The Boxer breed was first established in Germany between 1890 and 1900.

How the Boxer got his name has never been determined.

But there are several theories on the origin of this popular pet's moniker.

Some authorities believe the term is a corruption of the word "beiszer," which means "biter," since the breed was once used in the sport of bull baiting or bull baiting.

Others say that "boxer," the name of an extinct breed, was the basis for Boxer.

But, however he came to be known as Boxer, matters little, for he is one of the top ten most popular breeds in America.

Still another idea is that some of these dogs seem to spar with the front feet in fighting, and thus earned the title.

During World War II, the Boxer was put into service with the K-9 corps, and showed himself to be a real trooper.