

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is a Bulldog a good family pet?

A: Absolutely! The Bulldog is gentle, loving, and sociable. They LOVE kids! (However, a Bulldog's bulk, combined with joyful enthusiasm, would cause a family to be watchful that the Bulldog doesn't knock over their small children.) Once you've had a Bulldog, your home will not be complete without one!

Q: Are all your puppies AKC registered?

A: Yes, all of our English Bulldogs are registered AKC. The puppies come with a registration certificate for you to register the puppy AKC and choose a name. AKC offers a health insurance policy if you register the puppy. The health insurance is free for 30 days and you can choose if you would like to keep it.

Q: Are the parents health tested?

A: Yes, we are very selective on the dogs we breed. We put them through several physical and DNA tests to make sure they are healthy before we consider breeding them. If we pair them with studs, we only select the best studs available from reputable breeders that have also been genetically health tested. This helps eliminate some common health problems bulldogs are prone to.

Q: Do you offer a Health Guarantee?

A: Yes, we offer a 1 Year Health Guarantee on our puppies. It covers congenital health problems and joint problems. We offer two years on heart. We recommend a hip screening after six months of age. For a detailed description of our Health Guarantee, click here. [THOMAS BULLDOGS HEALTH GUARANTEE](#)

Q: Will my Bulldog need a special vet?

A: Certain things must be approached differently with a Bulldog than with other breeds. Some vets prefer not to deal with the special needs or may not understand the special needs this breed has. It is recommended that you seek and use a veterinarian with Bulldog experience whenever possible.

Q: How can I purchase one of your puppies?

A: The best way to reserve a puppy is to request a Deposit Agreement from and place a deposit of \$500 and get on our paid waiting list. You will have priority over the general public in choosing your puppy. The paid waiting list is based on first come first in line. Once you decide on the available puppy, the deposit will be applied to that puppy and the puppy will be marked as "Reserved" on our website. Please also fill out a Puppy Questionnaire Form.

Q: I would like an English Bulldog Puppy but I'm not local, can we arrange a video call?

A: Yes, we can set up a video call via Facetime so you can see the puppy live before making a decision.

Q: I'm not local, would you be able to deliver the puppy to me?

A: Yes, we may be able to deliver the puppy to you. We would ask that you cover any travel expenses such as airfare etc.... associated with delivering the puppy. If you are not local and would like one of our puppies, please contact us in advance to arrange for delivery.

Q: When will my puppy be ready to go home?

A: We usually allow our puppies around weeks 8-10. This gives us time to properly prepare them, vaccinate, de-worm, and get a good start on potty training them. We also have our vets do an additional health exam to advise us on when they are ready.

Q: Why do Bulldogs cost so much?

A: This is a breed that always requires a c-section to deliver the puppies. It also requires constant monitoring of the mom when she feeds the puppies (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). There is a great deal of time and money involved in getting a mother ready for breeding, having her bred, having a successful delivery and raising a litter to 8 weeks. Without going into too much detail, it can cost \$4000-\$7000 to breed, deliver and raise a litter. Of course, this is an out-of-pocket expense, without consideration for the time you will have to invest. Small litters of 1-3 puppies are not uncommon.

Q: What is the lifespan of an English Bulldog?

A: There are some known at 15, 16, 17, and even an 18-year-old. The average life span of our bulldogs is 8-12. A good diet, exercise, regular vet visits, and comfortable living conditions can help increase this time. We have been breeding Bulldogs for ten plus years, 90% of them are still thriving.

Q: Can I own a Bulldog if I live where the temperatures get very hot or cold?

A: Yes, just make adjustments for the conditions. Make sure your Bulldog doesn't overheat and always has plenty of fresh clean water. Bulldogs should always be "indoor" dogs and require air-conditioning where summer temperatures rise above 80 degrees. Letting a Bulldog get too over-excited in warm temperatures can be deadly. I recommend cooling your vehicle down before putting him/her in car. Ice water is the best remedy for a heat stressed bulldog, as it will cool their throats and eliminate swelling. Your Bulldog will give you warning signs of over-heating. Most of mine do very well in the heat, but not so well if chasing a ball in 90-degree temperatures for long periods of time.

Q: Can bulldogs swim?

A: NO! bulldogs are top-heavy, they do not have long enough legs to paddle to keep their heads afloat. A life jacket is always an option, but your puppy must be carefully fitted for one and tested in water to see if it fits properly to hold his head up adequately. Even then, he or she should be monitored in or around water.

Q: What about grooming, wrinkles, cosmetic surgery, etc.?

A: Daily brushing will keep a Bulldog's coat looking good and reduce any shedding (Bulldogs shedding is usually seasonal). We recommend a Furminator be used before or after bathing when dry. The wrinkles and tail pocket and wrinkles must be kept clean and dry. We use a pH balanced wipe from the vet that is anti-bacterial and anti-fungal. Clean only as needed, over cleaning can unbalance their pH. Ears should be checked as well.

Sometimes, a tightly kinked tail will have recurrent bouts of bacteria and infection due to chronic moisture trouble, and an amputation may be advised. But most times it is completely manageable with the vet wipes.

Teeth brushing can be challenging but try to do it at least when you bathe them. They have a little shelf above their teeth that collects hair and can cause infections and bad breath.

Q: What types of toys are good for a bulldog?

A: We send our puppies home with a few bulldog favorites. They love squeaky toys. Most durable material toys are fine for a bulldog. Be careful of stuff animals with button eyes or pieces that could be a choking hazard. Bulldog puppies are big chewers. We recommend the cow hooves or antlers. They are safe and last a long time. NEVER give your bully rawhide, lamb or pig ears, or anything that can get soft and long and lodge in their throats. Always try to have their favorite chew toys on hand to avoid mishaps with furniture or shoes.

Q: Do you recommend spaying or neutering bulldogs?

A: In most cases, yes. I do not recommend doing it early in life. I prefer waiting at least a year until they are finished growing. They need hormones for healthy bone growth. If not neutered or spayed, the tendencies for wandering during seasons or after puberty are more likely. Also, something to consider, an intact male is more likely to be stolen for breeding purposes.

Q: Do Bulldogs require special foods.

A: Yes, a bulldog should be fed a high-quality food. Too much protein can be damaging to joints. We recommend grain-free foods. Some bulldogs have sensitive tummies. Find one they like and is easy on their stomach. We feed Earthborn Coastal Catch. Never change food quickly, always mix it and slowly transition them. Treats should be more of a real meat-based product, not flour and wheat, like Milkbones.

Q: Should I feed my bulldog vitamins and supplements?

A: Not necessarily.... If you are feeding a high-quality food like Earthborn, it is complete. It contains chelated minerals, vitamins, joint supplements, and probiotics. Consult your vet for your bullies diet needs.