

Chapter 1 : Neapolitan Mastiff - CenTex Mastinos

The Neapolitan Mastiff is fearless and extremely protective of its home and family. They prefer to be with their family. The Neapolitan Mastiff rarely barks unless under provocation, renowned for sneaking up on intruders as opposed to first alerting them of its presence.

Finding Finding a Neapolitan Mastiff Whether you want to go with a breeder or get your dog from a shelter or rescue, here are some things to keep in mind. Choosing a Neapolitan Mastiff Breeder Finding a good breeder is the key to finding the right puppy. A good breeder will match you with the right puppy, and will without question have done all the health certifications necessary to screen out health problems as much as possible. He or she is more interested in placing pups in the right homes than making big bucks. A good breeder can tell you about the history of the breed, explain why one puppy is considered pet quality while another is not, and discuss what health problems affect the breed and the steps she takes take to avoid those problems. Look for more information about the Neapolitan Mastiff and start your search for a good breeder at the website of the United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club. Avoid breeders who only seem interested in how quickly they can unload a puppy on you and whether your credit card will go through. Put at least as much effort into researching your puppy as you would into choosing a new car or expensive appliance. It will save you money in the long run. Red flags include puppies always being available, multiple litters on the premises, having your choice of any puppy, and the ability to pay online with a credit card. Those things are convenient, but they are almost never associated with reputable breeders. Disreputable breeders and facilities that deal with puppy mills can be hard to distinguish from reliable operations. The puppy you buy should have been raised in a clean home environment, from parents with health clearances and conformation show and, ideally, working titles to prove that they are good specimens of the breed. Before you decide to buy a puppy, consider whether an adult Neapolitan Mastiff might better suit your needs and lifestyle. Puppies are loads of fun, but they require a lot of time and effort before they grow up to become the dog of your dreams. An adult may already have some training and will probably be less active, destructive and demanding than a puppy. If you are interested in acquiring an older dog through breeders, ask them about purchasing a retired show dog or if they know of an adult dog who needs a new home. If you want to adopt a dog, read the advice below on how to do that. Adopting a Dog from Neapolitan Mastiff Rescue or a Shelter There are many great options available if you want to adopt a dog from an animal shelter or breed rescue organization. Here is how to get started. Use the Web Sites like Petfinder. The site allows you to be very specific in your requests housetraining status, for example or very general all the Neapolitan Mastiffs available on Petfinder across the country. AnimalShelter can help you find animal rescue groups in your area. Social media is another great way to find a dog. Post on your Facebook page that you are looking for a specific breed so that your entire community can be your eyes and ears. Reach Out to Local Experts Start talking with all the pet pros in your area about your desire for a Neapolitan Mastiff. That includes vets, dog walkers, and groomers. When someone has to make the tough decision to give up a dog, that person will often ask her own trusted network for recommendations. Talk to Breed Rescue Networking can help you find a dog that may be the perfect companion for your family. Most people who love Neapolitan Mastiffs love all Neapolitan Mastiffs. You can also search online for other Neapolitan Mastiff rescues in your area. The great thing about breed rescue groups is that they tend to be very upfront about any health conditions the dogs may have and are a valuable resource for advice. They also often offer fostering opportunities so, with training, you could bring a Neapolitan Mastiff home with you to see what the experience is like. Key Questions to Ask You now know the things to discuss with a breeder, but there are also questions you should discuss with shelter or rescue group staff or volunteers before you bring home a dog. What is his energy level? How is he around other animals? How does he respond to shelter workers, visitors, and children? What is his personality like? What is his age? Has he ever bitten or hurt anyone that they know of? Are there any known health issues? Wherever you acquire your Neapolitan Mastiff, make sure you have a good contract with the seller, shelter or rescue group that spells out responsibilities on both sides. Petfinder offers an Adopters Bill of Rights that helps you understand what you can consider normal

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and appropriate when you get a dog from a shelter. Puppy or adult, take your Neapolitan Mastiff to your veterinarian soon after adoption. Your veterinarian will be able to spot problems, and will work with you to set up a preventive regimen that will help you avoid many health issues.

