

Boston Notes.....

- **Gas** is NOT a common characteristic of Bostons. Gas can be related to just having eaten something that did not settle nicely in the Boston's stomach, stress, but most times related to their current diet. There are some really good brands of dog food out there but that does not mean that it is the best one for your Boston. MABTR has found Pro Plan/Purina One Sensitive Stomach or Lamb and Rice, Nature Recipe, Blue, Royal Canine, and Natural Balance DRY formulas to eliminate gas from the Boston breed. **NO CANNED FOOD**
- Bostons can shed more, pass gas, and have dandruff as a sign of stress or discomfort.
- If a course coat, heavy shedding, and constant dandruff is normal for your Boston then you may want to consider Flax Seed Oil with Omega 3. You will find that after two months of one tablespoon per day in your Boston's food that the shedding and dandruff have decreased a great deal. The problem is your Boston is lacking the needed oils in order to produce healthy hair and skin.
 - Fish Oil geltabs with Omega 3 are great supplements to maintain your Boston's nice coat and healthy skin. Recommended dose is one geltab per day. People take these pills too.
- If your Boston throws up it is recommended to take his/her food and water away for a few hours including treats until the stomach can settle. An alternative to dog food and treats when your Boston has an upset stomach is steamed white rice with cooked ground beef. If vomiting continue for more than 24 hours consult your vet.
- Fleece is a great material for bedding as it is nice and warm plus it catches all your Boston's hair.
- Plastic feeding and water bowls are not recommended as they hold in bacteria. Consider ceramic or metal bowls.
- Bostons are light eaters and an active breed. MABTR free feeds, leaving food available for them at all times.
- Shampoo with Oatmeal is great for your Boston's coat and skin. Every four weeks is frequent enough.
 - Bathing your Boston is recommended. Do not forget to also give him clean bedding and a clean harness/collar to wear as well. These items can be placed in the washer with your towels. All their toys are also washable in the dishwasher or washing machine.
 - Remember to clean your Boston's eyes daily from tears and debris. You do not want to cause an infection in between his skin folds. Cleaning under his/her tail is also important as well as wiping out the ears from air dust.
- Before giving your Boston a treat have your Boston complete a command. You should state your Boston's name before each command. Your Boston only wants to please you so ask them to do something to earn their treat.
 - When working with your Boston on commands/obedience it is recommended to have a different treat for each area. (I.e. a treat for kennel up, a treat for potty, a treat for sit.)
- Bostons love to sunbathe. You will find your Boston searching throughout the house for the sunlight.
- Bostons are very active dogs. Playtime with other dogs is a great way for your Boston to release energy and work on his/her socialization skills. Watching dogs play together is very entertaining.
- Heartworm preventative, Interceptor or Sentinal (includes flea control), by Novartis is recommended all year round.
- If your Boston has redness on his/her skin the first step is giving them a cool bath in case they got into anything. Then monitor. It is possible that your Boston had an allergic reaction to something. One, 25 mg, Benadryl twice a day may solve the problem if not speak to your vet.
- A great cleaning solution for dog accidents is Spot Shot. Remember to shake the bottle before spraying and use only white paper towels or white rags. For Stains use Oxy Clean diluted in water.
- Pet Insurance should be researched prior to investing in it. MABTR does not have insurance on their rescue dogs nor their personal dogs. If you want to have a health plan for your Boston you may want to consider Banfield's health plans. Banfield's Vet Clinics are located in PetSmart Pet Stores. They provide health plans that include free visits, annually preventative and shots. Definitely something to look into. Tell them that MidAmerica Boston Terrier Rescue referred you.
- Bostons are not outdoor dogs and cannot be left outside unattended while you are away from home.

Never hesitate to contact MABTR with any questions or concerns regarding your Boston.
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