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Dog Facts – The Bouvier des Flandres

They don't build 'em like this anymore. Burly and barrel-chested, the tousle-coated dog of Flandres is from a time and place where a dog had to work like, well, a dog. These smart and steady all-purpose workers make excellent watchdogs. Standing as high as 27.5 inches, with heavy bone and powerful muscles beneath a weatherproof coat, and an impressive head accented by beard and mustache, Bouviers can do anything that needs doing in a barnyard or pasture except milk the cows. And yet, Bouviers are more than just farm equipment. Their sterling character, huge heart, and keen intelligence endear them to dog lovers the world over. The Bouvier work ethic must be accommodated, and happily the breed's versatility allows them to do myriad tasks. Bouviers are excellent watchdogs and guardians, and eager participants in dog sports, especially herding trials. These strong-willed dogs do best with owners who can devote ample time and space to a top-of-the-line working dog.



Why Does My Dog Nibble Me?

Does your dog have a habit of nibbling on you? Or perhaps they nibble on blankets and other animals. It's called cobbing, and although it's a bit weird to us, it's usually considered an affectionate behavior.

There's also a few less common causes for nibbling, such as separation anxiety or boredom, but for the most part it's a relatively harmless habit that many dog owners find endearing.

Why Do Dogs Nibble?

Nibbling, also called cobbing or corn cobbing, is when your dog gently nibbles on you (or another object or animal) with their front teeth. Dogs often nibble on things that bring them comfort, such as you or their favorite blanket, as a way to get closer to the object in their own special way.

Dogs Nibble to Show Affection

The most common reason dogs nibble you is to show affection, and you'll often see mother dogs nibbling their pups. Nibbling is a form of grooming, and it's a way for dogs to show affection with us or other animals.

Because They're Bored or Anxious

If your dog is obsessively nibbling or chewing things it could be out of boredom or anxiety, from either a lack of physical or mental exercise.

What to Do If You Don't Want Your Dog Nibbling on Certain Objects

If your dog has been nibbling on a certain blanket and you'd like them to stop the best way is to use redirection. Whenever they go for the blanket simply hand them an appropriate chew toy instead, and praise them when they redirect their attention onto it.

It might take a little while, but with positive reinforcement your dog will learn to go towards the chew toy for that extra praise.

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