

BULLDOG PUPPIES



Care and maintenance for your new bulldog puppy

CALL NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

VET NAME / CLINIC: _____ PHONE: _____

SIRE REG. # _____ DAM REG. # _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

ABOUT THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

The Bulldog Club of America (BCA) was founded in 1890 and continues to provide support, education, and advocacy for the bulldog breed. Its purposes include:

- 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.

Consider joining a breed club in your area. For a list of BCA clubs, visit our website. 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!

No one knows bulldogs like the Bulldog Club of America!



www.bulldogclubofamerica.org

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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 bulldog puppy, but your breeder has been with that baby from day one. Your breeder has experience with at least one of your puppy'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 online bulldog groups, especially any groups that are not associated with the Bulldog Club of America (BCA).

VETERINARIAN CARE

Good breeders will require you to have a "well-baby check up" by your vet soon after the pup's arrival at your home. You will want to find a qualified veterinarian BEFORE bringing the puppy home. 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. If you do not know a veterinarian who is experienced treating bulldogs in your area; ask your breeder, or visit the BCA website. 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 bulldog puppy 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 your puppy has been on. It is wise NOT to make sudden changes in diet and instead keep it consistent for the first few weeks. The puppy is stressed enough by moving away from its siblings, possible travel to its new home, and 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. Hint: 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.

SOCIALIZATION

You have a beautiful baby and you want to share it with the world...but wait! Your puppy's immune system is under construction! For now, you need to protect that baby. It is not quite time to go to dog parks, pets stores, meet-up groups, or to take your pup to your friends and family to introduce him/her to their pets. It's important to limit people with pets from coming to visit. You should wait at least a month after your pup's last vaccine shot before risking exposure. Use the time to teach your pup to bond to you, to listen to you, and to learn 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.

