

• **French Bulldog Club of England Health Scheme**

- The aim is to encourage all owners and breeders to have their Frenchies assessed, initially for basic fitness and later for inherited breed related diseases which cause concern.
- The Scheme educates and enables breeders to make more informed choices in their selection of breeding stock from the results and knowledge obtained from the tests.
- Ideally all stud dogs and brood bitches should be tested.
- Results will be published enabling prospective breeders to make a better choice of stud dog and to enable puppy buyers to select their pups from breeders who test their stock.
- Valuable data is being collected from the results and will be available for analysis
- Any French Bulldogs registered with the Kennel Club and over one year of age is eligible to participate in the Health Scheme (KC Registration and Microchip is required)
- Any Vet can perform the test ,ensuring the results are unbiased.
- Veterinary Health Testing Clinics are held at all FBCE shows
- Participation in the scheme is voluntary at the present time so the responsibility resides with the individual to test or not
- The Health Scheme can be tailored to accommodate any new tests which may become available and can be varied on veterinary advice. It remains a work in progress.
- The Scheme is graded from Bronze to Gold and Certificates of Achievement are issued for individual dogs based on documented evidence from independent vets , which is verified by the French Bulldog Club of England who administer the scheme

- **How your French Bulldog can participate in the Health Scheme**
- The Scheme is open to everyone; you do not need to be a member of any French Bulldog Club to participate. It is administered by the FBCE Health Committee
- All French Bulldogs must be K C Registered , Micro Chipped or have permanent tattoo identification and be over 12 months of age.

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- **Bronze Level Certificate.**
- Request a copy of the Health Report form from Mr Trevis Tel: 01225 767336 or email: malcolm.annettetrevis@blueyonder.co.uk. You will need your dogs KC Registration & microchip numbers & KC Registered name & D.o.b.
- Once you have received the form, book an appointment with your Vet. When the vet has examined your dog he should complete and sign the form. He retains 1 copy for his records and gives you the other 2 copies. This "Breed Specific" examination covers , ears, eyes, heart, breathing, skin, basic conformation, temperament etc.

To apply for your Frenchie's Bronze Health Certificate, you must send the pink copy of the form to the French Bulldog Health Co-ordinator for verification (address below)

Silver Level Certificate

For your Frenchie to be eligible for the Silver Certificate he / she must meet the following criteria -

To have obtained the Bronze Health Certificate

DNA test HC HSF4 for Hereditary Cataracts (Clear result)

Putnam Patella test score (*grade 0 or 1 acceptable at present*)

Cardiologist Heart Test . (*normal (grade 1 acceptable at present)*)

All these tests are non invasive and do not require your Frenchie to be sedated. They are inexpensive, easily available and achievable.

Gold Level Certificate

For your French Bulldog to be eligible for the Gold Certificate, he / she must meet the following criteria

To have obtained the Bronze and Silver level certificates

To have obtained a BVA Hip Score

To have had a Spine X-ray and evaluation (Contact the KC Breed Health Co-ordinator on how to proceed)

Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Certificate of Merit

For your French Bulldog Stud dog or Brood bitch to be eligible, he/she must meet the following criteria

To have obtained the Bronze, Silver and Gold Level Certificates

To have obtained a KC Stud Book number

2 progeny to have obtained the *Bronze Certificate*

1 progeny to have obtained the *Silver Certificate*

1 progeny to have obtained the *Gold Certificate*

(Progeny = 4 individual puppies from a minimum of 2 litters)

To avoid fraudulent use of the scheme we have taken the following precautionary steps

- All forms are numbered and details of dogs and owners recorded when issued
- All forms have the details pertaining to the individual filled in before being issued
- The contact details of every Vet who performs any of the tests must be submitted with all results.
- Verification of results may be performed at random by the administrators of the scheme
- All *Certificates* are personalised with the animals details and have a authenticity hologram attached so that they cannot be copied

