How do French Bulldogs interact with other dogs?

French Bulldogs are a friendly, inquisitive and outgoing breed. That said, all dogs must be properly socialized.

Are they good with children?

Someone once said "Every kid should have a dog and every dog should have a kid!" And indeed it can be a very fulfilling relationship for both...but the Child and the Dog must be taught respect, and care. Rules for behavior need to be established for the dog and the child.

What is their average size?

Every breed has what is called a "Standard of the Breed" this document, establishes norms (or what is standard) for the breed. Our breed standard describes a small to medium, compact and muscular dog that is no bigger than 28lbs.

Are they good eaters?

Many things enter into this. A healthy dog is important. But so is a good diet, good training, scheduling, routine, happiness etc. For more Information ABOUT THE FRENCH BULLDOG Please visit our website: www.frenchbulldogclub.org



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FRENCH BULLDOGS



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I have a French bulldog I want to breed, how do I go about it?

To improve a breed, one must understand, not all dogs should be bred. Most reputable breeders do not sell in-tact (breedable) dogs without a show contract. So if you bought a show prospect, show your dog. You see your dog as perfect. Love can be blind. Submit the dog to a competition with your peers and the opinion of licensed AKC Judges to see if it aligns with the standard of the breed. Attain a championship title. Health test your dog/bitch to insure it is free of inheritable traits that should not be passed on. Work with a mentor to help you learn pedigrees and help you to make wise breeding decisions.

If it turns out it should not be bred... then what?

Spay/neuter and love your dog! Most of us started with a pet. It's how we came to know we wanted to do more in the breed. Join local clubs, participate in companion sports, meet ups, etc. Get to know people and more about the breed. If you want to be a breeder in the future, you will need to get another dog...next time you will know more about the breed, breed type, and the health of the breed. The good news is Frenchies are like potato chips you can't have just one! Many of us started with a pet Frenchie and added our next dog with more knowledge. If you truly love the breed; you want only what's best for it.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH COLORS <u>"NOT IN THE STANDARD"</u>?



This is not an arbitrary decision the club has made. First it requires a 2/3 majority vote of the members to adjust the standard

of the breed in any way. It has been done only five times since 1897 when the club was formed.

The standard calls for specific colors and disallows others. Some colors carry with them known health issues. Some colors are here because breeders have bred to another breed to attain them; so the line would no longer be pure.

But most importantly... and something you may wish to consider. The FBDCA was formed to protect and preserve the breed. The standard was written (not just by one self-serving breeder but a minimum of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members voting). It is a collective agreement as to what constitutes breed type.

If a breeder rashly decides to breed

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against the standard in one area... how are you to know they have any respect, for any of it.

You fell in love with the French Bulldog...surely you want your puppy to grow up and look like one!

You want that puppy to live a sound healthy life. You do not want be dealing with health issues inherent to a specific color. Consider this...The FBDCA has been protecting our breed since 1897; maybe we know a little about them!

Color breeders state that we are just "jealous"...This is simply not true! Any of us *could* breed color, we *choose* not to for the reasons we have laid out...To preserve and protect our beautiful breed!

