



THE BULLDOG CLUB OF  
AMERICA

The Purposes of the BCA are:

- To maintain a standard of excellence for the guidance of breeders, owners, and judges
- To improve the breed through encouragement of effort directed toward approach to, or attainment of, the degree of excellence set forth in the standard of the bulldog breed.
- To stimulate interest in competitive public showings of bulldogs.
- To further the interests of the Breed.
- To work for the general good of breeders, owners, and exhibitors of bulldogs.

For a list of Bulldog Club of America

Member Clubs in your area Contact:

[www.thebca.org](http://www.thebca.org)

PUP QUICK REFERENCE

Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Recommendation:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sire Reg.# \_\_\_\_\_

Dam Reg.# \_\_\_\_\_

Diet \_\_\_\_\_

Feeding schedule \_\_\_\_\_ X Day

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Bulldog Puppies

*Care and maintenance for  
your new Bulldog puppy*

**Helpful hints to protect  
your bulldog pup**



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# YOUR BREEDER

There is nothing that compares with good mentoring from a qualified breeder. You may have just recently met your new pup, but your breeder has been with that baby from day one. The breeder is aware of any situations that the pup may have undergone in development. In addition; your breeder also has experience with at least one of your pup's parents. No one is more qualified to tell you what is normal for your puppy. Your Breeder should be your first call for help and advice. Please exercise caution in soliciting medical advice from On-line bulldog groups.



# VETERINARIAN CARE

You will want to find a qualified veterinarian BEFORE bringing the pup home. Good breeders will require you to have a "well-baby check up" by your vet soon after the pup's arrival at your home. If you do not know a Bulldog veterinarian in your area; ask your breeder .

The Bulldog Club of America is a national organization. A member of BCA should have no problem contacting a member in your area for a Vet recommendation.. Bulldogs are a brachycephalic breed. It is best to have a veterinarian with experience in their care, especially for future surgical procedures like a spay or neuter.

On your first vet visit take along the puppy's immunization record, any worming information and a stool sample (in a Ziploc bag will be fine)

Do NOT set your bully pup down on the floor at the vet office and do not let other pets or people in the office approach and/or touch the pup. Many are there because they are sick and have yet to see the vet for diagnosis.

# DIET

Your breeder will give you feeding instructions including feeding times, quantity, and the diet the pup has been on. It is wise NOT to make sudden changes in diet. For the first couple weeks change nothing. The pup is stressed enough by moving away from it's siblings, possible travel to it's new home, all the excitement of a new environment and new people.

Puppy stress can often cause diarrhea...do not compound the problem and cloud the issue for the vet by a dietary change too soon. A little canned pumpkin added to the pups food will help with stress diarrhea. After a couple weeks when the pup is settled in, if you wish to change diets; do so gradually. Add some of the new food in with the old...slowly increasing the amount of the new diet until the change is complete.



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# SOCIALIZATION



You have a beautiful baby and you want to share it with the world...but wait! Your puppies immune system is under construction! For now, you need to protect that baby. It is not quite time to go to puppy parks, pets stores, meet-up groups or to take your pup to your friend's and family to introduce him/her to their pets. As hard as it might be, you will also need to limit people with pets from coming to visit. You should wait at least a month after your pups last puppy shot before risking exposure.

Use the time to teach your pup to bond to you, to listen to you, and a few basic puppy manners. Then when it is safe they will be a welcome guest wherever they go.

After the pup is ready for the world, puppy classes are an excellent way to allow the pup to interact with other dogs, while in a safe and controlled environment.

Consider joining a breed club in your area. For a list of BCA clubs go to [www.thebca.org](http://www.thebca.org) There you will meet other bulldoggers and have the opportunity to participate in events and activities with people who love the Bulldog as much as you!