Chapter 2 : Neapolitan Mastiffs: What's Good About 'Em? What's Bad About 'Em?

The Neapolitan Mastiff is a heavy-boned, massive, awe inspiring dog bred for use as a guard and defender of owner and property. He is characterized by loose skin, over his entire body, abundant.

As he approaches, his massive size, loose skin, and thick facial wrinkles evoke speechless awe, followed by the question, "What type of dog is that? The Neapolitan Mastiff is history come to life. His ancestry is thought to date to BCE, the beginning of the Bronze Age, the time when Upper and Lower Egypt were unified and mastiff-like working and guard dogs emerged in Tibet. While his appearance is unnerving, looks are deceiving. Steady and loyal, his primary goal is to be with his people. Like all puppies, young Neos are active, but they mature into adulthood with a preference for lounging around the home or yard. Older children will find the Neo to be a warm and comfortable backrest while watching television or doing homework. He may be too large and clumsy for younger children, however, accidentally knocking them over or stepping on them. When it comes to living with a Neo, neat freaks need not apply. Keep a small hand towel for wipeups and a can of air freshener nearby at all times. For the family who can provide this large and strong-willed dog with the firm, loving, and consistent guidance he needs, the Neapolitan Mastiff is a wonderful and unique companion who will provide protection and love for everyone in his family. A dog who will protect you, your family, and your home with all the strength and love it poses. Highlights Neapolitan Mastiffs do best in homes with a yard they can patrol. They are calm indoors however and can do fine in an apartment or condo big enough to accommodate their sprawl. Neos are generally clumsy dogs who have trouble navigating more than a few stairs, especially as puppies. The Neapolitan Mastiff is an average shedder and requires weekly brushing, plus close attention to cleaning his skin wrinkles and folds. Socialize him early and often so that he learns how to behave around other people and animals. Make sure your dog maintains a healthy weight to avoid diseases that can significantly reduce his life span. The Neapolitan Mastiff is not recommended for a timid or first-time owner. This breed needs a confident trainer who is consistent and firm but also loving. The Neo is strong-willed and will test whether you really mean what you say. Neapolitan Mastiffs have a fearsome appearance and a deep bark, both of which are usually more than enough to deter even the most foolhardy criminals. Neapolitan Mastiffs have a number of what some consider offensive habits: This affectionate dog is not aware of his size and will happily cuddle up to you or on you. They should live indoors with their people, not alone in the backyard. Neapolitan Mastiffs can be destructive if bored. Give them regular exercise, social interaction, and training to keep life interesting. Neapolitan Mastiffs are good with older children, but can be too large for a toddler. They can knock over or step on small children without meaning to hurt them. History Mastiff-type dogs have existed for millennia. The first mastiffs are thought to have been developed in Tibet, some 5,000 years ago. The massive dogs were used in battle and served as guards, both tasks for which they were well suited. The dog that became the Neapolitan Mastiff was developed in southern Italy, in the vicinity of Naples, from which he takes his name. The Neapolitan breeders focused on creating a dog who was massive in size with heavy, loose skin that would protect him in case of attack. They also wanted a dog who would be loyal and loving toward family members. He saw the Neapolitan Mastiff and recognized the breed for what it was: Scanziani took an interest in the breed and worked to make it become more well known. The dogs were given the name Mastino Napoletano. By the early 1800s the Neo had gained some popularity in Europe. The first Neo known in the United States was imported by Jane Pampalone in 1828, although Italian immigrants may have brought some of the dogs with them as early as the 1700s. The American Kennel Club recognized the breed in 1909. Today, the Neo ranks 10th among the breeds and varieties registered by the AKC. Size Male Neapolitan Mastiffs stand 26 to 31 inches at the shoulder and weigh 150 to 250 pounds. Females are 24 to 29 inches tall and weigh 100 to 150 pounds. Personality Steady and solid as an oak tree, the Neo is a guardian rather than an attack dog. Begin training early, be firm and consistent, and use positive reinforcement techniques, such as praise and food rewards. As with every dog, Neapolitan Mastiffs need early socialization or exposure to many different people, sights, sounds, and experiences. Socialization helps ensure that your Neo puppy grows up to be a well-rounded dog. Health Neapolitan Mastiffs are generally healthy, but like all breeds, they can be subject to

