



BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Position Statement

BULLDOGS ARE A HEALTHY BREED

It is a myth that the Bulldog is inherently unhealthy by virtue of its conformation. Good breeders use healthy dogs in their breeding programs. This has been proven time and again by Bulldogs excelling in performance and conformation events and passing various health clearances.

Anyone who breeds dogs has to make informed decisions to prevent health issues in their lines, regardless of whether they are pure-bred or mixed breeds. Until genetic tests are developed to identify inherited health issues, only an in-depth knowledge of the lines involved can provide guidance to produce healthy dogs. The puppy buyer's best chance of getting a healthy dog is to buy from a breeder who is a member of a national breed club, like the Bulldog Club of America, and who tests their dogs for health issues as recommended by their breed club before using them for breeding.

This is one of the reasons the BCA encourages participation in the AKC's Breeder of Merit program. Breeders who can call themselves "Breeders of Merit" certify, among other things, that health screens (as prescribed by each breed's parent club) are performed on the dogs that they use for breeding.