



## A SBT GUIDE TO THE BREED

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Note: By joining the WC SBTC you can get hands-on advice.

### Some pointers to consider before buying a puppy:

Kusa Breed Group	Terrier
Place Of Origin	England
Original Function	Pitbul fighting
Availability in S.A.	Abundant (regrettably)
Age of Maturity	2-3 Years
Average Life Span	12-14 Years
Height	Dogs & Bitches: 14-16 Inches
Weight	Dogs: 34 – 38 lbs (seldom) Bitches: 28 – 34 lbs (seldom)
Is the Breed recommended as a natural Guard Dog?	The breed will protect the family that loves him, but should not be bought for the purpose of being a guard dog
Attitude to strangers	Usually friendly - depends on attitude of strangers
Easy to Train?	Yes – in the correct hands
Easy to House Train?	Yes - with persistence, enough discipline and love
Are they noisy or bark much?	Not at all – very seldom barks
Good Family Dog?	Definitely
Good with Children?	Yes - probably the breeds hallmark
Good with other dogs?	Don't tolerate same sex easily
Good with Cats?	No, only if they grew up together
Can they live in Harmony with other Pets?	Yes
Coat Type and Length	Short, shiny, medium length, not too coarse
Coat Colours	Any colour except black & tan, liver which is undesirable
Maintenance of Coat	Just a regular brush or bath with baby shampoo
Food	High quality dog food & meat (such as Hills or Eukanuba)
Exercise	Essential – 15-30 minutes daily, to drain energy
Town or Country Dog?	Both providing it gets exercise
Can they adapt to Townhouse or Flat?	Yes
Could they Live Outdoors?	They won't bond with you so well if they had to stay outside all the time and most likely get-up to mischief
Heredity Abnormalities	HD, L2-Hga, Hereditary Cataracts, PHPV
Special Considerations	Always lots of love, but also a lot of discipline
Personality	Peaceful – very affectionate



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