

## Mastiff (or English Mastiff ) breed description

Owning a Mastiff can be the beginning of a wonderful relationship with years of happiness or it can be the beginning of overwhelming responsibility for which you may not be prepared. Mastiffs are loving, slobbery, gentle giants. While they are the largest of the dog breeds, they are very sensitive dogs and the sternest of voices is all you need for discipline. Positive training and socializing are key to happy well-adjusted dog.

### General:

A very large dog resembling a St. Bernard in head and body, and a Great Dane in coat and color. Medium-sized floppy ears, long tail, large heads with medium muzzle, large body, big feet and heavy bone.

### Size/weight:

Females approximately 27 inches at the shoulder, 120-160 pounds  
Males approximately 30 inches at the shoulder, 150-225+ pounds.

### Colors:

Fawn (tan), Apricot (red) and Brindle. Fawn or Apricot Mastiffs have a black muzzle and ears.

### Food:

The average adult mastiff will eat between 6-8 cups of high quality food per day.

**For more information about the Mastiff breed visit [www.mastiff.org](http://www.mastiff.org)**



**Mastiffs Unlimited  
of New York**

**[www.mastiffsunlimited.com](http://www.mastiffsunlimited.com)  
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Mastiffs Unlimited of New York is dedicated to helping place stray or abandoned Mastiffs in adoptive homes which will provide a high level of care and where the spirit of the MCOA Code of Ethics is observed. Our volunteers may assist Mastiff owners, who for any reason can no longer provide a home for their Mastiff. We also promote public education about the Mastiff breed.



# Mastiff Rescue

There are several ways for you to help our wonderful breed:

## Adopt a Mastiff:

All prospective homes must fill out a Family Profile. This form is available by following the links or contacting Mastiff Unlimited New York from our home page:

[www.mastiffsunlimited.com](http://www.mastiffsunlimited.com)

Please read the Rescue Policy Letter. Once you have completed and sent in your Family Profile it will be forwarded to the Rescue volunteers in your area. Someone will then contact you to set up a home evaluation. Your references will be checked before final approval of your application.

We request a donation of up to \$350 depending on the age and condition of the dog. At all times, additional donations to our program are gratefully and gladly accepted.



The Mastiffs that become available for adoption are Mastiffs that are referred to the Club if, for any reason, they are homeless and the breeder cannot be located. Usually they range from two to six years of age. These Mastiffs come from a variety of circumstances, including animal shelters.



When a Mastiff is released to MUNY, it is taken to a veterinarian for a medical check and necessary vaccinations. The Mastiff's temperament is evaluated and we attempt to locate any past history of the Mastiff. These Mastiffs are neutered or spayed before release to their new home.

Many times Mastiffs are just not readily available for adoption. This is good news for us because it means that this wonderful breed is being well-cared for. The bad news is your wait may be longer than you had hoped. Please be patient with our Rescue program.

MUNY strives to bring together Mastiffs and families in the same geographical area in order to keep transportation costs to a minimum. However, if you are willing to pay for transportation to adopt from another area, you could find a Mastiff in your home sooner than you think.

We are looking for permanent, loving homes where the Mastiff will receive top quality care. These Mastiffs need a special place where they will be appreciated as a companion dog and part of the family, but a Mastiff is not the breed for everyone. Before you decide to acquire a Mastiff, we recommend that you acquaint your family with this noble breed.

“What the Lion is to the Cat the Mastiff is to the Dog, the noblest of the family; he stands alone, and all others sink before him. His courage does not exceed his temper and generosity, and in attachment he equals the kindest of his race.”  
Cynographia Britannica - 1800

## Volunteer:

MCOA Rescue is in need of help from volunteers to assist in evaluating temperaments, transportation, and fostering our rescue mastiffs. Even if you can't foster there are many things you can do to help. If you have just one hour a month to spare, the dogs will thank you. If you can help in any way, please contact us via the MUNY our home page: [www.mastiffsunlimited.com](http://www.mastiffsunlimited.com)

## Help a Mastiff in need:

Mastiff needing to be rescued, contact us by us via the MUNY our home page: [www.mastiffsunlimited.com](http://www.mastiffsunlimited.com) (please indicate the city and state where the Mastiff is located in your e-mail).

## For more information

Thorough and up to date information on the mastiff breed is available at the MCOA website: [www.mastiff.org](http://www.mastiff.org) Please go to the site and review the breed Frequently Asked Questions, read books about mastiffs, attend dog shows and see some mastiffs in person and talk to mastiff owners. If you believe that a Mastiff is for you, contact MUNY: [www.mastiffsunlimited.com](http://www.mastiffsunlimited.com)

About the Mastiff breed, health and rescue

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Please read the essay “Is the English Mastiff the Right Breed for You?”.

<http://mastiff.org/exhibit-hall/rescue/right.mv>

