

Utility

French Bulldog

The French Bulldog can claim part of its ancestry in Great Britain, going back to the 1850s when a dwarf Bulldog breed known as the Toy Bulldog was popular in some parts of the country.

Nottingham lace makers, threatened by redundancy in the Industrial Revolution, emigrated to Northern France, taking their dogs with them. They became popular in some localised areas. It is thought that some crosses were made to other short-faced breeds and after three decades a new breed known as the French Bulldog had evolved.

Unlike other Bulldog breeds, the French Bulldog has large 'Bat Ears' (a term used as a nickname for the breed) giving him a clownish appearance. Soon this was the fashionable breed, popular in artistic society in Paris and portrayed by Degas and Toulouse Lautrec in portraits of Parisian life.

The return of the breed to Britain in the last years of the 19th Century brought some antagonism from the traditionalists, but in 1902 the French Bulldog Club of England was formed. In 1906 the Kennel Club gave official recognition to the breed.

In recent years the breed has seen a meteoric rise in popularity. From 2009 to 2015 the registrations for the breed increased 10 fold and in 2015 the French Bulldog was ranked third most popular breed in the UK.

Breed Group	Utility
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the French Bulldog?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- Respiratory Function Grading Scheme

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- Eye testing
- DNA test - HC-HSF4
- Participation in French Bulldog Health Scheme
- DNA test - DM

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

French Bulldog Clubs

Name	Telephone
French Bulldog Club Of England	
Midland & Northern Counties French Bulldog Club	01773 875 185
Pennine & Scottish French Bulldog Association	01535 652057
Sheffield Bull Breeds Club	01777 249193
West Lancs French Bulldog Club	01744 631190

French Bulldog Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
French Bulldog Rescue GB	
French Bulldog Saviours	01924 520143

Name	Telephone
French Bulldog Welfare Trust	01282 870901
French Bulldog Welfare Trust	0191 280 9177
French Bulldog Welfare Trust	0115 938 3317
Phoenix French Bulldog Rescue	0300727716



THE KENNEL CLUB
ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME







Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs C J Bishop Bristol, Avon	30/04/2010		
Miss S Cross & Mr B Bicket Ayr, Ayrshire	31/03/2007	07785 388374	
Mrs J Lowe Beith, Ayrshire	04/08/2015	01505 673257	
Mr S & Mrs C & Ms J Coverdale Bedford, Bedfordshire	26/06/2018	07491 653367	
Mr G & Mrs A Jenkins Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	02/06/2017	07973 159432	
Mrs M & Mr N Athier Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	13/07/2018	07833 044711	
Mrs M Athier Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	27/07/2018	07753 219214	
Mrs M Stockwell Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	28/02/2010	07831 718438	
Mrs L Watkins Crewe, Cheshire	31/03/2010	07545 996 564	
Mr C Basford Middlewich, Cheshire	10/05/2018	07919 204000	
Mrs M & Mr K Packer Warrington, Cheshire	11/01/2019	07523 049195	
Mrs V O'Brien Middlesbrough, Cleveland	19/11/2014	07513 025400	
Mrs K & Mr M A Eaton Newquay, Cornwall	04/07/2017	07900 409686	
Miss Y Tonkin & Messrs R & K Pellow Penryn, Cornwall	06/06/2019	07525 774837	
Mrs C M Brixton Penzance, Cornwall	10/03/2017	01736 331364	
Ms V Knuckey Truro, Cornwall	30/11/2010	01872 279576	
Mrs J Waterfield Truro, Cornwall	08/11/2019	01872 865133	
Mr M Boyes Ferryhill, County Durham	31/03/2008	07912 860990	

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Mrs V L Usher Carlisle, Cumbria	31/08/2008		
Miss J M Ogilvie Egremont, Cumbria	29/08/2013	07825 837158	
Miss K C Symonds Newton Abbot, Devon	22/06/2015	07507 164823	
Mrs T M Bull Plymouth, Devon	23/03/2017	01752 299442	
Mr R & Mrs K Beynon Ammanford, Dyfed	15/02/2019	07412 416288	 
Mr W J & Mrs A Connor Kidwelly, Dyfed	29/04/2005	07975 564696	  
Mrs K Squirrel Heathfield, East Sussex	30/04/2017	07912 850356	
Mrs N & Mr B Courtney Chelmsford, Essex	24/11/2015	07956 092124	
Mr R & Mrs L A Quin Rainham, Essex	15/05/2018	01708 572143	 
Mrs M Statham Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex	19/05/2015	01245 400922	
Mrs D Hollowbread Upminster, Essex	31/07/2010	07773 685698	 
Miss J C Brown & Mr T N Hutchings Berkeley, Gloucestershire	31/10/2008	01453 511303	   
Mrs G & Mr D Greenway Coleford, Gloucestershire	09/05/2017	07399064339	
Mrs D Jagger Hereford, Herefordshire	31/10/2008	07501 720840	  
Mr B R Beaumont Leominster, Herefordshire	31/03/2008	01568 708373	
Mr R & Mrs J Franks Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire	23/06/2017	07950 717327	
Mrs B Castle Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire	31/08/2010	01707 882032	  
Mrs N E & Mr P S Deverson Canterbury, Kent	28/03/2017	07545 388130	
Mrs A Baxter Orpington, Kent	29/05/2013	07825 325111	 
Mr G A & Mrs L Harvey Orpington, Kent	19/11/2018	07917 817010	
Mrs K Ede Tonbridge, Kent	15/06/2016	07889 317980	
Mr D Clark West Malling, Kent	30/06/2010	07702 074132	
Mr G & Mrs L Brough Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire	08/01/2016	01556 474559	
Mr S & Mrs J Bragger Bacup, Lancashire	28/03/2018	07717 712239	  

