

# FBDCA Ambassador of Health Program Worksheet & Application

The purpose of the FBDCA Ambassador of Health (“AOH”) program is to promote betterment of the French Bulldog breed through health testing by recognizing French Bulldogs that have met specific health testing requirements. The French Bulldog must be owned or co-owned by a FBDCA member in good standing. It is not necessary to be a FBDCA member at the time the tests were performed.

The French Bulldog must have an AKC registration number (Canine Partners and/or AKC PAL registration numbers are ineligible). The Dog/Bitch must have French Bulldog Breed Standard Coat Type and Color. The AOH may be awarded posthumously if criteria are met. An AOH title can be advertised at the end of the name of the dog like the Registry of Merit and Versatility of Merit titles.

Passing results are required on all eligible certifications (passing results eligible for certification are defined by OFA). Any DNA result must be either a Clear or Carrier – Affected results are not eligible. All results must be submitted to OFA and be verifiable in their public database, except proof of the submission to the Spinal Database from OFA must be provided with the application.

In addition, any French Bulldog receiving an AOH certificate that has also participated in any FBDCA initiated or recognized research project will receive a Pioneer of Health Designation (“POH”) which will be included on their Ambassador of Health certificate. Certificates for CHIC DNA repository and OFA Spinal Database may also be submitted for inclusion in the POH designation. Proof of participation is required for any other FBDCA initiated health studies in order to be included in the POH. A study like the Cystinuria study counts as long as the dog was also tested for Cystinuria and received a passing result, which would apply to participation in any study where the testing is also available. If the French Bulldog participated in a study that benefits French Bulldogs that was not initiated by the FBDCA, the Health and Genetics committee will review that submission on a case-by-case basis. The POH can also be applied for as a stand-alone certificate.

The program has 5 levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond.

**AOH Bronze (AOH-B):** successful completion of any 5 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings.

**AOH Silver (AOH-S):** successful completion of any 6 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings.

**AOH Gold (AOH-G):** successful completion of any 7 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings.

**AOH Platinum (AOH-P):** successful completion of 8 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings.

**AOH Diamond (AOH-D):** successful completion of 10 of the eligible certifications/DNA screenings.

**Eligible Certifications:**

- OFA Congenital Cardiac (all certifications accepted, Advanced preferred)
- OFA Patellar Luxation
- OFA Tracheal Hypoplasia
- OFA Thyroid
- OFA Eyes
- OFA Hip Dysplasia (OFA Radiographic Hip Evaluation or PennHIP Evaluation with results registered with OFA). For a passing result, the PennHIP evaluation must have a DI of 0.60 or lower, and have been conducted no earlier than 24 months of age.
- OFA Elbows
- OFA BAER Testing
- OFA RFG - passing results are Grades 0-2
- OFA Spinal Database Submission
- AKC Coursing, FastCat, or Agility Title - counts as one certification
- AKC ATT or Therapy Title – counts as one certification

**Eligible DNA based health screenings:**

- Hereditary Cataracts, Juvenile Hereditary Cataracts
- Type 3 Cystinuria DNA Marker

**Level of Award applying for (circle choices): AOH only - POH only – AOH & POH**

**Full Name of the Dog/Bitch with AKC titles and ROM and VOM titles:**

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**AKC Registration Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of all FBDCA Member Owners/Co-Owners:**

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**FBDCA Member submitting this application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, hereby submit this application for the above-mentioned French Bulldog for a FBDCA Ambassador of Health Award and/or Pioneer of Health Designation. By signing below, I confirm the information provided herein is true and correct.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** In addition to this application, please submit all supporting documentation from the OFA showing testing, and/or a copy of the Spinal Database, and/or other proof of participation for any other FBDCA initiated health studies applicable for the Pioneer of Health Designation.

Please email completed worksheet and all supporting documents to **Jamie Bush** at [vagabondfrenchbulldogs@gmail.com](mailto:vagabondfrenchbulldogs@gmail.com) on or before **July 31**, of the current award year.

USPS mail: 219 Courtland Place, Asheville, NC 28801 (email preferred)