

White Boxer Friendly?

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While researching Crusher & Daisy's heritage recently I came across a number of websites stating that they are "White Boxer Friendly", not unusual as I have stumbled across this statement many times in my searching the Internet for information on the Boxer breed. The white boxer issue has been a deep topic of discussion in our home, although I have yet to conclude exactly what "white boxer friendly" means.

Randy & I have always felt that a white boxer is not AKC registerable and we would never consider attempting to sell a white boxer let alone sell one with AKC papers. First and foremost we prefer to take an honest approach with selling our puppies and it is our opinion that one cannot possibly honestly register a white boxer with the AKC. The AKC registration papers clearly offer only **two** options for coat color on a boxer, fawn and brindle. There is **no** option for white. The AKC and the ABC also clearly state in their [Boxer Breed Standard](#) ([ABC Official Standard for the Boxer](#)) that "White markings, if present, should be of such distribution as to enhance the dog's appearance, but may not exceed one-third of the entire coat."¹. The standard also specifies as follows: "**Disqualifications** Boxers that are any color other than fawn or brindle. Boxers with a total of white markings exceeding one-third of the entire coat."². These are not our own personal rules or opinions, they are the **standards** of the American Kennel Club and as honest breeders we believe that a white boxer is non-registerable with the AKC regardless of the registration status of the dog's parents.

Does all this mean that we are not white boxer friendly? Definitely **not!** At this time our Crusher and Daisy have never had a white puppy, but in the event that they ever do we would definitely show that puppy the same tender loving care that we have always shown to Crusher and Daisy and all their puppies. We would never try to deceive an innocent buyer by offering any type of AKC registration, limited or otherwise, and we would put special care in placing the puppy in an extra loving and caring home. From my research on white boxers I have learned that they often suffer more from certain genetic disorders such as blindness and deafness, and they are also more susceptible to sunburn if kept outdoors. I have heard the horror stories of breeders having their white boxer pups put down and other horrific treatment of these innocent dogs. People like that are definitely not what I would consider "white boxer friendly". However, we also know of at least one local boxer breeder who deceives innocent buyers into believing that her white boxers are worth more and thus she charges more for her white boxers and sells them as AKC registered as well! If that is what people are referring to when they claim to be "white boxer friendly" than we do not want to be associated with such a phrase.

Our third litter is due in about three weeks, and as usual I am anticipating their arrival with great excitement. If we should be blessed with a white boxer puppy, or several, I can only hope that we will be able to place them in the loving home(s) that they so deserve!

¹This statement is a direct quote from both the AKC and ABC Boxer Standard web pages, although it is linked only to the AKC page.

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