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AMERICAN
BULLDOGS**

American Bulldog History & Origin

Original Old English Bulldog 17th early 18th Century



1809



1830



1832



1837



1862



1901



1903



1903



Present Day

The original English Bulldog was becoming extinct in its country by the crosses of pug to create the modern day English Bulldog, English Mastiff to create the Bullmastiff and the Terrier cross to create the ultimate fighting dog the Pit Bull Terrier. Now here's the biggest question did the original English Bulldog survive here in America with the English settlers 300 years ago....

In this old English painting dating back to 17th century, Look at the white large muscular English Bulldogs. are modern



century, Look at the



American Bulldog today.... What I find interesting is the long hooked tail these Original English Bulldogs have just like

AmericanBulldog- Richards Gunny Honey



The largest influx of Bulldogs came between 1732 and 1736 when English settlers came to America in the Georgia region. Over the years these Bulldogs were called different names in the south such as Old English Bulldogs, English White, Old Time Bulldogs, Mountain Bull, Country Bulldog, Old southern white and most commonly Bulldogs. During the past few hundred years, these Bulldogs have retained the same characteristics but have steadily declined in numbers over the years again on the verge of extinction once again.

Until 1960 several men started a breeding program two of these men John D Johnson and Allen Scott coined the name American Bulldog and started a registry in the 1970's with NKC. John and Allen grew up around these Bulldogs and used them on their farms as relentless workers from property protection, hunting and tracking wild hogs and at times putting an ornery Bull in his place they knew what they had in this breed. Their foundation dogs were Scott's Mac The Masher and Johnson's Dick The Bruiser they were bred to every good female they found these two dogs should be found in almost every American Bulldog pedigree.



John D. Johnson's foundation stud Dick the Bruiser (Left)

Allen Scotts foundation stud Mac the Masher (1963)



Johnson and Scott had a falling out over what the American Bulldog should look and act like, Scott wanted to keep the American Bulldog as is, Johnson wanted to Mix some English bulldog and did with great success. Johnson bred an English bulldog to his female American Bulldogs and bred these offspring females that are now 50% English Bulldogs and 50% American Bulldogs to a male Johnson American Bulldog and from this created his American Bulldog line. This new line Johnson created became heavier boned more thick in the chest and short muzzle, males usually weight between 90 to 120 lbs and height 23 to 27 in. from withers, females 80 to 100 lbs. and height 22 to 24 inches from withers.

Johnson's Dick the Bruiser 2.



Johnson's Incredible Mean Machine



Johnson's Elrod 01



Allen Scotts Bulldogs had to be Athletic enough to still be able to do farm work, Mac the Masher was outstanding catch dog from wild hog hunting and putting ornery bull in check. Scott's dogs have a longer muzzle and males usually weigh between 80 to 100 lbs and height 23 to 27 in. from withers, females weigh between 70 to 80 lbs and height 22 to 25 from withers.!



Scott's Apache



Scotts Dixie Gypsy



Leclerc's Bama Boy

With The Scott or (Standard) American Bulldogs they sometimes get confused with Pit Bull Terriers they do resemble each other they both have old time English Bulldog running through their veins. There are some distinct differences from the two, there is very little or no terrier blood in the American bulldogs and I believe this is why American Bulldogs are heavier, bigger boned and are much taller. The height for the American Pit Bull is 18 to 23 inches at most from withers. Where the shortest height for American Bulldogs is 22 inches from withers and that's for a female American bulldog , males are usually bigger in size between 23 to 27 inches compared to females. The tails of the American Bulldogs are longer with hook to it when alert, where the Pit Bulls tail for the most part is short and straight.



Extinct White English Terrier

In 1835 bull baiting was banned in England, underground dog fighting was becoming extremely popular with the gamblers. The Ultimate fighting dog was in demand The Original English bulldog and terrier cross was important to add quickness, agility and durance and even more aggressive for fighting purposes. The Terrier most likely used was the extinct white English terrier and Fox terrier. The Fox terrier was used to chase down a fox and kill it, this cross was ideal for dog fighting. Take a look at the photo of extinct White English terrier at the short straight tail, most Pit bulls still have that same short straight tail as the White English terriers. I also believe that Pit Bulls are being bred bigger so breeding for size only the terrier blood is being diluted out and these Pit Bull terriers resemble more original English Bulldogs and American Bulldogs aka Bandogs





These photo's above are Bandogs, males are between 100 to 140 lbs height 25in to 29in. from withers. Bandogs are mix of American Pit Bull and mastiff type dogs, this is why some people think American Bulldogs are a Bandog type of Bulldog a made up breed that became popular in the past 25 years. In



defense American Bulldogs are mostly white with fawn or patches of dark brown, light brown brindle and some black, no blue or red. Second defense and the strongest Dr. John Swinford (V.M.D) a Breeder of Bandogs claims after 3rd or 4th generation of breeding the Bandog would shrink down in size and start looking exactly like a Pit Bull. He said the Pit Bulls genes are dominate Dr Swinford would have to mix some more Mastiff blood retain the size he wanted for his Bandogs



Old Southern White Bulldog

1850 Painting

1960

There is no formal documentation of what types of dogs the English settlers brought, it's all pretty much word of mouth of generation of generation, just look at the old paintings of Original English Bulldog you can't deny the fact they look exactly like are American Bulldogs today. Look at these two Bulldogs from 1928 Lookout Mt. photo and 1963 Mac The Masher they almost look identical in shape and size except for Mac the Mashers brindle. Mac The Masher was 12 years old when Allen Scott got him in 1970. How



about the 1850 painting looks a lot like the 1960 Old Southern White Bulldog. In the south there are 18th century ceramic plates with pictures of bulldogs on them that look identical to American Bulldogs. There are folk songs about Bulldogs, old photos and still people think American Bulldogs are made up breed a glorified American pit bull mixed with mastiffs. It's just hard for me to believe these simple southern folk had all these pits and came up with this elaborate scheme to pass pit bull terriers as Original English Bulldogs. In the

south they have been calling American Bulldogs, Old English Bulldogs, White English or just Bulldogs for over 200 years...There are some really good books out there, The Working American Bulldog by Dave Putnam. Dave really breaks down a lot of those theories and History of the American Bulldog and The American Bulldog Stories, Facts & Legends by Lemuel Miller.

Thanks for educating yourself a little more on the breed, we here at weloveamericanbulldogs.com and bulldogstronger.com think it is very important to know as much as you can about the breed you are considering on bring into your life.