

# JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

Bulldog Club of America



## LOSS OF A PET



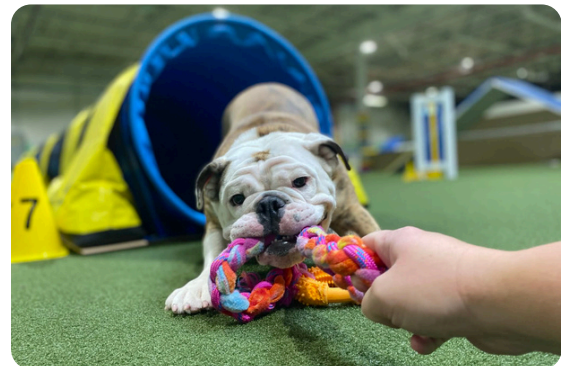
The loss of a beloved bulldog leaves an imprint on our hearts that words can never fully capture. While there is no single "right" way to cope, the following gentle reminders may help during this difficult time:

- Share memories and stories. Talking about your bulldog, looking through photos, or writing down favorite moments can be a meaningful way to honor their life.
- Release feelings of guilt. Many owners struggle with "what ifs," but remember that love, care, and devotion defined your bulldog's life.
- Be patient and gentle with yourself. Healing does not follow a timeline, and it's okay to take the time you need.
- Sharing stories with friends, family, or fellow bulldog lovers can help keep their spirit alive and remind you that you're not alone in your grief.
- Creating small rituals—like lighting a candle on special days or setting aside a keepsake—can also bring comfort and provide a quiet way to honor the love you shared.

The love you shared with your bulldog does not end with their passing—it remains a lasting part of who you are.

## PERFORMANCE

Bulldogs are proving every day that they are capable, enthusiastic participants in agility, obedience, rally, and other performance activities. These events highlight the breed's intelligence, athletic ability, and willingness to work—often surprising those who have never seen a bulldog in action. Whether earning entry-level titles or competing at more advanced levels, bulldogs consistently demonstrate their ability to learn, perform, and enjoy the challenge. Performance sports provide valuable mental stimulation and purposeful physical activity while strengthening the bond between dog and handler. From navigating agility courses to executing precise obedience exercises, bulldogs bring determination, personality, and heart to every run, heel, and course. These events not only celebrate individual accomplishments, but also showcase the versatility of the breed and strengthen our community by reminding us that bulldogs are an active and engaged breed.



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## BULLDOG HIATAL HERNIA



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Hiatal hernia is an important health concern in bulldogs and other brachycephalic breeds because it can contribute to chronic regurgitation, poor growth, airway stress, and aspiration pneumonia if overlooked. In bulldogs, the condition may be congenital or associated with brachycephalic airway disease, where increased breathing effort creates negative pressure that can worsen reflux and herniation.

*A hiatal hernia occurs when part of the stomach slips through the diaphragm into the chest.*

**Common signs** include regurgitation, vomiting, excessive salivation, poor appetite, coughing, exercise intolerance, and recurrent respiratory problems. **Diagnosis** may require imaging such as radiographs or videofluoroscopic swallow studies, and treatment can include feeding management, acid-reducing or motility medications, airway surgery in selected dogs, and sometimes hernia repair. **For breeders**, the key message is early recognition and responsible selection. Puppies or adults showing repeated regurgitation, unexplained poor weight gain, noisy breathing, or recurrent aspiration should be evaluated promptly by a veterinarian. Because affected bulldogs may have an inherited predisposition or concurrent airway abnormalities, dogs with confirmed hiatal hernia or significant related signs should be considered carefully in breeding decisions **in consultation with a veterinarian**.

To find a bulldog veterinarian, check out our [vet resource list](#) on the BCA website.



## JOIN OUR CLUB!

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

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## LINKS TO EVENTS

Whether you attend events as a participant or a sideline cheerleader, it's a great way to get involved with local breeders and owners. Click below to find an event near you!

[Conformation](#) - Bulldog Club of America

[National Show 2026](#) - Bulldog Club of America

Agility - [Lab Tested Online](#)

Obedience and Rally - [Info Dog](#)

[Barn Hunt Association](#)

Dock Diving - [North America Diving Dogs](#)

National Association of Canine Scent Work ([NACSW](#))



The countdown is on—the **2026 Bulldog Club of America National Show** is just a few months away! Now is the perfect time to start planning and make sure you're ready to enjoy everything this special event has to offer.

Be sure to visit the official Bulldog Nationals website and while you're there, don't miss the opportunity to purchase your **50/50 raffle tickets** for a chance to win big while supporting the event. You can also browse and order **exclusive merchandise** to show your Bulldog pride.

Planning your trip? Take advantage of the **discounted host hotel rates** before they're gone, and review the full show schedule so you don't miss any of the action. It's also a great time to get to know this year's **judges** by reading their bios and learning about their experience with the breed.

If you're looking for a way to further support the National Show, consider purchasing a **sponsorship package**—an excellent way to contribute.

**There's so much to look forward to!  
We can't wait to see you there!**