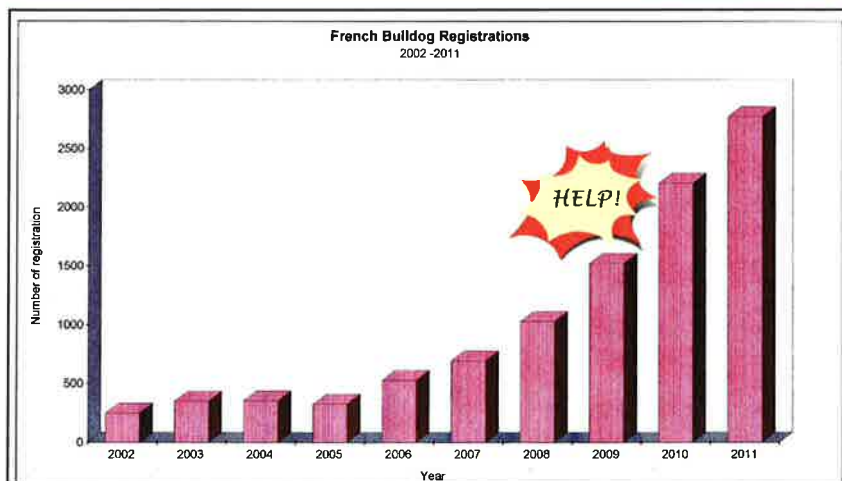


HEALTHY FRENCHIES



'WAKE UP CALL'

French Bulldog Registrations 2002 -2011



IMPROVING HEALTH

- In order to maintain or improve the quality of health and protect the future of our breed we needed to embark on some form of education program in addition to what we were already doing within the French Bulldog Club of England.....
- It is imperative that ALL breeders and owners know of and understand the conformation and genetic health problems that may exist in our breed.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE ↔ LEARN FROM THE PAST

- HEALTH SURVEYS
- GENERAL PERCEPTION
- OTHER SCHEMES
- BREED STANDARD
- PRIORITISE



CARROT NOT THE STICK APPROACH



OPEN TO ALL

REWARD

DATA

NON DRACONIAN

The decision to breed from individual dogs remains with the owner and the knowledge obtained from participating in the scheme

HEALTH SCREENING CRITERIA

To encourage people to screen their Frenchies the tests had to be.....

Non invasive,

Inexpensive,

Available,

Achievable,

*No aesthetic required (*except Gold)*

HEALTH SCHEME BASICS

- ANY DOG
- KC REGISTERED
- MICROCHIPPED
- COLOUR /SEX
- OVER 1 YEAR OLD
- FLEXIBLE
- CENTRALISED DATA
- PRECAUTIONS
- PROMOTION
- PEER PRESURE

INITIAL VETERINARY EXAMINATION - BRONZE LEVEL

- ✓ Basic auscultation
- ✓ Visually/auditory assessment of dogs breathing
a) at rest b) after 5 mins of exercise
- ✓ Visual assessment of Nostrils, Skin, Ear Canals,
- ✓ Normal clinical veterinary assessment of the eyes –
Please comment if Entropion or Ectropion is present or if there is corneal scaring that may in your opinion been caused by these conditions.
- ✓ Palpable abnormality of spine (*scoliosis / kyphosis*)
- ✓ Physical assessment of patella .
Please record grade according to Putnam score
- ✓ Establish hearing or not
- ✓ Tail, Testes & Temperament.
- ✓ General comments

Silver Level Certificate	Gold Level Certificate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To have obtained the Bronze Health Certificate ▪ DNA test HC HSF4 for Hereditary Cataracts ▪ Putnam Patella Test ▪ Cardiologist Heart Test <p><i>Non invasive Inexpensive, Available, Achievable.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To have obtained the Bronze & Silver Certificates ▪ BVA Hip Score ▪ Spine X-ray and evaluation by our designated Vet <p><i>At the present time there is no criteria available to evaluate the norm for French Bulldog hips or spines, but valuable data can be collected which may influence the future health of the breed</i></p>

Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Certificate of Merit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For your French Bulldog Stud dog or Brood bitch to be eligible for , 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)

OVERCOME APATHY

- FOCUSED
- SUCCESS
- PERSEVERE
- ACCEPT ADVICE
- IMPROVEMENT
- PEER PRESSURE



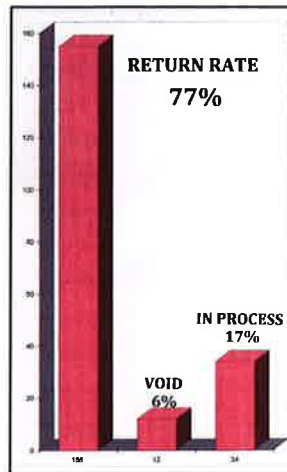
WINGS NOT REQUIRED

**A
HEALTHY
CONFORMATION
WILL LIFT US
FRENCHIES
JUST AS HIGH**

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PROGRESS -



- High Return Rate
- Due to.....
- Individual allocation
- Follow up via email etc
- Peer Pressure

ACHIEVEMENTS



- DNA TEST FOR HC (last 2years)
- 220 Tested
- 11 Carriers Identified (traced to 2 imports)
- CARDIAC SCREENING
- Approx. 100 Screened

IN THE PIPE LINE

- **October 2012**

- Bronze Health Test Clinic
- Patella Scoring
- Pilot scheme on Thermal Imaging (spines & hips)

- **April 2013** - Cardiac Clinic

- **June & October 2013**

Bronze Health Testing Clinics

- **Future Plans**

- Data analysis report
- 5 year follow up study of dogs participating in the Health Scheme
- On line reporting of Cause of Death and medical conditions
- Reduce age limit for Bronze level to 6 months

- The aim is to encourage ALL owners and breeders to have their Frenchies assessed, for basic fitness and inherited breed related diseases
- 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.
- Any French Bulldog over 1yr is eligible to participate in the Scheme (KC Reg and Microchip required)
- Any Vet can perform the initial assessment ensuring the results are unbiased.
- Certificates 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

- Participation in the scheme is voluntary so responsibility resides with the individual to test or not
- Ideally all stud dogs and brood bitches should be tested.
- Results are published enabling prospective breeders to make a better choices & enables puppy buyers to select their pups from breeders who test their stock.
- Valuable data is collected from the results and is available for analysis
- Makes use of established schemes
- The Scheme can be tailored to accommodate new tests which may become available and can be varied on veterinary advice.
- It remains a work in progress.

Fabulous Frenchies

*Fit for
Function
Fit for the
Future*

