

The MYTHS and TRUTH about the WHITE BOXER

Quite often, we have white boxers in rescue looking for a new home so we thought that we would attempt to dispel some of the myths and ideas that people do seem to have about them. Many boxer breeders over-look white puppies as they feel that the ideal boxer should be red or brindle with symmetrical white markings on the face and legs and that anything over 25% of white on the body is unacceptable. They forget that white puppies are still boxers! The majority of boxer litters usually contain one or more white puppies, especially if the sire & dam are both flashy, that is with white markings on the face, legs and chest. Some breeders do not wish to rear these puppies so they are quite often put to sleep as soon as they are born. White boxer puppies can still find loving and caring homes like the red or brindle puppies as they are, after all, still a boxer dog despite their colouring. We hear the same old stories that if you have a white boxer he will be deaf, blind or die early.

**One person actually told us they thought that
white boxers were born with webbed feet!**

It is fair to say that of all the white boxers that are born, 18% are born deaf, maybe in one or both ears but they can be trained and with a little love and patience do grow up to lead happy, contented lives just like any other boxer dog. Unfortunately, the white Boxer has been the cause of much controversy among breeders and owners for quite some time but hopefully, the information below will help you to decide.

In 1895, one of the first Boxers was WHITE CH BLANCA VON ABGERTOR

THE MYTH: White boxers are rare.

AND THE TRUTH IS: Approximately 25% of all boxers are born white. In fact, some of the first foundation dogs for the boxer breed were white but since white boxers do not conform to the breed standard of the UK Boxer Club or the Kennel Club, many are still put down at birth.

THE MYTH: White boxers develop more health problems and are sicker than other boxers.

AND THE TRUTH IS: Because a boxer is white does not mean that it is going to be unhealthy. No clinical evidence has ever been recorded that shows the white boxer to be at a higher risk for health problems.

THE MYTH: All white boxers are deaf and are not trainable.

AND THE TRUTH IS: Although there is a higher incidence of deafness when a boxer is white (approximately 18%), not all are deaf but any deaf boxer can be trained using a variety of methods including hand signals, sign language, flashlights and more. Training any boxer, hearing or deaf, requires time, patience and understanding.

THE MYTH: White boxers are “mean”.

AND THE TRUTH IS: White boxers are not "mean". The colour of a boxer does not affect a boxer's personality or temperament and white boxers exhibit the same endearing personality and traits as their darker counterparts.

THE MYTH: White boxers are albinos.

AND THE TRUTH IS: White boxers are not albinos. They are simply normal boxers that are born with white hair.

THE MYTH: White boxers cannot be registered.

AND THE TRUTH IS: White boxers can be registered with the Kennel Club but although they cannot be shown in the show ring, they can be worked in obedience classes and, like any boxer, they love to do agility.

THE LATEST NEWS REGARDING THE WHITE BOXER.

White boxers are now being shown in Europe due to the German Boxer Club changing their standard which now allows white boxer classes at their Breed and Championship shows.