certain health conditions. Some dogs show pain and lameness on one or both rear legs, but you may not notice any signs of discomfort in a dog with hip dysplasia. As the dog ages, arthritis can develop. Dogs with hip dysplasia should not be bred. Hip dysplasia is hereditary, but it can be worsened by environmental factors, such as rapid growth from a high-calorie diet or injuries incurred from jumping or falling on slick floors. This is a heritable condition common to large-breed dogs. This can lead to painful lameness. Your vet may recommend surgery to correct the problem, or medication to control the pain. This heart condition occurs when the heart muscle becomes very thin and is unable to contract normally. Because the heart must work harder, it becomes enlarged. Dogs with this disease have an abnormal heart rhythm and show signs of heart failure, including weakness, loss of appetite, weight loss, depression, collapse, difficulty breathing, a soft cough, and an enlarged abdomen. There is no cure, but rest, diet, and medication can help for a time. It looks like a reddened mass at the inner corner of the eye. Cherry eye can be repaired surgically. The palate is the roof of the mouth and separates the nasal and oral cavities. It is made up of two parts, hard and soft. A cleft palate has a slit that runs bilaterally or unilaterally and can range in size from a small hole to a large slit. A cleft palate can affect both the hard and soft palate separately and together and may cause a cleft lip. Puppies can be born with cleft palates, or a cleft palate can occur from an injury. Cleft palates are fairly common in dogs, but many puppies born with a cleft palate do not survive or are euthanized by the breeder. The only treatment for a cleft palate is surgery to close the hole, although not all dogs with a cleft palate require the surgery. It is important to get a diagnosis and treatment recommendation from your veterinarian. All dogs carry a little passenger called a demodex mite. The mother dog passes this mite to her pups in their first few days of life. If your Neo has a weakened or compromised immune system, however, he can develop demodectic mange. Demodectic mange, also called demodicosis, can be localized or generalized. In the localized form, patches of red, scaly skin with hair loss appears on the head, neck and forelegs. Even so, you should take your dog to the vet because it can turn into the generalized form of demodectic mange. Generalized demodectic mange covers the entire body and affects older puppies and young adult dogs. The dog develops patchy skin, bald spots, and skin infections all over the body. The American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology recommends neutering or spaying all dogs that develop generalized demodectic mange because there is a genetic link. A skin infection caused by moisture trapped in the folds of the skin. The signs of fold dermatitis are redness, sores, and odor. The dog can be affected on the tail, face, lips, vulvar folds, or any other wrinkled area. Mild cases of fold dermatitis are usually treated with topical ointments or antibiotics, but severe cases may require surgical removal of the folds or amputation of the tail in the case of fold dermatitis on the tail. Find a good breeder: In Neos, you should expect to see health clearances from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals for hips, elbows, and heart, as well as certification from the Canine Eye Registry Foundation CERF that the eyes are normal. Care The Neo is best suited to a home with a fenced yard. This means short periods of free running and play and short walks on leash only. Stairs are another hazard for the Neo puppy. Carry him up and down the stairs for as long as possible, and try to restrain him from running on them. Avoid roughhousing or wrestling. An adult Neo will benefit from a couple of short to moderate daily walks, however. Enroll in a puppy socialization class to accustom him to being around other dogs and people. In addition to puppy kindergarten and regular obedience class, take your Neo to parks, outdoor shopping malls, and other places where he can learn to meet people and become accustomed to new experiences, sights, and sounds. The Neo is headstrong and needs a confident trainer. Use positive reinforcement techniques, never physical punishment, but be firm and consistent in what you ask of him. Once a habit is established, it will be difficult to break. The Neapolitan Mastiff needs a firm hand when training, but he also needs love and patience. Feeding Recommended daily amount: How much your adult dog eats depends on his size, age, build, metabolism, and activity level.

Chapter 3 : Neapolitan Mastiff Dog Breed Information, Pictures, Characteristics & Facts - Dogtime

Country of Origin The Neapolitan Mastiff (also known as the 'Neo', 'Mastini', or 'Italian Mastiff') is an Italian breed named after the region of Naples, where most of its development occurred.

