



ANIMAL WELFARE JUDGING AND ASSESSMENT CONTEST 2016

Purebred Dog Scenario



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The Dogs

GREAT PYRENEES

Roo, 6 yo female, spayed, 85 lbs



ENGLISH BULLDOG

Max, 6 yo male, neutered, 50 lbs



Background: Breed Characteristics

Great Pyrenees

- Guard dog from the Pyrenees Mountains
- Bred to work independently, and to guard a flock and territory
- Livestock & ranch guard, family dog
- Calm, gentle, and docile demeanor
- Willful and stubborn
- Wanders if unfenced
- Known barkers
- Does not excel at obedience
- Large, hairy dogs that may drool

English Bulldog

- Originally bred in England as the butcher's dog
- Reconfigured in the 1800s as a companion dog & bred today as a companion/family dog
- Calm, courageous, and friendly
- Requires little exercise and does not require a yard, making them "fine apartment pets"
- People oriented and seeks human attention.
- Medium sized, thick bodied, short coated dogs that may drool & snore

Dog Origins

GREAT PYRENEES

- Parents = Ranch dogs, AKC registered
 - Parents' hips x-rayed
 - Dam's vaccinations up to date
- Planned natural breeding
 - Owners planned to keep 2 pups and sell others
- 7 puppies born unassisted in a whelping box in barn
 - All pups breathed, moved & vocalized within 2 min

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Parents = Show dogs, AKC champions
 - No x-rays of parents
 - Dam's vaccinations up to date & tested for Brucella
- Planned artificial breeding
 - All pups sold before birth
- 4 puppies born by planned Caesarian section at clinic
 - All pups breathed within 2 min
 - 3 of 4 moved & vocalized within 2 min

Puppy Life (first 8 weeks)

GREAT PYRENEES

- Puppies socialized to family, limited exposure to livestock
- Vaccinated at 6 wk by breeder
- Purchased by a family based on pictures and emails
- Transported at 9 wk via 5 h non-stop flight from Montana
 - Prior to transport, vet examined pup and issued health certificate
 - Hesitated when crate was opened before walking cautiously out, wagging tail slowly in low position

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Puppies socialized to humans by breeder, family, & friends
- Puppy wellness examination & vaccination by vet at 7 wk
- Purchased by a couple after seeing the dam at a dog show
- Picked up by owners at 9 wk
 - Transported by car in a small crate in backseat
 - Bounced out of crate, wagging tail and trying to lick couple

Living Situation

GREAT PYRENEES

- Family lives on 45 acre horse farm in northern Wisconsin
 - 20 acres are fenced
 - Groomed trails and a pond on other 25 acres
- Parents & 3 teenagers
 - Roo is considered oldest daughter's dog, but all family interact with her
 - Daughter does most feeding & daily care

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Family lives in a 2-bedroom apartment in Boston
 - Apartment is one flight above the book store they own and work in
 - Small fenced park used by apartment residents' dogs
- Couple in early 40s with no children
 - They equally share responsibilities for daily care

First Year

GREAT PYRENEES

- Examined by a veterinarian after arrival
 - Physical exam
 - 2nd set of vaccinations
 - Heartworm test
- Family started taking puppy with them around farm and sometimes to town

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Examined by a veterinarian after arrival
 - Physical exam with special attention to lungs and heart
 - 2nd set of vaccinations
 - Fecal sample examined
 - Heartworm test
- Attended puppy socialization class after 2nd set of vaccines
- Started going to work with couple

Training

GREAT PYRENEES

- Trained in basic commands by family, mostly daughter
 - Mix of positive reinforcement (verbal & food) and physical correction with leash
 - Knows: sit, down, wait, paw, up (jumps in truck), and “cookie” (used for recall)
 - Responds ~70% of time
- Pulls on leash when walked with flat collar

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Attended 2 obedience classes (puppy & basic) following socialization class
 - Positive reinforcement (food)
 - Knows: sit, down, watch, stay, potty, touch (hand), stop (before stairs or at curb), and “who is handsome? (cocks head)” and “play dead”
 - Responds >90% of time
- Walks well on harness and leash

