

Affordshire Bull Terrier is most unwanted dog in Britain? Ruff deal for the Staffie

Their perceived physical similarities with **pit bulls** means people are often **wrongly frightened** of Staffies.

- Some are **mistreated** and taught aggressive behaviour so they can be used as **'status'** dogs and as an alternative to weapons including knives and guns.
- The demand for this **intimidating** fashion trend means Staffies are being **born to breed**.
- Sensationalism** in the media leads to people overlooking and living in fear of this **once loved** and treasured breed.
- Rehoming centres like Wood Green are seeing **significant increases** in the numbers of Staffies coming through their doors.
- Too many Staffies are being **destroyed** every day because there is **nowhere for them to go**.

Read on for the truth about Staffies...

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## The truth about Staffies

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# The Harsh Reality



## A little bit of history

One of the most popular of all the terriers, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, often referred to as the 'Staffie', was originally bred as a fighting, ridding and badger baiting dog.

However, the Staffie's renowned courage, tolerance of and patience with people and children soon earned him the nickname 'nanny dog' and enabled him to become one of the most popular pets across the world.

## Why should I adopt a Staffie?

As with any dog, given good training, positive socialisation and a loving home, Staffies can make extremely loving and loyal family pets.



One of the many unwanted Staffie puppies.



## What can I expect from owning a Staffie?

### Exercise and play time

Staffies are strong, athletic, agile and active dogs that require daily walks and a regular routine. They are fun-loving and will happily spend hours playing pulling games or chasing a ball to fulfil their need of hard exercise, so owners will need plenty of free time and a good supply of toys.

### Health and care

The breed is considered to be generally very healthy but Staffies will still require regular flea and worming treatment as well as their annual boosters. Although their coat is short and will require little grooming, an occasional brush and bath will help remove any loose or dead hair.

### Feeding

Adult Staffies should have a basic meat (either cooked or raw) and biscuit diet. However, remember that no two dogs are the same and a diet that suits one Staffie will not necessarily suit another.

### Training and socialisation

Staffies are extremely intelligent and enjoy learning new commands including sit, stay and heel. They can excel in many different canine disciplines such as obedience, agility, fly ball and rally-o. If they are socialised from a young age they can be great playmates for other dogs.



## What will I get in return?

Staffies are devoted to their families - adults and children alike - and if you show a Staffie love and affection, you will get double the love back. Contrary to popular belief, Staffies are surprisingly sensitive, they will crave your attention and companionship and will need a thick warm coat in cold and inclement-weather. They want nothing more than to be your faithful best friend.

## From those who know them best...

'Having been the owner of two Staffies, I can honestly say that as a family we wouldn't contemplate having any other breed.'

Geoff and Sue



Family Staffie, Rosie.

I want to rehome a Staffie, what shall I do next?

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'Staffies make good all round pets. They are small enough to have a cuddle on your lap, they learn quickly and they have fun personalities!'

Laura and Carl



Laura and Carl with Dodger and Pugsley.

'Ella gives unconditional love and always cheers you up when you are down. Staffies really do make a fantastic pet and companion.'

Jason



Jason and Ella at obedience class.