to be your mentor and advisor and work with them to find the best dogs to start your breeding program.



## Why is the Standard important?

The Standard is the blue print by which ALL boxers are judged. It's not just a case of looking "something" like a Boxer, the Standard is VERY specific. It covers size, appearance, temperament and movement. You can see a copy of the standard on our website.

So why is the Standard so important?

Just as a builder needs a blueprint to build your house exactly the way it should be, breeders need a blueprint to make sure our purebred dogs turn out the way they are meant to. What does it matter that his nose is too long or his legs too short? If you really love Boxers ... it matters!!!! What happens when you breed two of these "different" looking Boxers together is that you get puppies that are even MORE "different" looking and pretty soon you get puppies that don't look like Boxers at all.

When someone asks you why you have a Boxer, your answer will probably be because you like the way they look or because you like their personality. Their looks and their temperament are that way (and the way we want them to stay) BECAUSE that is what the Standard says they must be.

The best way to determine whether a dog fits the Standard is to put it in the show ring to be judged by someone who has studied the Standard. When the dogs are lined up in the ring, that is a good time to compare them to each other, and the differences become very obvious.

