

# *Jean E's Boston Terriers*

*Boston Terriers for Conformation, Performance or just Companions*

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**Personal Information (please print):**

Full Name:

Complete Address:

E-mail:

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check or circle answers not requiring written answers.

How did you hear about JeanE's Boston Terriers?

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Have you ever been owned by a Boston Terrier before? (Circle or Check one)

No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ ... (.if yes explain):

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If you now have or have had a Boston in the past, please list the registered names of each and how they were acquired:

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If No, have you researched the Boston Terrier breed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What kind of research was done?

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Are you interested in a Puppy \_\_\_ Adolescent \_\_\_ or Adult Dog? \_\_\_ (Check all that apply)

Are you looking for a pet/companion, performance or a show potential puppy?

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Do you prefer a: (Check or Circle One) Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_

Why do you prefer this gender?

Are looks or size important to you? (Circle or Check One) No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ ... if yes explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be interested in a "rescue" dog if there was one available that met your needs? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_

If we decided to place a show potential puppy with your family would you be willing to show it or hire a handler to show and complete it's championship? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_

**About Your Home:**

What type of home do you have? (Check or Circle One)

House    Apartment    Condominium    Duplex    Garage Apartment    Mobile Home

Do you own or rent? (Circle One)

Own            Rent

If you rent, does your lease allow dogs\*?

(\*We require renters to send documentation that dogs of this size are allowed in this dwelling.)

Length of time at current address: ( Check or Circle One)

Less than 1 year    1 to 2 years    3 to 5 years    More than 5 years

If less than 1 year, give previous address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your property fenced? (Circle One)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

What are the height and the type of your fence? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a swimming pool? (Circle One)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If you do not have a fenced yard, what arrangements do you plan to make for exercise and toilet duties? \_\_\_\_\_

List the names, ages and relationship of those who reside with you:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you planning on having any children in the next 5 years? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is everyone in your household in agreement with getting a new Boston Terrier?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

What is your marital status? (Check or Circle One)

Married    Single    Significant    Other    Widowed

If there are children in your home, what are there ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Have the children been around animals before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
How will they feel about a new member to the household?

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**Your Plans if You Acquire a Puppy:**

How many hours, on average, will the dog spend alone?

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If your puppy must be left alone during the daytime because of work schedule, are you willing to come home mid-day for a visit or pay for a daytime insured pet sitter/walker until your puppy is 9 months old? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you move, what will you do this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the puppy/dog be when you are **at home** during the day? (Check or Circle or check all that apply)

Loose Indoors	Loose outdoors in fenced yard	Crate
Basement	Tied or chained outside	Kennel Run
Garage	Other (describe) _____	

Where will the puppy /dog be when you are **away** from home during the day? (Circle or Check all that apply)

Loose Indoors	Loose outdoors in fenced yard	Crate
Basement	Tied or chained outside	Garage
Kennel Run	Doggie Day Care	Other (describe) _____

Where will the puppy/dog spend the night? (Circle or Check all that apply)

Loose Indoors	Loose outdoors in fenced yard	Crate
Basement	Tied or chained outside	Garage
Kennel Run	In my bed	Other (describe)

Please explain how you will ensure the safety of this puppy while you are at work or away from your home and the puppy is alone?

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Do you agree that it is in the best interest of your new puppy to take it to at least a puppy kindergarten/beginners obedience class, and will you sign a contract that states you promise to do so and show me proof of graduation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If "NO", then what are your plans for training the puppy?

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Do you promise to have short designated Play Periods each and every day with your puppy and to follow my advice on what is appropriate play exercise? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If No, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you promise to restrict any stair climbing to only times when the puppy is in your immediate supervision until after it is 12 months of age? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you agree to **not** let your puppy run and play on slick surfaces such as linoleum flooring, ice, etc. on a day to day basis until it is over 24 months of age? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Who will be primarily involved in the training of your puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the health issues that are known to exist in Boston Terriers such as deafness, cataracts, bad knees (patellas), heart problems, etc.? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Will you promise to keep me (Breeder) informed of any health or medical conditions that occur with your puppy whether good or bad? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you willing to sign a contract with us stating that you agree to never let your puppy ride in an open bed pick-up truck or open-bowed powerboat? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

All our companion puppies are sold on a Spay/Neuter Contract. Will this be agreeable to you? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you willing to feed the puppy/dog the diet we, JeanE's Boston Terriers, recommend for the puppy? (We feed a raw meat and bone diet to our dogs and it is very important to us that the puppy stay on this type of diet for it's entire life as far as possible.)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If No, What do you plan to feed the puppy? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to keep your puppy clean by brushing, bathing, cleaning ears and by keeping nails trimmed on a weekly basis? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Will you take extra precautions so that your puppy will never be left in a car during warm weather as temperatures can rise to dangerous levels very quickly so the dog will not die from heat exhaustion? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you willing to stay in contact with the BREEDER, send pictures and updates on the well being of the puppy? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

In the event of you having serious illness or death, that rendered it impossible for you to care for your Boston Terrier Will make sure your family knows to notify me so that together we can decide what is best for your Boston? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to sign a contract stating that you would return the puppy that you purchased from us back to JeanE's Boston Terriers if you are unable to keep it for any

reason? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ (You would not be able to re-sell, give away or "loan out" this puppy.)

