

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Bulldog Club of America



HEAT SAFETY

Summer is here and it's time for a quick reminder on keeping your bulldog safe in warmer temperatures.

- To help bulldogs stay cool during warm weather, **provide shade, fresh water**, and consider supervised playtime in a shallow kiddie pool—a fun and safe way to beat the heat.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a parked car, even for a few minutes. On an 80°F day, the temperature inside a car can rise above 120°F very quickly, and opened windows do not make it safe.
- Bulldogs can be vulnerable to heatstroke, which can lead to serious injury or death. **Signs of heatstroke** include heavy panting, drooling, rapid pulse, and fever. If heatstroke is suspected, begin cooling immediately with cool (not cold) water and seek emergency veterinary care.



BUGS

Warmer weather brings increased exposure to insects, parasites, and preventable health risks. Bulldogs may be especially sensitive to insect bites and stings. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger if present and closely monitor the area for signs of an allergic reaction. Multiple stings or any swelling, hives, or breathing difficulty require immediate veterinary care. Airway swelling can become life-threatening very quickly. It's wise to keep Benadryl™ on hand and contact your veterinarian for proper dosing instructions prior to transport if a reaction occurs. Spring and summer also mark peak season for **fleas and ticks**, which can cause serious skin problems and impact overall health. Talk with your veterinarian about appropriate prevention medications to protect your bulldog before infestations start. Heartworm disease is a common and potentially fatal condition that affects dogs nationwide. Bulldogs should receive a **heartworm test** every spring and remain on a veterinarian-recommended prevention program. Even if heartworm is uncommon where you live, travel to other regions can increase exposure. Check out the American Heartworm Society incidence map to see the impact near you. Your vet can help ensure your bulldog stays protected!



FIREWORKS

Fireworks and other loud celebrations can be frightening for dogs, whose hearing is far more sensitive than ours. Sudden booms, flashes, and vibrations may trigger stress, anxiety, or attempts to escape. To help keep dogs safe and comfortable, ensure they are indoors during fireworks, **provide a quiet and familiar space** to retreat to, and offer calm reassurance. Playing background noise, closing windows, and maintaining normal routines can also help reduce stress during noisy events.



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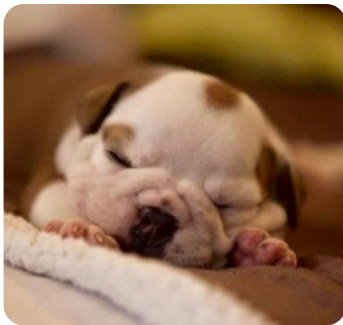
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KERATOCONJUNCTIVITIS SICCA

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Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, or **dry eye**, is a common and often frustrating problem in bulldogs. Because this breed has prominent eyes and reduced eyelid coverage, the surface of the eye can dry out more easily, leading to redness, thick discharge, irritation, and discomfort. In many dogs, the condition develops when tear production drops and the eye loses the moisture needed to protect and nourish the cornea. Early signs may be subtle, but without treatment, chronic inflammation can lead to pigmentation, scarring, and reduced vision. **Diagnosis** is typically confirmed with a Schirmer tear test, and treatment often includes tear-stimulating medications such as cyclosporine or tacrolimus along with lubricants and management of secondary infection. The good news is that most bulldogs respond well when the condition is recognized early, but long-term therapy is usually needed to keep the eyes comfortable and protect vision.



Bulldog Club of America Breeder Referral Network

The Bulldog Club of America's Bulldog Breeder Referral is offered to assist potential bulldog puppy owners find a breeder and making contact with BCA members in good standing who agree to follow **BCA's Breeder Code of Ethics**. The BCA Bulldog Breeder Referral program strongly recommends that all representations, promises, statements and guarantees made by either party be in writing and signed by both parties.

Bulldog Club of America BCA Marketplace

Your go-to destination for adorable bulldogs! We are reputable bulldog breeders offering AKC registered bulldogs. Whether you're looking to add a new furry family member or seeking a cute companion, our bulldogs are sure to steal your heart. Check them out today and let the bulldog love begin!

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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](#))



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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.

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