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Bulldog Club of America



HEALTH TESTING

There are three required tests for bulldogs through the [Orthopedic Foundation for Animals \(OFA\)](#) to receive a CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) number. These three exams include: patellar luxation, cardiac evaluation and tracheal hypoplasia. These tests, and others recommended for bulldogs play a vital role in showing that bulldogs are a healthy breed..

- **Patellar Luxation** is the amount of movement in a dog's knee joint. It is assessed with a gentle exam by a veterinarian while the dog is awake.
- **Cardiac evaluation** could mean a congenital exam, basic exam or advanced examination. There are two methods: auscultation (listening with a stethoscope) or echocardiograms (ultrasound imaging). The purpose of cardiac testing is just what you would guess: to identify any signs of cardiac disease.
- **Tracheal hypoplasia** is the width of a dog's windpipe; as assessed via an x-ray and measured by an OFA veterinarian. This tells us if the dog is at risk for any breathing difficulties at their airway.



"EXOTIC" BULLDOGS

Many "exotic" bulldogs you see online are not Bulldogs at all—they fall outside the breed's established standard and are typically the result of crossbreeding for exaggerated, "unique" traits. The Bulldog standard exists for a reason: it defines specific colors, structure, and proportions that have been proven over time to support stability and overall health. When breeders chase novelty through rare colors or altered body types, they abandon the very blueprint designed to protect the breed. True Bulldogs are bred to a standard that prioritizes health, temperament, and structure.



REHOMING

Rehoming a dog is often misunderstood as failure, when in reality it can be a thoughtful and responsible decision. Life changes, and sometimes a dog's needs no longer match a household's circumstances. Dogs measure care by whether their needs are met—not by whether a home is permanent. Choosing what is best for the dog is an act of responsibility, not abandonment.

Signs that a dog may need a different environment can include ongoing stress or anxiety, conflict with children or other pets, medical or behavioral needs beyond a family's capacity, or major life changes such as illness or housing restrictions. Not every challenge requires rehoming, but recognizing when an environment isn't working allows owners to seek help before situations worsen.

There is no shame in asking for guidance. Responsible rehoming—through trusted rescues, veterinarians, or ethical breeders—gives dogs the opportunity to thrive in a setting better suited to them. Putting a dog's welfare first, even when it's hard, is a meaningful expression of love.



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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN

Bulldog owners should come prepared to ask their veterinarian questions that help them understand and support the unique health needs of the breed, especially those tied to responsible, evidence-based breeding.

- Consider asking your vet how to monitor common bulldog concerns such as respiratory function, joint development, skin integrity, eye health, and proper weight management.
- It is also helpful to ask what screenings or preventive measures are recommended for maintaining a healthy dog.
- Additionally, discuss appropriate exercise routines and nutrition plans—areas shown to significantly influence long-term health in well-bred bulldogs.

These targeted questions empower you to make informed decisions and partner effectively with your veterinarian to support your bulldog's lifelong well-being



JOIN THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Bulldog Club of America membership provides you with the latest updates on breed health, the [National Standard](#), a subscription to The Bulldogger (BCA's official publication), and national and local [activities](#). Membership dues are \$40 per domestic member. Canada and Mexico are \$60. Other Foreign members are \$80.

To Join:

- Access the [application](#) on our website (online or PDF).
- Partner with a sponsor - we will help you connect with one.
- Send your completed application

FINDING A BULLDOG

Looking for a bulldog? Check out the [BCA Marketplace](#) on our website to see breeders and available pups. Our [Bulldog Rescue Network](#) is another great place to find a dog for your family. You have a choice when choosing a new dog for your family. We hope you will choose a breeder who is a member of the BCA.



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CONFORMATION SPECIALTY SHOWS

Show Host	Dates	Location
Southwest Oregon Bulldog Club	April 2-3	Albany, OR
Western Michigan Bulldog Club	April 3-5	Kalamazoo, MI
Bulldog Club of Metropolitan Atlanta BCA Division VIII	April 10-12	Perry, GA
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club BCA Division III	April 10-12	Anaheim, CA
Buckeye Bulldog Club	April 17-18	Dayton, OH
Chesapeake Bulldog Club of Greater Baltimore	April 17-19	Timonium, MD
Bulldog Club of Denver BCA Division IV	April 24-26	Aurora, CO
Bulldog Club of Utah BCA Division V	April 29	South Jordan, UT



BARN HUNTING

April Barn Hunting events are happening in:

- Bakersfield, CA
- Lone, CA
- Jamul, CA
- Castle Rock, CO
- Strasburg, CO
- Crestview, FL
- Tampa, FL
- Lawrenceville, GA
- Elmhurst, IL
- Shelbyville, IN
- Frankfort, KY
- Howell, MI
- Saint Paul, MN
- Omaha, NE
- Trenton, NJ
- Central Square, NY
- Cadiz, OH
- Dayton, OH
- Bulverde, TX
- McKinnley, TX
- Harrisburg, VA
- Auburn, WA
- Slinger, WI

<https://www.barnhunt.com/index.html>

AGILITY

The American Kennel Club lists more than 400 approved agility events taking place in April. Visit akc.org to find an event happening near you!

DOCK DIVING



North American Diving Dogs events in April:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- California
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Texas

<https://northamericandivingdogs.com>