



Buying a French Bulldog 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** - Hereditary cataract (HC) annual testing
- **Putnam patella luxation scheme**
- **BOAS respiratory function grading scheme**
- **Breed club heart testing for Pulmonary stenosis**

DNA Tests available

- Hereditary cataract (HC-HSF4)
- Chondrodysplasia (Type 1 IVDD)
- Hyperuricosuria (HUU)

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.frenchbulldogclubofengland.org.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 - pain & lameness

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

Hereditary cataract (HC) annual testing - eye disease leading to blindness

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

BOAS - brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome - serious breathing difficulties

Pulmonary stenosis - heart defect obstructing blood flow to lungs - fatigue & fainting

DNA Tests - available

Hereditary cataract (HC-HSF4) - leads to blindness

Chondrodysplasia (Type 1 IVDD) - abnormal discs in spine - pain & disability

Hyperuricosuria (HUU) - urinary stones

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Atopy - skin disease

Dystocia - inability to give birth naturally

Corneal ulceration - ulcers on eyes, painful

Hemivertebrae - spinal deformity, progressive pain & loss of leg function

Vestibular disease - vertigo, spinning sensation, loss of balance

Screw tail - abnormal tail bones which can affect other parts of the spine