The Neapolitan Mastiff is not an apartment dog – to stay fit, he needs some space and moderate exercise. But more than anything else, he requires ongoing personal attention. He often attaches himself, shadow-like, to his favorite person. Neapolitan Mastiff puppies should be friendly and trusting, and with proper socialization, become more reserved and discriminating as they mature. As with all mastiffs, socialization is an absolute requirement to avoid either aggression or shyness. Dog aggression can be a real problem; though many "Neos" will not start fights, they will surely finish them. This massive, stubborn breed is inclined to do things his own way. But he does respond to early, consistent training that includes leadership YOU! Neapolitan Mastiffs perform admirably in drooling, slobbering, and snoring competitions. If you want a dog who is massive and powerful, probably the most "beastial-looking" breed in existence, with an enormous head, loose wrinkled skin, and heavy, hanging jowls Has a sleek easy-care coat Is calm and quiet indoors as an adult Needs only moderate exercise Makes an imposing watchdog, being serious and self-assured with strangers, yet generally mild-mannered A Neapolitan Mastiff may be right for you. A huge dog who takes up a lot of space in your house and car A heavy dog who wants to sit on your feet and lean his weight against your leg Destructiveness when bored or left alone too much Potential aggression or fearfulness toward people in some lines, or when not socialized enough Potential aggression toward other animals Strong-willed mind of his own, requiring a confident owner who can take charge Snorting, snuffling, wheezing, grunting, loud snoring Slobbering and drooling Serious health problems and a short lifespan High price tag Legal liabilities public perception, future breed bans, insurance problems, increased chance of lawsuits A Neapolitan Mastiff may not be right for you. Keep in mind that the inheritance of temperament is less predictable than the inheritance of physical traits such as size or shedding. Temperament and behavior are also shaped by raising and training. If you want a puppy, you can avoid some negative traits by choosing the right breeder and the right puppy. Providing the proper balance of exercise. Young Neapolitan Mastiffs need enough exercise to keep them lean and healthy, but not so much that their soft growing bones, joints, and ligaments become over-stressed and damaged. Similarly, adult Neos need enough exercise to keep them in shape, but definitely not running or jogging, and not in hot or humid weather for fear of overheating. The proper amount of exercise can be difficult to regulate in giant breeds. Most adult Neapolitan Mastiffs are a little standoffish with strangers puppies should be friendly. Some individuals have protective instincts. Without careful socialization, a Mastiff may be suspicious of everyone. This can lead to either aggression or shyness, and both attitudes are dangerous in a giant breed. Fearful Neapolitan Mastiffs can bite defensively if they feel cornered. I would not risk keeping a Neapolitan Mastiff with another dog of the same sex. And be aware that some Neapolitan Mastiffs display predatory behavior toward cats and other animals that run. Obviously a dog of this size and power is capable of seriously injuring or killing other animals. Some are passively stubborn, while others are willful or dominant they want to be the boss. You must show them, through absolute consistency, that you mean what you say. To teach your Neapolitan Mastiff to listen to you, "Respect Training" is mandatory. Read more about Neapolitan Mastiff Training. These sounds are endearing to some people, nerve-wracking to others. Most people are not prepared for how much Neapolitan Mastiffs slobber and drool, especially after eating or drinking. When they shake their heads, you will be towel-drying saliva off your clothes and furnishings. All short-faced breeds gulp air when they eat, and that air has to go somewhere, after all. However, commercial diets make flatulence worse by including fibrous or hard-to-digest ingredients. Neapolitan Mastiffs who are fed a homemade diet of real meat and vegetables have much less trouble with gassiness. The lifespan of a Neapolitan Mastiff is very short – less than 10 years. Read more about Neapolitan Mastiff Health Legal liabilities. Your friends and neighbors may be uncomfortable around this breed. In this day and age, the legal liabilities of owning a giant breed that looks intimidating and has a history as a war dog should be considered. People are quicker to sue if such a dog does anything even remotely questionable. In summary,

the Neapolitan Mastiff is definitely "too much dog" for the average household. This is a breed for experienced owners only, who want a specific type of dog and who can handle that dog. To help you train and care for your dog Dog training videos. The problem is that most dog training videos on the internet are worthless, because they use the wrong training method. I recommend these dog training videos that are based on respect and leadership. My puppy training book is *Respect Training For Puppies: For puppies 2 to 18 months old*, this highly-acclaimed training program is based on respect. Your puppy will learn the 21 skills that all great family dogs need to know. My dog buying guide, *Dog Quest: Find The Dog Of Your Dreams* , will teach you everything you need to know about finding a good-tempered, healthy family companion.

