

# AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

Bulldog Club of America



## JUNIOR HANDLERS + YOUTH

Children have long been an important part of the dog show community, and today, the American Kennel Club continues to foster that connection through Junior Showmanship and youth-focused events. Designed for children ages 9 to 18, Junior Showmanship gives young handlers the opportunity to develop their skills in presenting and caring for dogs while learning sportsmanship and responsibility along the way.

What makes Junior Showmanship special is its focus on the child, not the dog. Judges evaluate how well a junior presents their dog, highlighting teamwork, confidence, and understanding of the breed. This creates an environment where young people can grow at their own pace, supported by mentors, families, and fellow exhibitors.

For even younger children (ages 5-9), AKC Pee Wee events offer a fun and welcoming introduction to the show ring. These non-competitive experiences focus on learning, encouragement, and building confidence—helping children form positive early connections with both dogs and the sport.

Beyond ribbons and titles, participation in AKC youth programs teaches lifelong lessons. Juniors learn responsibility through daily care, perseverance through training, and sportsmanship through both wins and losses. Many go on to remain active in the sport as adults, contributing to the preservation and future of their chosen breed. These young handlers are not only learning about dogs; they are becoming the next generation of breeders, exhibitors, and advocates.

For more information, visit "[The Kid Zone](#)" page on the Bulldog Club of America website.



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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](#))

### FOR BREEDERS:

#### ANASARCA

BY: DR. ALLAN FRANK

Anasarca, often called "water puppy syndrome," is a severe condition in which fluid builds up throughout the body, causing dramatic swelling. It is seen most often in brachycephalic breeds such as Bulldogs and may affect puppies before or at birth, although generalized fluid retention can also occur in older dogs for other medical reasons. Affected puppies are usually much larger than their littermates and may have swollen limbs, a distended body, and trouble breathing or nursing.

Because the condition can threaten both the puppy and the dam during delivery, prompt veterinary attention is essential. Treatment is usually supportive and may include oxygen, careful warming, fluid drainage, and medications, such as diuretics, when appropriate. Early recognition, careful breeding decisions, and immediate supportive care offer the best chance of managing this serious problem.

