

IS THE BULLDOG RIGHT FOR YOU

The purebred dog world is made up of a vast collection of breeds. Hundreds of dogs of all different sizes, behaviors and abilities. Purebreds are “predictable”. This predictability is beneficial when choosing the ideal dog to match your lifestyle.

The Bulldog is a brachycephalic breed, they are bred for short bursts of speed and not endurance. They are also a short coated breed so care must be taken in extreme temperatures.

The Bulldog Standard is a guide for preservation breeders to seek perfection in health, temperament and conformation. As with most breeds, there can be a possibility of underlying health conditions that could appear in the breed. That is why it is important to find a breeder that is careful when selecting dogs for breeding. Virtually every health related concern of the Bulldog can be eliminated through proper care and thoughtful breeding practices by following the written standard. It is highly recommended to find a veterinarian knowledgeable with your purebred dogs unique characteristics and needs. It is best to use a veterinarian recommended by your breeder as one that has adequate “Bulldog experience”.

In addition to his normal bath, a Bulldog's toenails will require routine trimming and his ears and wrinkles routine cleaning. Although the Bulldog is short haired they do shed.

As with any dog, always provide your Bulldog with clean water and correct nutritious diet.

FOR A LIST OF BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBER CLUBS IN YOUR AREA CONTACT: **BULLDOGCLUBOFAMERICA.ORG**

If you would like a list of breeders who have been members of BCA for a minimum of three years and have agreed to comply with a strict code of ethics contact:
BCA Breeder Referral

Another option for those who love the breed and have a generous heart is to contact the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network at:
www.rescuebulldogs.org

THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

The Bulldog Club of America was established in 1890 to promote the Bulldog breed and assist owners, breeders and exhibitors of Bulldogs as well as the public by providing educational information and exhibition opportunities. BCA is a member of the American Kennel Club.

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For those who have a new Bulldog

or those considering one

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BUYING A BULLDOG PUPPY

Buying a Bulldog puppy should be done with care and not on the spur of the moment. Take time to research.

Only buy from an ethical breeder with a good reputation. The breeder should be willing to mentor you as the puppy matures.

If you wish to show your pup, visit dog shows in your area talk to breeders, do your homework and never buy a “show quality pup” from someone who doesn’t show.

It is very costly to breed and raise a litter of Bulldog pups. Progesterone testing, stud fees, small litter size, care of the mother and pups are only some of the expenses a breeder can incur.

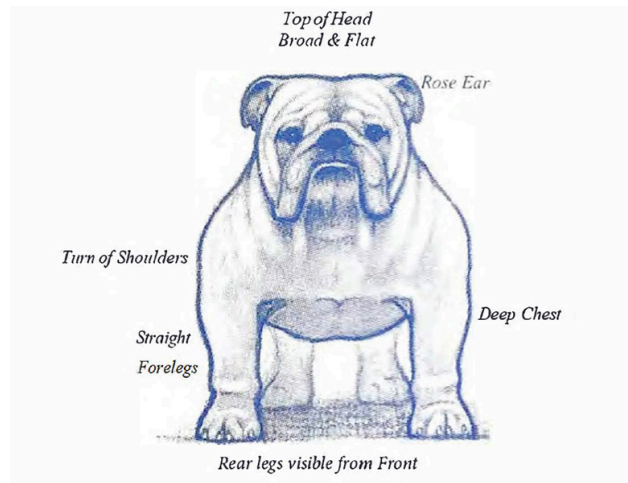
When you buy your puppy, you should get a sales contract and a receipt for your payment, a copy of the puppy’s 3 generation pedigree, a copy of his medical records and his American Kennel Club (AKC) registration application or the actual signed AKC registration certificate. A puppy should be at least 8 weeks old and weaned, wormed and have at least its first set of immunization shots.

It is not uncommon for a breeder to sell a “pet puppy” with “AKC limited registration” and a spay/ neuter contract.

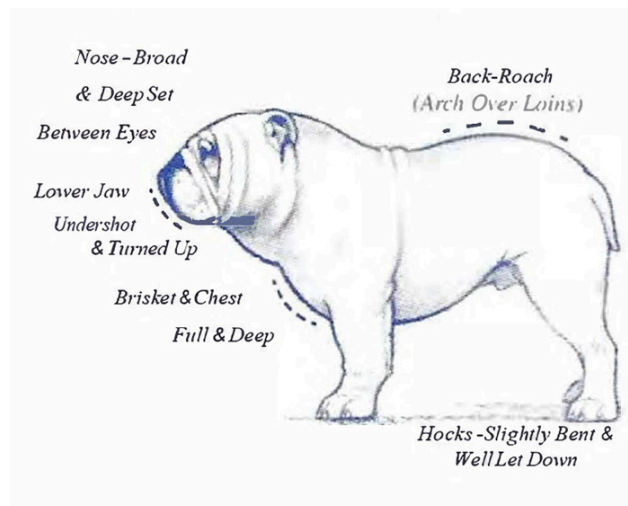
Plan a visit to a vet immediately for a “well baby check up” to insure the health of your new pup.”



KEY ATTRIBUTES OF BULLDOG CONFORMATION



Being more narrow in the rear; when the Bulldog is viewed from the front, the rear legs should be visible between the front legs.



From the ground to elbow is approximately half the height of the Bulldog at the withers.

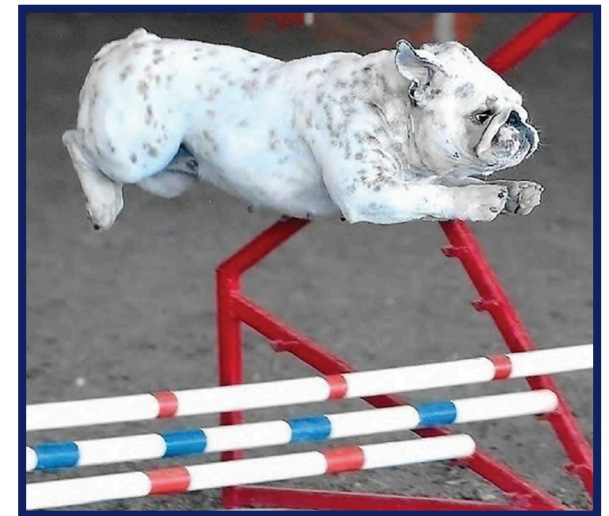
Proportion and Symmetry - Balance between all parts so that each feature bears good relationship with all other features.

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TEMPERAMENT

Bulldogs today are known for being excellent family companions. They are bred to have a kind equable disposition with a pacific and dignified demeanor. They are not good watch dogs although their looks alone tend to deter any potential intruder.

The Bulldog is a docile even-tempered animal, but he must be taught proper behavior. Attending puppy training classes will help your pup to become socialized and have good manners. A Bulldog does best in a loving environment, free from fear and neglect. A crate is a good option when a pup must be left alone. It is a source of protection and security but should be used for short periods; No dog can be left in a crate all day. A crate can also prove useful when potty-training a pup through the night. Bulldogs do need moderate exercise to keep them happy, build stamina and prevent obesity.



There are many activities your Bulldog can participate in besides conformation shows; even a dog originally bought to be a family pet can be successful in Rally, Obedience, Agility and Tracking. The Bulldog is a competent and intelligent dog and is very social. Attending classes and shows will be rewarding for both you and your dog.