

A close-up photograph of a German Shepherd and a Bulldog in a grassy park. The German Shepherd, on the right, has tan and black fur and is looking towards the Bulldog. The Bulldog, on the left, is brown and white and is holding a large, gnawed stick in its mouth. In the background, a person in a dark jacket is walking a dog on a leash. The scene is set in a park with trees and a building in the distance.

German Shepherd and Bulldogs

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The breed was named Deutscher Schäferhund by von Stephanitz, translating to "German Shepherd Dog". The breed was named due to its original purpose of assisting shepherds in herding and protecting sheep.

The German Shepherd is a dog that originated in Germany. It's a relatively new breed of dog, with its origin dating to 1899. As a working dog other than being trained to herd sheep, he can also become a police dog and a military dog because of its intelligence.

Characteristics:

Intelligence:

The German Shepherd is the 3rd brightest in the world.

Weight:

Male: 35–43 kilograms

Female: 25–33 kilograms

Height:

Male: 60–65 centimetres

Female: 55–60 centimetres



Health: One such common ailment is hip and elbow dysplasia which may lead to the dog experiencing pain in later life, and may cause arthritis.

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals found that 19.1% of German Shepherd are affected by hip dysplasia. Due to the large and open nature of their ears, Shepherds are prone to ear infections.

The average lifespan of a German Shepherd is 9.7 years, which is normal for a dog of their size. Degenerative myelopathy, a neurological disease, occurs with enough regularity specifically in the breed to suggest that the



Bulldog is the name for a breed of dog commonly referred to as the English Bulldog. Other Bulldog breeds: American, Olde English, Australian and French.

The term "Bulldog" was first mentioned in literature, the oldest spelling of the word being Bondogge and Bolddogge. The first reference to the word with the modern spelling is dated 1631 or 1632 in a letter by a man named Preswick Eaton where he writes: "procuer mee two good Bulldogs, and let them be sent by ye first shipp".

The name "bull" was applied because of the dog's use in the sport of bull baiting.

Characteristics:

Intelligence:

The bulldog is the 78th brightest in the world.

Weight:

Male: 24 – 25 kg
Female: 22 – 23 kg

Height:

Male: 31 - 40 cm
Female: 31 - 40 cm



Health: Bulldog breed clubs put the average life span of the breed at 8–12 years.

The leading cause of death of Bulldogs in the survey was cardiac related, cancer and old age. Those that died of old age had an average lifespan of 10 to 11 years.

Some individuals of this breed are prone to interdigital cysts, which are cysts that form between the toes. These cause the dog some discomfort, but are treatable either by vet or an experienced owner. They may also suffer from respiratory problems.

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