

What is the most important thing to know when buying a British Bulldog?

Are you buying from a responsible breeder?



British Bulldogs are one of Australia's most loved breeds. This popularity attracts them to inexperienced and unscrupulous breeders. So how do you know the difference between a responsible and irresponsible breeder?

Dogs Australia registered breeders follow a strict code of breeding ethics, conduct health testing to help reduce the incidence of inherited diseases and, for accountability, and research. The results are recorded on the ORCHID database.

Like in all dogs, there are specific health issues, and it's important to make sure your breeder does the recommended health testing for their breed. This could be the difference between a happy and healthy puppy and a poorly bred one.

Ask your breeder if they have tested for health conditions such as: Exercise Tolerance Test (ETT), examination for Stenotic Nares, cardiac examination, Tracheal Hypoplasia examination, hip, elbow & spine x-rays, Patella Luxation examination, eye examination, blood testing for thyroid conditions & DNA testing for Hyperuricosuria (HUU).

Purebred Pedigree British Bulldogs only come in Brindle, Reds, with their varieties of Fawn, Fallow, White & Pied.

Before buying a puppy it's important to do your research and you can start at our website. From getting a dog to keeping them happy we will have you covered dogsaustralia.org.au

BREED STANDARD BULLDOG

We have a BREED STANDARD for a reason



'The breed standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament, and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.'

'No point should be so much in excess of the others as to destroy the general symmetry, or make the dog appear deformed, or interfere with its powers of motion'

'Dogs showing respiratory distress highly undesirable.'

'The nose should be large, broad and black'
'The nostrils should be large, wide, open'

'Over the nose wrinkle, if present, whole or broken, must never adversely affect or obscure eyes or nose. Pinched nostrils and heavy over nose roll are unacceptable and should be heavily penalised.'

'Free from obvious eye problems.'

'Lack of tail, inverted or extremely tight tails are undesirable'

NO STANDARD

Excess heavy wrinkles
skin problems

Eye problems
caused by
excess skin

Tight
Inverted tail

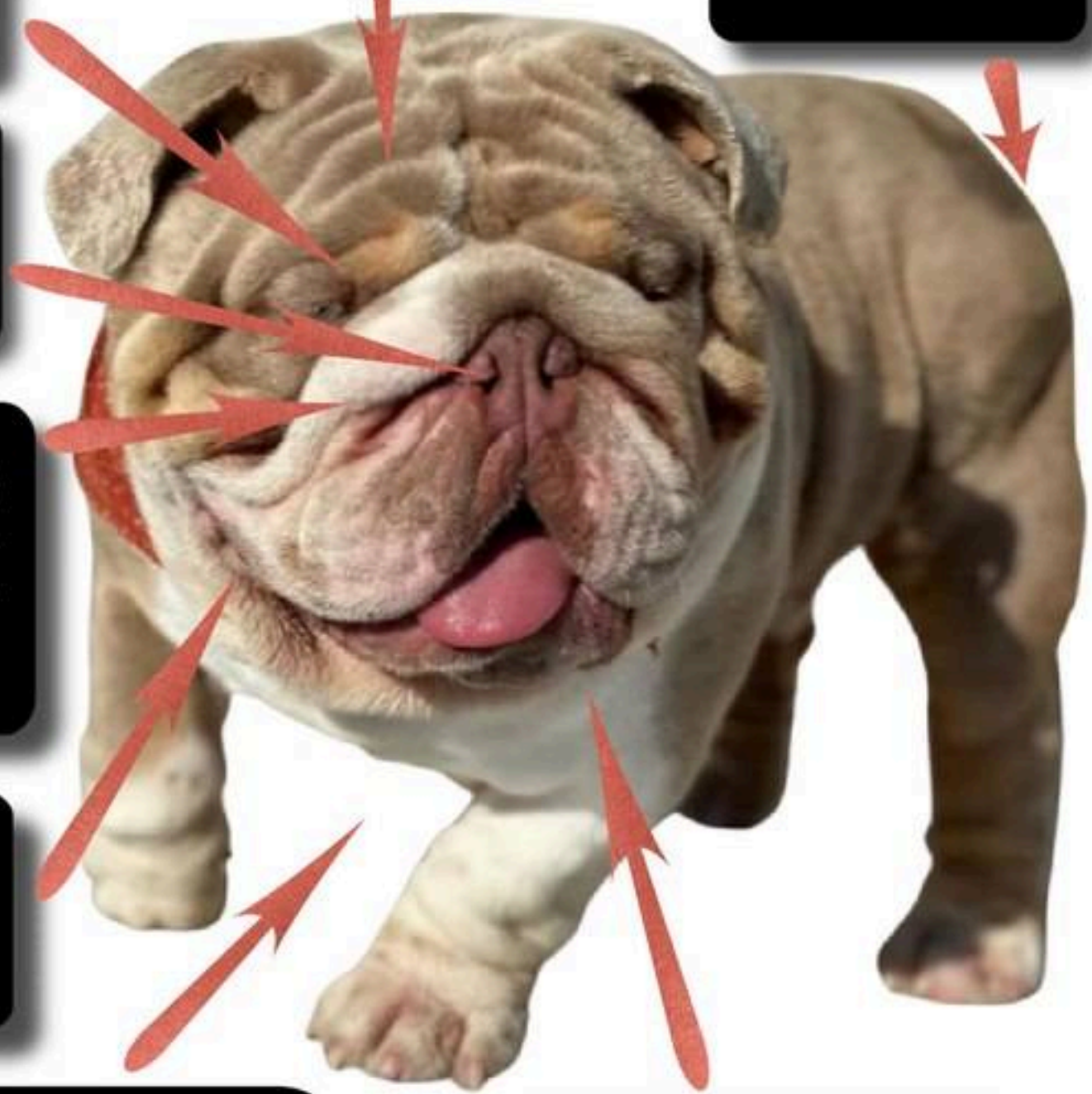
Narrow nostrils
BOAS

Oversize nose
roll impacting
nose/nostrils

Tear stains
rashes

Skeletal problems
short body and
over heavy

Tongue usually
hanging out
BOAS



NOT FUNCTIONAL
NOT HEALTHY
NOT STANDARD

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

NATIONAL BRITISH BULLDOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA 'Affiliated with Dogs Australia'

HEALTH SCHEME

HEALTH TESTS

Respiratory Function Grading Scheme or
Exercise Tolerance Test & Nares Assessment

DNA Testing – (Cystinuria Type III)

Tracheal Hypoplasia Xray & Scoring

Spine X Ray & Scoring

Hip X Ray & Scoring

Elbow X Ray & Scoring

Patella Luxation Examination & Assessment

Eye Examination & Assessment or ACES

Thyroid Testing

BRONZE

DNA Testing – Canine Hyperuricosuria (HUU)

Cardiac Examination & Assessment or Echocardiogram
with a 0-1 pass

PLUS 1 test

GOLD



Bronze level plus 6 tests

SILVER



Bronze level plus 3 tests

BRONZE