Daily Life

GREAT PYRENEES

- Free access to fenced in 20 acres via dog door
 - Access to the kitchen and mud room in the house
- Spends most of day outside in all kinds of weather
 - Mostly lying down, observing “her territory”
 - Walks the perimeter 2 or more times daily (at will)
- Sleeps indoors by the front door or in daughter’s room

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Spends days in the book store and nights in the apartment
- Spends most of day inside on one of his dog beds
 - Given a Kong with peanut butter smeared inside (1-2 per day)
 - Gets up to go greet customers, sometimes follows staff as they restock
- Sleeps in bed with owners
 - Bed has ramp for the dog

Outdoor Activity



GREAT PYRENEES

- May follow the family as they walk or ride around farm and on the trails
 - Roo goes along ~half the time
- Rests on shade in porch or in dirt by barn when hot
 - Looks for muddy patches to lie in on really hot days



ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Leash walked 1 to 2 blocks
 - 2 to 3 times per day
- Wears a coat in cold or rainy weather
- Walked outside sparingly in hot humid weather
 - Kept in air-conditioned store & apartment
 - Wheezes when walked in hot humid weather

Other Activities



GREAT PYRENEES

- Rides loose in the covered back of the 4x4 pickup
 - Jumps into and out of truck on own off leash
- Off leash on family property
- About 1x a year, Roo gets out of the fence
 - Family drives and rides around calling for her



ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Rides in the back seat of a Mini Cooper
 - A seat belt is attached to his harness
 - Helped into and out of car
 - Never off leash around car
- Goes to apartment park once a day for 20-30 min
- Never off leash except indoors and in fenced park

Socialization

GREAT PYRENEES

- Interacts daily with all family members in kitchen, barn or around farm
- Has access to horses on pasture
 - Does not chase or approach
- Watches birds and wildlife
 - Does not chase them
- No other pets
- Barks and growls when neighbors walk by with dogs

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Interacts with owners, shop keepers, book store clients, and familiar people on walks
- Sees other apartment dogs in little park while off leash
 - Plays and investigates with 2 dogs, avoids 1 dog
- Elderly indoor cat lives in the apartment
 - Occasionally curl up together in one of Max's beds
 - Sit side by side to wait for treats

Veterinary Care

GREAT PYRENEES

- Spayed at 12 months
- Visits vet as needed to keep vaccinations up to date
- Monthly topical heartworm preventive (also protects against internal parasites, mites, fleas & ticks)
- Successful surgery for Osteochondritis of right shoulder at 15 months
- No hip dysplasia issues
- Recurring ear infections

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Neutered at 4 months
- Annual wellness exam
- Annual heartworm test
 - Monthly chewable ivermectin preventive (also protects against internal parasites)
- Vaccinated every 3 years per DVM recommendation
 - no Lyme vaccine
- Skin infection at 14 months, successfully treated with antibiotics

Nutrition

GREAT PYRENEES

- Fed in the house 2 x daily – dry, generic dog food
- Access to water bowls inside and outside
 - Bowls cleaned weekly, checked and refilled daily
- Rewarded with Milk Bone large dog biscuits
- BCS 4.0 (with 5 ideal)

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Fed 3 x daily – combination of dry and moist premium food
- 24/7 access to water in shop and apartment
 - Bowls cleaned and refilled daily
- Rewarded with specialty dog treats from local shop
- BCS 5.5 (with 5 ideal)



Grooming



GREAT PYRENEES

- Double coat is brushed every week with wire brush
 - Small patches of hair loss, and Roo scratches a lot
- Bathed annually or as needed (i.e., after she rolls in horse manure)
- Nails (including double dew claws) trimmed 6x/year

ENGLISH BULLDOG

- Groomed daily with a grooming glove
 - Shiny coat, no dry skin
- Facial folds cleaned and dried weekly
 - Prior skin infection was noticed during cleaning
- Bathed every 4 mo
- Nails checked daily, trimmed as needed