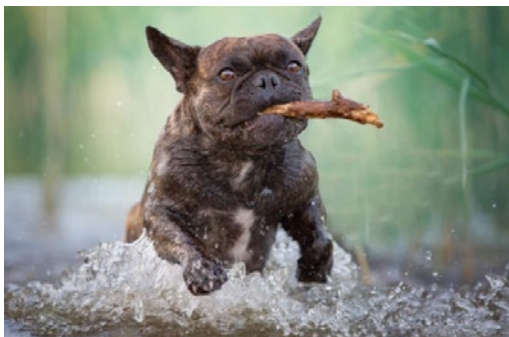


BREEDER

Further examinations, such as heart ultrasound, patella, eyes, HD and DNA test for diseases, can be done by any reputable breeder who cares about the health of their puppies. They will also ask the buyer to have the puppy examined as a young dog and/or have preliminary x-rays done prior to selling the dog in order to gain initial knowledge as to whether the breeding attempts towards a healthier Bulldog have been successful.

This care can be implemented by every breeder in every club, for the benefit of the beloved breed, which can certainly grow old without complaints or surgery if given the proper foundation!

For this, temporary deviations from the internationally valid breed standard are to be tolerated. If, despite the measures taken, there is no improvement in the long run, the well-thought-out outcross to carefully selected other breeds needs to be considered.



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HEALTHY BULLDOG

One of the **Gesunde Bulldoggen e.V.'s** purpose is to educate and raise awareness about the anatomical peculiarities of brachycephalic dogs and demonstrate what a healthy compromise between breed standard and symptom-free body function looks like. A brachycephalic dog does not have to suffer.

The now well informed buyer plays a crucial role in this by paying attention to certain characteristics of the breed and insisting the breeder of their choice is doing all necessary testing to ensure their puppies are bred for health and function.

SELECTIVE BREEDING

The selective breeding of brachycephalic breeds is characterised by expert breeders who breed dogs with harmonious and functional bodies. Only dogs that have successfully undergone extensive diagnostics and are capable of reproducing without human assistance are used for breeding. Serious abnormalities of the skeleton and respiratory system are excluded, the breeding goal must be the vital, powerful, functional animal!



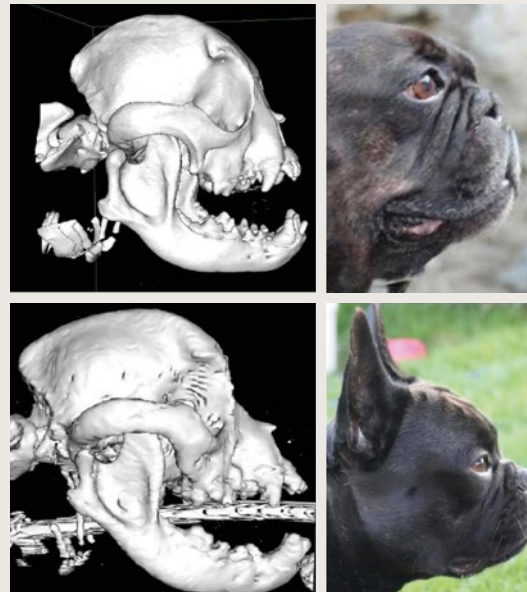
CAESAREAN SECTIONS

The first selection for vitality and healthy instincts strives for natural mating of animals and voluntary natural birth. Choose breeders who have females that can whelp without human assistance and use artificial insemination only in justified exceptional cases: This already requires basic body functions such as free breathing, stamina and mobility.

BREATHING

Choose bulldogs with a moderate muzzle and well opened nostrils – without exaggerated wrinkling of the head. The neck should be well defined and longer. The parents should ideally have been examined for respiratory function by computer tomography or laryngoscopy or similar diagnostic imaging before breeding.

Even to the untrained eye the back breeding to a longer skull shape becomes apparent.



SPINE

Most Bulldogs have breed specific changes of the vertebral bodies, mostly wedge vertebrae or butterfly vertebrae. Minor changes are permitted in the thoracic spine and can be improved by selective breeding. Therefore it is imperative to have animals evaluated before breeding. A breeding dog must have a combination of X-ray plus certificate of evaluation of such, ideally from the GRSK e.V. (Society for X-Ray Diagnostics of Genetically Influenced Skeletal Diseases in Small Animals) or similar specialists. (e.g. OFA orthopaedic foundation for animals – for USA and CANADA).

Inquire with your breeder, have them show you the x-rays and evaluation certificates and discuss their results. The healthy, straight vertebral column should ideally end in a mobile and freely carried tail.