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Mr M A Jeffreys Bolton, Lancashire	22/06/2015	07834 771882	
Mr P & Mrs A Slaney Manchester, Lancashire	03/11/2017	07493 041665	
Messrs M Birchenough & J Carr Manchester, Lancashire	10/07/2018	07970 011261	
Miss J Howarth Oldham, Lancashire	31/07/2009	0161 6271085	  
Mrs C Holden Preston, Lancashire	06/02/2013	07538 201737	
Mrs C & Mr M Fletcher Wigan, Lancashire	03/03/2017	07792 799501	 
Mrs H C Chenery Leicester, Leicestershire	10/01/2013	07792 241235	
Mrs H C Chenery & Mr S J Swain Leicester, Leicestershire	29/10/2013	07792 241235	
Mrs M Morris Markfield, Leicestershire	15/05/2018	01530 245108	  
Mr C & Mrs I Butler Boston, Lincolnshire	25/06/2004	01205 368055	 
Messrs C D Thomas & G D Godfrey Grantham, Lincolnshire	30/11/2006	01780 410140	   
Miss V Holt & Mr J Banks Market Rasen, Lincolnshire	11/11/2013	07721 985087	 
Mrs L M Lindfield Spalding, Lincolnshire	16/08/2019	07988 755715	 
Ms J & Miss H Ashton St. Helens, Merseyside	10/11/2016	07948 529234	
Messrs D & P Taylor Feltham, Middlesex	15/07/2014	07810 540893	
Mrs B S Neill Dereham, Norfolk	13/05/2011	07747 750033	
Mrs V Playford Dereham, Norfolk	11/08/2016	07511 023446	
Mrs T P Ross Diss, Norfolk	16/11/2012	01953 681864	 
Mr D W & Mrs R Savage King's Lynn, Norfolk	19/10/2018	07584 279384	 
Mrs S J & Mr S W Worrell Norwich, Norfolk	05/12/2018	01953 788976	
Mrs A M Hector York, North Yorkshire	07/02/2012	07757 622763	
Mr I P & Mrs J Considine Northampton, Northamptonshire	23/04/2012	07843 245826	 

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Mr R A & Mrs K Aston & Mrs A C Bowen Telford, Shropshire	13/12/2016	07971 554974	  
Mrs J T Furneaux Axbridge, Somerset	08/10/2009	01934 732467	   
Mrs S A Mignano-Fricker & Mr P F Fricker Bridgwater, Somerset	24/09/2013	07725 078589	 
Mr G R & Mrs B J Morison Highbridge, Somerset	30/04/2009	01278 760305	 
Mr J J & Mrs F M Krall Taunton, Somerset	31/10/2008	07557 878768	   
Mr K J Rees & Mrs K M Jones Cardiff, South Glamorgan	30/11/2010	02920 488769	 
Miss R A Smith Grimsby, South Humberside	02/05/2012	07544 374325	 
Mrs J M Scott Rotherham, South Yorkshire	09/01/2013	07950 964790	
Mrs D Smith Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire	10/01/2012	07814 007597	
Mrs M & Mr K & Miss L Adams Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire	30/04/2008	07742 163335	
Messrs I F Chapman & P K Conway Woodbridge, Suffolk	30/12/2011		  
Miss R Roushdy Blaydon-On-Tyne, Tyne and Wear	18/10/2019	07867 499313	
Lady L Sanderson Nuneaton, Warwickshire	14/06/2004	02476 394900	  
Messrs D M Evans & K P Jarrett Neath, West Glamorgan	01/03/2018	07795 525877	
Mrs S C Oliver-Hicks Neath, West Glamorgan	31/07/2006		  
Mrs R Cassidy Birmingham, West Midlands	28/10/2019	07709 275346	
Mr J W & Mrs A McGrath Coventry, West Midlands	31/10/2005	07983 622689	  
Miss S Seffer Solihull, West Midlands	18/11/2013	01212 461013	  
Mr W D & Mrs C L Carver Billingshurst, West Sussex	07/04/2011	01403 752208	 
Mrs P H Knight Bognor Regis, West Sussex	06/08/2013	01243 823150	
Ms K Thornton Bradford, West Yorkshire	09/02/2017	07932 426105	
Mrs S Z Sharman Castleford, West Yorkshire	10/10/2019	07980 899873	

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Miss S Walker Wakefield, West Yorkshire	28/05/2019	07949 621821	
Mr R E Griffin Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	31/07/2010	01527 874607	
Mrs C Forrester Redditch, Worcestershire	15/02/2018	07786 863759	
Miss J R Walton Warrington, Cheshire	16/04/2004	01565 777330	   
Mr M M & Mrs F L Mateer York, North Yorkshire	23/02/2017	07702 967274	 
Mr R G & Mrs J Mavro-Michaelis Keighley, West Yorkshire	19/03/2004	01535 652057	  



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club