**If purchasing a show potential puppy,**

Do you agree to the terms of the health testing, training, and other requirements listed in the show puppy contract? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If purchasing a show potential puppy, have you ever shown/exhibited dogs before?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Have you "finished" /completed the requirements for a dog to become a champion before? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you have handling classes near by that you and the puppy can attend? Yes \_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_

Do agree to make every effort to finish the puppy to its championship as agreeded upon in the show puppy contract? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Lifestyle**

Tell me about your lifestyle and what kind of personality/temperament you are looking for in a companion dog.

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Do you have a Veterinarian? If so, May we have his/her name and phone number and permission to call and talk to him/her prior to the purchase of a puppy? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Pet Ownership History**

What pets have you owned you before?

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Have you personally ever owned a dog before? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Have you ever raised a puppy? (not parents or relatives) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you have any dogs other pets in your household now? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If Yes, please give the name, breed, sex and age of each:

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Are all of your pets spayed or neutered? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If the answer is no, please explain why not:

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How do your pets get along with other animals/dogs?

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How many pets have you owned in the past 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

If you no longer have them, please give details explaining what happened to them:

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If you have had a pet die at an early age or have ever lost a pet, please provide details:

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Have you ever given a pet up for adoption or put one to sleep? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_ If "yes" please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have read and answered this questionnaire honestly and to the best of my ability. I understand that by answering these questions I am not guaranteed to purchase a puppy or to be put on the waiting list, and that the breeder, Jeanette (Jeannie) Thomason, will contact me to let me know whether or not I will be accepted as a prospect. (All adults in the household must sign this application.)

**JeanE's Boston Terriers** reserves the right to refuse any application.

I certify that all the information on this application is true and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **I would like to take a moment to tell you a little about my breeding philosophy and how I place puppies.**

We provide all of our dogs with (and wean our puppies onto) a natural, biologically, species appropriate and varied raw diet as well as providing ample exercise and fresh air. We use no chemicals and a very limited vaccination schedule only vaccinating for what is required by law (Rabies). In doing this we will continue to improve the overall health of our Bostons for generations to come. As natural rearing

breeders, it is important to us that our puppies go to homes that appreciate and understand the importance of a raw diet and minimal vaccines.

As a "Show Breeder" I do not breed often and my goal when I do, is to produce "healthy" puppies that conform to the Standard as closely as possible. We breed Boston Terriers mainly for ourselves, both to love and show, we do not always have puppies available since we do not breed to sell dogs or make money. We spend far more on our dogs than we could ever hope to recover!

Often, we may only have one or two litters a year if that. However, our goal is to improve on our breed while preserving its unique characteristics. Much work is needed in several areas pertaining to health as well as conformation. The Boston Terrier, like any purebred, has several hereditary health issues such as juvenile cataracts, deafness and luxating patellas (which are also made worse by environment and inadequate nutrition).

Our goal as a steward of the Boston Terrier breed is to breed only those dogs that are known to be free of such afflictions while still maintaining the type, temperament and essentially, the true Boston Terrier. Much work goes into each breeding and even more work into each litter. It is a never-ending goal richly rewarded by that sweet puppy breath, that beautiful champion, and that happy new owner.

Although we do participate in conformation shows, ribbons and titles are not more important to us than the health of our dogs. With enough money and persistence, almost any dog can be titled. Like most breeders, we have seen champions we would not consider using in our breeding program. Our ultimate goal is to produce both typey and truly healthy dogs!

Please know that when we breed, we try to make the best match that will produce the most sound as well as pretty puppies. While not every puppy in a litter will make the grade as show quality, those that do look promising should be given the opportunity to shine. Therefore, when you see a puppy that is labeled "Show Potential" or "Available to show home", that means that I feel this puppy has qualities that will enable it to be competitive in the ring someday. While I may be willing to sell this puppy to a pet home, I would ideally like to find a home where the pup may be shown someday, if they continue to develop to their potential.

Because I do health testing on the Sires and Dams of the puppies I breed and am so particular who I do breed and to whom, the pups I do produce are like gold to me. I really don't want to throw their potential away. I understand that this can be very frustrating to the person who is simply looking for a pet puppy and then sees a picture of a puppy they feel they just "HAVE TO HAVE". I have sold several promising pups to non-show homes, and though I don't regret the sales, it is difficult knowing that those pups are 'lost' to me, and their potential will never be known. So with this in mind, please be very careful before committing to buying a show-potential puppy, not just from me, but from any breeder. Do not be unfair by promising to show the dog, and then finding one excuse after another not to. Showing can be a very rewarding endeavor, and many people who try it end up getting 'bit by the bug'. Children can learn valuable lessons about responsibility and sportsmanship by competing in Junior Showmanship, Obedience and Agility. However, having a show dog takes commitment, time, and money. It is not a hobby to be taken lightly. Many Boston Breeders are like myself, very small-scale, but dedicated. We do not have the resources to keep every promising pup ourselves, but are willing to let them go to others who want to get a good start. All that we ask in return is that the fruits of our efforts are not wasted. We will go to great lengths to help and mentor newcomers regarding natural rearing and showing. We see you as the future in the breed. And we want to make sure that the breed is in good hands. So that means that we will be a little choosy about the homes that our pups go to. I hope you understand.

**Thank you!**

**Dr Jeannie (Jeanette) Thomason**