

# APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Bulldog Club of America



## PLANT SAFETY

Spring brings lush growth and colorful blooms, but several common seasonal plants can be harmful—or even toxic—to dogs if chewed or ingested. Bulldogs may also experience seasonal allergies triggered by pollen, grasses, or plant contact, which can cause itching, watery eyes, sneezing, or irritated skin. Some spring plants known to be dangerous to dogs include:

- Tulips
- Daffodils
- Azaleas
- Hyacinths
- Lilies (most varieties)
- Rhododendrons

If you notice increased scratching, paw licking, red or swollen eyes, hives, vomiting, or trouble breathing, contact your veterinarian promptly.

## 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: \$40 per domestic member. Canada and Mexico are \$60. Other foreign members are \$80.

To Join:

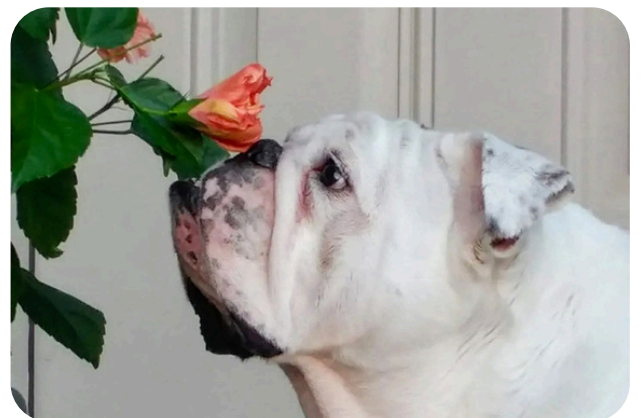
- Access the [application](#) on our website
- Partner with a sponsor - we will help you connect with someone local!
- Send your completed application



## STANDARD COLORS

Standard bulldog colors include red, fawn, fallow, and white—either solid, piebald, or in approved combinations—along with patterns, such as ticking or minimal white markings. These colors align with the breed standard and reflect the traditional genetics that help preserve the bulldog's hallmark appearance and overall breed integrity. Non-standard colors such as chocolate, lilac, blue, or merle, are not accepted because they arise from recessive or diluted genes that are outside the historical bulldog standard and can be linked to health or pigmentation concerns. While these colors may appear striking, they are not recognized in conformation and are discouraged by the BCA in order to maintain sound, healthy breeding practices and protect the long-term well-being of the breed.

[Click here](#) for the Official AKC Bulldog Breed Standard.



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## CONFORMATION SPECIALTY SHOWS

Show Host	Dates	Location
Illiana Bulldog Club	May 8-10	Rensselaer, IN
Bulldog Club of Pittsburgh	May 23-24	New Castle, PA
Chicago Bulldog Club	May 23-24	Bloomington, IL
Bulldog Club of Greenville	May 30	Fletcher, NC

### AGILITY



The American Kennel Club lists more than 400 approved agility events taking place in April. Visit [akc.org](https://www.akc.org) to find an event happening near you!

### BARN HUNTING

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

April Barn  
Hunting events  
are happening in:



- Bakersfield, CA
- Strasburg, CO
- Perry, GA
- Shelbyville, KY
- Saint Paul, MN
- Trenton, NJ
- Dayton, OH
- Albany, OR
- Erie, PA
- Rochester, PA
- Lubbock, TX
- Harrisonburg, VA
- ... and many other cities! Click the website to see the full event calendar

### DOCK DIVING

<https://northamericandivingdogs.com>

North American  
Diving Dogs events  
in April:



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



### Bulldog Club of America 2026 National Show

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
East Peoria Riverfront Hotel &  
Conference Center  
100 Conference Center Dr,  
East Peoria, IL 61611

#### Events include:

Division II Prequel show  
Obedience / Rally  
Sweepstakes  
Juniors

Chicago Bulldog Club show  
Western MI Bulldog Club show  
Milwaukee Bulldog Club Show  
Platinum VIP Party  
Portrait Reveal  
Bulldog of the Year  
Costume Contest  
Royal Court Game Night  
...and much, much more!

Visit [bulldognationals.org](https://bulldognationals.org) for more details on this event, to purchase exclusive merchandise, and for 50/50 raffle tickets!