

Founding a Kennel, by Eva Weatherill
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I have on many occasions been asked how to set about founding a successful strain of Bull Terriers. In my opinion, you must start with as good a bitch as you can afford and she must come from a successful line. Ask for advice in selecting her and accept that advice – providing you have sought the help of a *successful* breeder. If she is by a top-class sire out of a top-class bitch you should mate her to the best half-brother available. This method has produced countless great ones. Remember however, you must be using good animals and not pairing them off just because they are half brother and sister. They must *not* carry identical faults. Having got some good animals from this mating you can then look around and use them to the best available carrying their bloodlines but not their faults. If later you find you keep reproducing some grave fault and feel the need to outcross you must be careful not to go right away from your line, and having done your outcross, and one hopes successfully ie by not reproducing the fault or faults you need to discard – then you *must* go back into your original line, or you will lose the type you have established.