



Buying a Bulldog (English) Puppy

What to expect from a Breeder who puts
Health, Welfare and Temperament First

'Stop and think before buying a flat-faced dog'

Brachycephalic (short faced) breeds have serious health problems due to their body and head shape: eye problems due to large protruding eyes; skin folds causing inflammation, infection and soreness, narrow nostrils causing breathing difficulties; excess flesh in throat & narrow windpipe cause breathing & swallowing problems; difficulties coping in hot weather & exercise intolerance.

✓ Essential Documents

- Signed AWF Puppy Contract
 - KC Registration Certificate (if applicable)
 - Microchip Registration Certificate
 - Temporary Pet Health Insurance
 - Vaccination Certificate
 - Copies of Health Certificates
- A good breeder will*
- have socialised and habituated the puppy
 - provide a supply of food
 - provide a blanket smelling of Mum
 - follow the Code of Practice for Dog Breeding

✓ Health Certificates (both parents)

BVA/KC Health Schemes

- **Hip dysplasia (HD)**
- **Elbow dysplasia (ED)**
- **Eye scheme** - annual testing
- **Hemivertebrae** - X-ray screening
- **Putnam patella luxation scheme**
- **BOAS scheme**
- **Breed council gold star**

DNA Tests available

- Hyperuricosuria (HUU)
- Canine multifocal retinopathy (CMR1)
- Ichthyosis

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.bulldogbreedcouncil.co.uk
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html



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Brief Disease Explanation

If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



Health Schemes - testing available

Hip dysplasia (HD) - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain & disability

Elbow dysplasia (ED) - abnormalities of the elbow joint - pain & disability

Eye problems - numerous eye problems causing pain and loss of sight, due to abnormal head conformation

Hemivertebrae - spinal deformities, progressive pain & loss of limb function

Luxating patella - abnormal joint in hind leg, pain & lameness

BOAS - (brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome) a number of serious problems due to abnormal nose & throat - breathing & heat regulation difficulties

Breed council gold star - breeders have carried out essential tests before breeding

DNA Tests - available

Hyperuricosuria (HUU) - painful bladder stones

Canine multifocal retinopathy (CMR1) - eye disease leading to loss of sight

Ichthyosis - scaly skin

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Dystocia - inability to give birth naturally

Cranial cruciate ligament disease - rupture of the knee ligament

Heart disease - Pulmonary stenosis

Swimmer puppy syndrome - flat chest

