

Boston Terrier

3 ALLOWABLE COLOURS ONLY



What are the 3 allowable colours of the Boston Terrier?



BLACK & WHITE

Black & White is rarely seen in Australia, most dogs that are thought to be Black & White are actually Seal & White.



SEAL & WHITE

The colour seal looks black in the shade, but will cast a red tinge in the light.



BRINDLE & WHITE

Brindle is technically a pattern on the coat, it is stripes with a base colour from a reddish colour to very dark brown.

Why is colour so important?

While every Boston Terrier is a wonderful companion and is in no way less valuable as a family member if it is not the correct colour, there are many valid reasons why ethical breeders do not purposely breed for these disqualified/incorrect colours. These colours are currently more prevalent in the USA, however they are starting to make their way to Australia, this is why ethical breeders wish to educate people on these colours before you decide that you wish to purchase one.



Disqualified or “Fad”/”Rare” colours are often bred purely for profit and many times come from poorly bred dogs who have not been health tested for hereditary problems. They can sell for upwards of \$8000, but why?



Unscrupulous breeders have been known to mix other breeds in with their Bostons to obtain these “rare” colours, yet sell them as “purebred”.



The expression of a Boston is a key characteristic. The pale eyes, noses and skin around the face detract from the beautiful expression that makes a Boston, a Boston!



Dilute colours, such as “Blue”, “Lilac” “Champagne” etc. are predisposed to having the skin condition ALOPECIA.

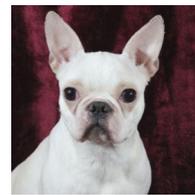
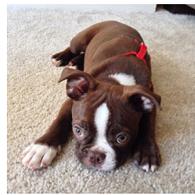


These colours were removed/disqualified from the standard over 100 years ago for good reason, ethical breeders understand and respect those who created the breed.

Disqualified Colours

DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT BY PHRASES SUCH AS "RARE",
"UNIQUE" OR "FAD"

These colours and coats are not allowed by the breed standard and tend to be more prone to health issues, breeders of these colours typically do NOT health test.



Red/Ruby - Also referred to as liver in early descriptions. Noses are red, eyes range from green to gold to light brown.

These above colours are all often referred to as red, ruby, chocolate or liver.

Chocolate - Not to be confused with seal, noses are chocolate. This has also been referred to as liver.

Cream/Blonde - Can range in shades. Can have a black nose and dark eyes but often lacks pigmentation (dudly nose).



Blue - Also referred to as "mouse" in early descriptions or grey. Noses are blue or pale, eyes are often green, hazel, light brown.

Champagne - a diluted color. Noses are pale, eyes light.

Lilac/Lavender - a diluted color. Noses are pale, eyes light.



Fawn/Honey - sometimes accompanied by a dark mask. One of the only DQ colours that often has a black nose and dark eyes. However can also lack dark pigmentation.

Merle - WORSE than breeding any other disqualified colours. They are not only a disqualified color, they are NOT purebred Boston Terriers. These dogs have been cross bred to get this colour.

A new trend that is emerging is "Long Haired" or "Silky Boston" - Regardless of how much anyone insists they are purebred, they are NOT! The Boston Terrier does not have a long haired gene.