Chapter 4 : SHINING HILLS NEAPOLITAN MASTIFFS

The Neapolitan Mastiff Standard says: "The essence of the Neapolitan Mastiff is his bestial appearance, astounding head and imposing size and attitude." Once you're past the shock of your first impression, you'll be able to better appreciate how quiet, calm, and relaxed this Mastiff is. Just don't.

It belongs to the working breed family which is remarkable for their exceptional ability to carry out jobs such as guarding property, sled-pulling, or water-rescuing. Neos have been bred to become reliable guard dogs. Their short, dense coat is straight and usually comes in colors such as blue, gray, chocolate, black, tawny, and mahogany. Some members have brindle or white markings. Height and Weight The male members of the Neapolitan Mastiff breed normally stand a height of 26 to 30 in at the withers, while bitches typically have a height of 24 to 28 in. Both have a common weight of about lbs. The largest male Neos may reach lbs. Temperament Despite the intimidating look of Neapolitan Mastiffs, they are actually calm, peaceful, and loving dogs. They are affectionate, and they love to be with their family and friends. The breed is also intelligent, courageous, and extremely protective. Neos are usually quiet, though may tend to bark when necessary. Ample exercise should also be provided to keep them stable-minded. These large dogs relate very well with children, and can get along with other pets. In fact, they can become wonderful family companions. Neos are natural guardians, and have high levels of pain tolerance. The breed needs an experienced handler who can dominate them with a natural air of authority. They need their owners to be firm yet gentle, as well as consistent in leadership. Otherwise, Neos will become willful and aggressive. Grooming Neapolitan Mastiffs are easy to groom. Their short coat only needs regular brushing and occasional bathing sessions. But because the breed possesses extensive wrinkles, their skin folds have to be checked once in a while to prevent bacterial infections. Health Concerns Some of the common health complications associated with the breed include hip dysplasia, cherry eye, heat stroke, bloat, and pano-ostiosis. Nevertheless, with proper attention, diet, and exercise, Neos can live for as long as 7 to 9 years. Best Environment Because Neapolitan Mastiffs enjoy being close to their family owners, they prefer living indoors. They can thrive outdoor life but owners have to keep in mind that the breed does not do well when exposed to great heat. Neos can become apartment dogs provided that they get to receive adequate exercise. They are moderately inactive indoors, and access to a small yard will be fine. The breed is quite demanding when it comes to exercise.

Chapter 5 : Neapolitan Mastiff | Dog Breed Facts and Information - Wag! Dog Walking

The Neapolitan Mastiff dog breed is a family and guard dog who was developed in southern Italy. Today this massive breed is known as a gentle giant. See all Neapolitan Mastiff characteristics below!

Chapter 6 : Neapolitan Mastiff Puppies for Sale from Reputable Dog Breeders

Neapolitan Mastiffs are among the biggest dog breeds in the world and are easily identified by their facial wrinkles and skin folds. These powerful dogs have rectangular-shaped bodies. Their eyes are blue when they are born but later darken to amber or brown. They carry their tail up and over the.

Chapter 7 : Neapolitan Mastiff Breed Information

The Neapolitan Mastiff is a very loyal guardian and will protect his family and territory. This breed is large and powerful, and should not be left unsupervised around small infants, however is very affectionate.

Chapter 8 : Neapolitan Mastiff - The Dogington Post

The Neapolitan Mastiff is a guardian breed from Italy. Characterized by his heavily wrinkled face, loose skin and

imposing size, he has strong protective instincts and is commonly found as a family companion or show dog.

Chapter 9 : Neapolitan Mastiff - Wikipedia

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