

Canine degenerative myelopathy is a progressive disease of the spinal cord in generally older dogs. The disease has an insidious onset typically between 7 and 14 years of age. It begins with a loss of coordination (ataxia) in the hind limbs. Since April 2012 the mutated gene responsible for DM has been found present in 115 breeds including German Shepherds, Boxers, Wire Fox Terriers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and both breeds of Welsh Corgis. The disease is chronic and progressive, and resulting in paralysis. Only 17% of Boxers tested are known to be clear.

The breeders listed below are actively working on increasing the number of DM clear dogs while keeping other health risks, the Boxer standard, and temperament in mind for their breeding programs. This list is to help guide you to a DM conscious breeder that fits your specific desires in your next Boxer or breeding program. It is important to note that this is not an exhaustive list of breeders with DM clear dogs but rather a list of those breeders that consider the genetic outcome in their breeding programs. It is up to you to discuss the specifics of a dog in which you may be interested. It is still recommended that you confirm the test results of the parents/puppy with the Orthopedic Foundation For Animals [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org).

This will not be an overnight process to breed out but with education about the health risk of DM and many others that plague the beautiful Boxer breed, we can begin our journey forward to a healthier Boxer.

This link is for the Stud Dog Resource page, which lists stud dogs and the health tests performed on them.

[http://home.lightspeed.net/~bixl/stud\\_dog\\_resource\\_page.htm](http://home.lightspeed.net/~bixl/stud_dog_resource_page.htm).

### DM Conscious Boxer Breeder List

Kennel Name	State	Web Site	Email
Strawberry Boxers	AZ	<a href="http://www.strawberryboxers.com">www.strawberryboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:bjvoran@gmail.com">bjvoran@gmail.com</a>
Ardenvale Boxers	CA	<a href="http://www.ardenvaleboxers.com">www.ardenvaleboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:wyterayven@gmail.com">wyterayven@gmail.com</a>
Brystalle Boxers	CA	<a href="http://mysite.verizon.net/respoh02/brystalleboxers222/">http://mysite.verizon.net/respoh02/brystalleboxers222/</a>	<a href="mailto:brystalleboxers@verizon.net">brystalleboxers@verizon.net</a>
Bavaria's Boxers	IL	<a href="http://www.bavariasboxers.com">www.bavariasboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:veraboxers@aol.com">veraboxers@aol.com</a>
Brush Hill Boxers	MA	<a href="http://www.boxers.net">www.boxers.net</a>	<a href="mailto:ellenbradley@boxers.net">ellenbradley@boxers.net</a>
Minstrel Boxers	MD	<a href="http://www.minstrelboxers.com">www.minstrelboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:boxerkate@atlanticbb.net">boxerkate@atlanticbb.net</a>
Saywin Boxers	MI	<a href="http://www.saywinboxers.com">www.saywinboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:saywinboxers@aol.com">saywinboxers@aol.com</a>
Indigo Boxers	MN	<a href="http://www.indigoboxersndanes.com">www.indigoboxersndanes.com</a>	<a href="mailto:boxermom01@comcast.net">boxermom01@comcast.net</a>
Nastinan Boxers	NY	<a href="http://www.nastinan.com">www.nastinan.com</a>	<a href="mailto:buffalogal89@gmail.com">buffalogal89@gmail.com</a>
	OH		<a href="mailto:sasjul69@aol.com">sasjul69@aol.com</a>
Sarkel Boxers	OK	<a href="http://www.sarkelboxers.com">www.sarkelboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:SARKELBX@aol.com">SARKELBX@aol.com</a>
Winmere Boxers	OK	<a href="http://www.winmereboxers.com">www.winmereboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:tgarton@ix.netcom.com">tgarton@ix.netcom.com</a>
Shaddai Kennels	PA	<a href="http://www.shaddaikennels.com">www.shaddaikennels.com</a>	<a href="mailto:ml.watkins@shaddaikennels.com">ml.watkins@shaddaikennels.com</a>
New Hope Boxers	PA	Coming soon	<a href="mailto:deniseawilliams25@verizon.net">deniseawilliams25@verizon.net</a>
Epitome Boxers	TN	<a href="http://www.epitomeboxers.com">www.epitomeboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:epitomeboxers@gmail.com">epitomeboxers@gmail.com</a>
Gentry Boxers	TX	<a href="http://www.gentryboxers.com">www.gentryboxers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:paula@gentryboxers.com">paula@gentryboxers.com</a>

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