

The Bulldog Breed



The bulldog is a member of the non-sporting group. The non-sporting group is the most diverse group and is made up of dogs that don't fit in any other group. The bulldog is a non-working muscular dog of medium size with a smooth coat. Females should weigh approximately 45 pounds while males should weigh around 55 pounds. Their head is their most prominent feature. The circumference of their head should measure their height. Their body is very compact and muscular. The legs are short, shoulders are very wide, and the chest is deep with well-sprung rounded ribs.

A well-bred bulldog's general appearance suggests stability, strength, and courage. In attitude, passive yet dignified, and exudes kindness.

Characteristics

Bulldogs are lovable. They are happiest when they are around people, and they tend to need a lot of attention. They enjoy a loving environment and should not be forced to endure fear or neglect. They are usually quiet and make a good companion.

The bulldog breed is a friendly breed and will leave with anyone who will take them; therefore, it is best to keep them indoors and in a secure, fenced yard when outdoors.

The short face of a bulldog causes them breathing difficulties, which are magnified in the hot weather. Bulldogs must be indoor dogs all of the time. In hot weather they tend to overheat. They need to be protected from heat exhaustion. When walking a bulldog in warmer weather, always bring along ice water.

The bulldog coat is short, smooth, and tends to shed all year long. Bulldogs have sensitive skin and must remain clean without removing their natural oils. Their wrinkles tend to collect dirt and bacteria and need to be cleaned with an antibacterial every couple days.

Bulldogs are playful in short spurts. They need little exercise in comparison to other breeds. A short walk each day

will suffice, and even in the winter they will be hot upon return and will need plenty of water.

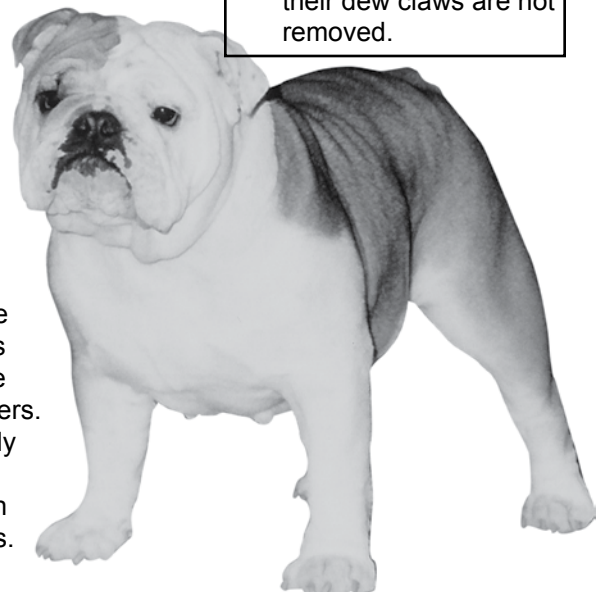
When not playing or resting, bulldogs chew. They can chew through almost anything. Having a lot of chew toys helps them contain this habit. Nylon bones (Nylabones) are best for bulldogs because they cannot be destroyed or get caught in their throat like other dog toys.

Bulldogs love to eat and will eat most anything, even vegetables. Since the breed tends to become overweight, it is best to feed bulldogs a premium dog food and no table scraps.

Despite their general appearance, bulldogs are not normally aggressive. They are not intended to be guard dogs even though their appearance tends to deter potential intruders. This docile breed is more likely to watch a burglar run off with your worldly possessions than attempt to deter their activities.

Quick Facts

- ❗ The bulldog standard consists of a total of 100 points describing the appearance of the dog from the flatness of their head to the color of their coat. An entire description of the standard can be found on the Bulldog Club of America Web site. www.thebca.org
- ❗ The price of a bulldog puppy starts at \$1,500 and goes up.
- ❗ Like many purebred dogs, the bulldog breed is predisposed to certain health issues:
 - Interdigital cysts
 - Skin disorders
 - Eye abnormalities
 - Deep set tails
 - Entropion
 - Hip dysplasia
- ❗ Bulldog puppies are delivered by C-section.
- ❗ The average lifespan of a bulldog is 8-12 years.
- ❗ Bulldog tails and ears are not cropped and their dew claws are not removed.



For more information on bulldogs go to www.bulldogclubindiana.org and www.thebca.org

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