

— Bulldogger Designer Ad Tips —

1. **USE A PROFESSIONAL.** We recommend the use of a professional Graphic Designer for these ads.
2. **HEADLINE.** The headline is an important part of the ad, as it's the first thing that will be read. It needs to be crisp, attractive, and to the point.
3. **DESIGN.** Keep the focus of your ad on the dog. Choose typefaces and graphics that are readable and reflect the tone of your ad, whether classic and sophisticated or funky and trendy. Stay inside the ½ in margins.
4. **TYPE.** Use fonts to create visual hierarchy. Use no more than 3 well contrasting typefaces. Use no smaller than 9pt type for body copy. Only use readable fonts.
5. **SPACE.** Use black and white space effectively. Too much clutter will repel the reader. Follow the ad size illustration for proper use of space around your ad.
6. **PROOF.** Proofread your ad. Even though it may seem easy to proofread such a small set of type, errors happen. Have someone else review your ad also.
7. **CONTRAST.** In photos, try to make sure there is adequate color contrast between the background and the subject. **Shy away from dark and busy backgrounds.**
8. **PHOTOS.** Only use high resolution images – 300ppi or higher. Purchase digital image from photographer if using in an ad for best quality. **No low resolution cell phone or ipad photos!** If you must scan a photo, scan at a minimum of 300ppi.
9. **FILE FORMAT.** Acceptable file formats for submission are PDF and JPEG.
10. **FILE NAME.** When naming your photo or ad file always use this naming convention: last name, initial of first name - ad number - publication month (two digits), year (two digits). Example: DoeJ-1-0326.pdf

BLEED SIZE

(Outer Blue Area)

Bleed: 8.75"x 5.75"

Bring images/ background
out 1/8" longer on all
sides of the ad.

TRIM SIZE

(White Area)

Trim: 8.5"x 5.5"

Actual ad size.

SAFETY

(Dashed Lines)

Keep text in 1/2" from the
trim size on full page ad.

Bulldogger Deadlines:

March 1, 2026 for spring issue

June 1, 2026 for summer issue

Dec. 1, 2026 for winter issue

* Careful attention must be paid to the proper creation of PDF files to ensure that they will reproduce correctly. Choose "Press Quality" in your job options when creating high resolution PDFs. The original files that you are making the PDF from should also be high resolution. Make sure images are CMYK and 300 dpi resolution and all fonts are loaded and embedded. Ads should be created in correct ad size dimensions. We will not be held responsible, nor issue any make-goods for ads that do not follow these guidelines.