

Swiss Run Dogue De Bordeaux

Temperament and Character

A willing worker who is happy to be around people and fairly cooperative, the Dogue de Bordeaux makes a wonderful addition to a happy home. The Dogue de Bordeaux is a powerful, muscular dog that makes an excellent guard of both person and property. A compact, strongly built athlete, the Dogue possesses size that belies its agility and speed. These qualities were originally developed for working, protecting property, and hunting. The jaws are prominent due to strong development of the chewing muscle. This was necessary characteristic for bull-baiting. The chest is very broad and the distance between the floor and the chest should be equal to or smaller than the back to the chest. The Dogue de Bordeaux should not look like an oversized Bulldog. The coat is short, fine and silky, colored in all shades of red and blonde, to deep red mahogany. Good pigmentation of the skin is favored. White markings on chest and feet are tolerated. The Dogue De Bordeaux should have well-marked red or black facial mask. The color of the nose corresponds to the mask.

Like all molossus-type dogs, the Dogue de Bordeaux has strong nerves and is not easily excited. Its personality is balanced, quiet and calm. Not very rowdy, it is rare to hear the Dogue de Bordeaux bark loudly without sufficient reason (ie: an intruder entering the home). It is a very confident breed that does not need to prove itself to other dogs unless it is challenged. The Dogue de Bordeaux is charming breed that is very warm and friendly to humans and small animals. It is a very good dog with children for two reasons. First, the Dogue de Bordeaux loves to be around human, so a family cannot be big enough. Second, the Dogue de Bordeaux has plenty of patience and will deal with the typical teasing, tail pulling, and other annoyances in which undisciplined children tend to engage. Dogues are happy to comply with the silliest of children's games, such as wearing hats and clothes. The Dogue de Bordeaux is intelligent, docile, and usually not inclined to fight. Male dogs tend to be more dominant and will occasionally fight with other males to determine dominance. Dominance is an inherent trait of the Dogue de Bordeaux and must be accepted and dealt with by the Dogue owner. Keep in mind that one of the original purposes of the Dogue de Bordeaux was to protect, which in many cases meant to fight. As a result, the Dogue de bordeaux is aggressive by nature, will not back down from a fight (though it unlikely to instigate one), and will protect what is his own (and his owners). Proper socialization of your Dogue is of the highest importance, and even well-socialized Dogues de Bordeaux must be monitored when in the presence of other dogs. The Dogue de Bordeaux tends to be a very stubborn and arrogant breed, yet it is very trainable. Once the Dogue learns a command, he will never forget it. Because of his high intelligence, it is necessary to continue beyond basic obedience training. If you will not be using your Dogue de Bordeaux for hunting, trials, Schutzhund

or other competition, then engage him in special tasks and jobs around the home. You will be surprised at how much your Dogue can learn and help with your everyday routine, and your pet will never be bored. When training your Dogue de Bordeaux, always keep in mind this is a very self-confident, arrogant, independent and stubborn breed. Thus, it makes no sense to scream, scold and shout like a drill sergeant. A willing worker who is happy to be around people and fairly cooperative, the Dogue de Bordeaux makes a wonderful addition to a happy home. Dogues get along with other family pets, and if introduced early, can make friends with cats, birds and other dogs—depending on the compatibility of the collective personalities. There could be problems with having two male dogs with dominant personalities, and it is generally recommended to have dogs of opposite sex sharing a home. If you must have two males in the home, try to keep the age difference as large as possible. Few young puppies will try to challenge the authority of a full grown male and they will be quick to learn under the old dog's guidance and stature.