

What You Wanted To Know About Buying & Owning English Bulldogs But Didn't Know Who To Ask...



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If you are considering an English Bulldog puppy, you are in for a real treat with this breed. The English Bulldog, also affectionately known as a “Bullie” or “Bullies”.

The bulldog is a muscular heavy dog with a wrinkled face and a distinctive pushed-in nose.

The bulldog is a breed with characteristically thick shoulders and a matching head. There are generally thick folds of skin on a bulldog's brow, followed by round, black, wide-set eyes, a short muzzle with characteristic folds called "rope" above the nose, with hanging skin under the neck, drooping lips, and pointed teeth. The coat is short, flat and sleek, with colors of red, fawn, white, brindle (mixed colors, often in waves or irregular stripes), and piebalds of these.



In the US, the size of a typical mature male is about 45 pounds and that for mature females is about 45 pounds for a Standard English Bulldog.

Bulldog Temperament

Despite their famous "sourpuss" expression, bulldogs are generally docile although can prove to be very fast movers over a short distance. They are friendly and gregarious but occasionally willful. The phrase "stubborn as a bulldog" is loosely rooted in fact.

Breeders have worked to breed aggression out of the breed, and as such the dog is known to be of generally good temperament.

Bulldogs can be so attached to home and family that they will not venture out of the yard without a human companion. Due to their friendly nature bulldogs are known for getting along well with children, other dogs and pets.

History of The Bullies

The term "bulldog" was first mentioned in literature around 1500, the oldest spelling of the word being Bondogge and Bolddogge. The first reference to the word with the modern spelling is dated 1631 or 1632 in a letter by a man named Preswick Eaton where he writes: "procuer mee two good Bulldoggs, and let them be sent by ye first shipp".

The origins of the Bulldog are vague with some sources suggesting it developed from a cross of three different breeds: the Pug, the Mastiff, and a breed of Spanish dog.

The name "bull" was applied because of the dog's use in the sport of bull baiting. The original Bulldog had to be very ferocious and so savage and courageous as to be almost insensitive to pain.

In 1835 dog fighting as a sport became illegal in England. Therefore, the Old English Bulldog had outlived his usefulness in England and his days were numbered in England.

However, emigrants did have a use for such dogs in the New World, resulting in the original Bulldog's closest descendant, the American Bulldog.

Back in England, they proceeded to eliminate the undesirable 'fierce' characteristics and to preserve and accentuate the finer qualities. Within a few generations, the English Bulldog became one of the finest physical specimens, minus its original viciousness, stamina, strength, speed, and intelligence.

What To Do First When Deciding On An English Bulldog

When looking for that perfect puppy for your family or for a loved one, make sure to take the time and check out everything from your breeder. They should be willing to offer you advice and answer any questions you have because you are not buying a toy. You are acquiring an additional loving member of your family who will be around for a long time.

You are going to want to know about the pedigree of your new bulldog pup, which is really a fancy way of saying you want to know who the puppy's parents are and their lineage and pedigree!

Remember that Bulldogs and heat do not mix well so make your Bullie an inside dog and see to it he has all his new toys, crate, collar and anything else he needs ready for him.

When getting food bowls for your bullie, invest in solid heavy duty stainless steel bowls. They can be cleaned easily, and provide a much better feeding and watering system than plastic.

Bulldogs get along great with other pets and children as a general rule. They enjoy a soft couch and a belly rub, love and attention. Bulldogs have a gentle beauty in them and I know of no other breed that can offer the love and devotion that a Bulldog can. Bulldog owners are special people who really are concerned about this breed and its future.

Things To Remember When Buying A Bullie Puppy

Puppies should be sold on a contract that benefits and protects seller and buyer and ensures that the breeder/seller will be contacted if at any time within the dog's life the owner can no longer keep the dog. Breeders should provide buyers with written instructions for the feeding and general care of their puppy, and with a schedule of dates and types of inoculations and worming received.

Your new puppy should be at least 8 weeks old before going to his new home. The breeder may require a deposit to hold him but you should not hand a puppy before he is 8 weeks old.

Bulldogs, unlike some breeds, have no cosmetic surgery done such as ear cropping and tail docking. It is not uncommon for show breeders to glue the ears of puppies. This assists the ears in

developing the proper crease and the desired "rose" appearance. Glueing should only be done under supervision of those with experience.

American Kennel Association

Bulldogs belong to the AKC's non-sporting group and are considered to be the best breed for the all around family dog. There is only one Bulldog sometimes referred to as the (English) bulldog, but their AKC name is just BULLDOG.

Did you know that the AKC registers over 140 dog breeds and that the Bulldog has been in the top 40 every year?

In the past 25 years (1973 thru 1998), there were 234,600 Bulldogs registered with the AKC.

In 1973, there were 6,608 registered compared to the #1 registered breed of that year (the Poodle) with 28,899 registered.

In 1998 there were 13,836 Bulldogs registered compared to 157,936 Labrador Retrievers in the same year.

You should consider joining the Bulldog Club of America and your local Bulldog club as well. They can help you in locating a good Bulldog vet which is very important. Bulldogs need a vet who has expertise with this breed to safely meet their needs.

Get a good Bulldog book or two and start reading about the breed as there are many great books out there that are an asset to read and own.

Consider getting a microchip implanted in your dog and registering it so permanent identification can be made of your dog in case it gets out or lost.

Bulldogs need a little daily grooming but not much. A brushing, cleaning their wrinkles and many kisses will do the trick.....

A Final Note

Bulldogs require that you give them attention and love as they are a very social breed and need special care and love. "Sourmugs" will repay you with love 100 times what you give and that's a great feeling.

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