

Original standards for the Dogo Argentino.

First of all, The Dogo Argentino has to be a dog that is completely in proportion, a little bit longer than tall. The males will look macho, and the female will look feminine.

Head:

- The head of the Dogo is one of the most typical attributes of the breed.
- The skull and the face have the same length.
- The occiput must be masked by the powerful neck muscles.

Eyes:

- The eyes are medium size, well separated between themselves and deeply set.
- They have to be dark or hazelnut colored.
- The expression must be intelligent.

Ears:

- The ears must be well on top of the head, either erect or semi erect, of triangle shape, and must always be cropped in proportion to the headsize.
- Some country's doesn't allow the ear crop no-more.

Nose:

- A nose has to be black pigmented (at least 75 %)

Lips:

- Lips are closely fitting.
- A short lip is a must, to allow breathing while holding the prey.

Teeth:

- The Dogo needs to have a complete scissorbite, but a levelbite is accepted.

Chest:

- Ample, deep, when seen from the front, the breastbone must overpass the elbows.
- It is important to have an ample and deep chest, to put in big lungs for breathing for the dog.

Back:

- Tall, very strong and slightly longer than the height.

Forelegs:

- Straight, well set, with short nails and closed toes.

Backlegs:

- Good muscles in the thighs, with short nails, and closed toes, with no declaws.
- Must have good angulations, always having in mind that they have the need for speed.

Tail:

- Long and thick, held hanging naturally, but no longer than the hocks.
- It must be raised during the fight with the boar.

Weight and Height:

- 40 to 50 kg.
- 60 to 68 centimeters, but of course always in the right proportions.

Coat:

- Always completely white.
- There is one black spot allowed on the head in front of the ears. They can have pigmentation on the body, but not in the coat.

Character:

- A magnificent hunter of wild boar and mountain lion.
- The Dogo has an extremely strong hunting instinct.
- The Dogo is also a people-oriented dog, who is extremely friendly and outgoing, unless given reason to be otherwise.
- His self-confidence makes him very trusting of humans with whom he is patient and communicative.
- While being incredibly obedient and willing to please, he is extremely sensitive to his handler and cannot tolerate forceful training methods.
- When properly socialized with children he is tolerant and gentle. He also should be socialized with other animals at a young age for acceptance.
- A Dogo gets easily bored, and when you don't keep him occupied, or are not giving him the right amount of exercise they will find something to keep them occupied.
With our family with 3 young kids and lots of toys, is this always a hard task as many Barbie's, stuffed animals, pencils etc. have ended up in the garbage.