

Toy

Pug

The Chinese passion for short faced, small breeds might well have been responsible for the development of the Pug. It is thought that traders from the Dutch East India Company took dogs of this type from China back to the Netherlands in the 16th Century where they became very popular in court circles. When William of Orange succeeded to the English throne, his Pugs came with him and gained the attention of the aristocracy. Soon the breed gained popularity in court circles. In the 21st Century he has maintained his popularity as a companion breed as a result of his great personality. He is the most substantial of the Toy breeds earning the descriptor 'multum in parvo' – a lot of dog in a small frame!

Breed Group	Toy
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	None
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 Pug?

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

- Hemivertebrae (HV) checking of parents by X-ray after 12 months of age
- Patella testing

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.

Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not accept an application to register a litter when:

- 1) The dam has already whelped 4 litters (as of the 1st January 2012 the limit changed from 6 litters to 4 litters). As of this date the Kennel Club will no longer register any further litters from any bitch which our records show has already whelped 4 litters. Therefore for any litter born on or after the 1st January 2012, the system will automatically check to see how many previous litters the Kennel Club has an account of. Where the number previously recorded is 4 or more, the application will be rejected, or
- 2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping, (relief from this restriction may be considered normally provided an application is made prior to the mating, the proposed dam has previously whelped at least one other registered litter, and the application is supported by veterinary evidence as to the suitability of the bitch involved in the proposed whelping), or
- 3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating, or
- 4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons, or
- 5) (From 1st January 2012) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating, or

6) The dam was not resident at a UK address at the date of whelping.

There are further Kennel Club Rules and Regulations that may prevent a litter from being registered; the full Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

Breed Specific Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not register merle Pugs, including those imported from overseas. This is because the merle gene in this breed carries an increased risk of impaired hearing and sight problems.

Pug Clubs

Name	Telephone
Essex & East Anglia Pug Dog Club	07725 044 446
Northern Pug Dog Club	07894 065 814
Pug Dog Club	
Scottish Pug Dog Club	0131 669 4072
Wales & West Of England Pug Dog Club	02920 850739
West Pennine Pug Dog Club	

Pug Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Muffin Pug Rescue	07743 538744
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07590 440294
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07905 750638
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	01476 386071
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07543 220613
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	01793 614143
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07719 422661
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07837 021913
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07739 969367
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07917 753377
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07809 723894
Pug Dog Welfare & Rescue Association	07540 751870