



New Puppy Care Sheet

Congratulations on your new family member! French Bulldogs are known as the clown and they sure do live up to the name.

History:

The French Bulldog has a long history as a companion dog and a symbol of status. The French Bulldog was created in England to be a miniature Bulldog. He accompanied English lace makers to France, where the title French Bulldog came from. Besides being a companion, they once served as an excellent ratter. Today the main focus of a French Bulldog is to be an excellent family member and show dog.

Food:

Your puppy will be sent home with a bag of Fromm Gold Chiot small breed puppy food. You should allow the puppy to free feed this food until the puppy is 12 months of age. At this point, you may start to do a slow change to adult food. This is done by mixing the puppy food and adult food for approximately two weeks. Doing a fast change in food can result in an upset stomach and loose stool. You should feed according to the weight of your dog.

Baths:

French Bulldogs are short haired and bathing is suggested as twice a month and spot clean in between as needed. We use Warren London Oatmeal Shampoo. They have a whole line of products and we love them all.

Folds:

You should clean the folds on the face and the private areas daily with a warm cloth or wipe. Make sure you also dry the area to prevent yeast growth. We use Huggies Natural Care wipes.

Pads and Nose:

It is important to keep the pads and nose from cracking. We use Natural Dog Company Snout Soother and Paw Tecton.

Teething:

We only use small ropes and pigs ears. We do not suggest using raw hides and nylabone toys for teething. These items have been known to cause issues by breaking down and blocking the intestines.

Tear Stains:

It is normal for your puppy to have tear stains, especially while teething. Some things you can do to help with tear stains are to use a little bit of hydrogen peroxide with warm water on a cotton ball and gently wipe daily. You can also buy Burt's Bees for dogs tear stain remover on Amazon, this is what we personally use. Tear stains do not hurt the puppy, they are normal, but we do understand they can be annoying to look at. Make sure when you clean the tear stains to stay away from the eye.

Crate Training:

Your puppy will be in shock the first couple of days. He/she will miss the smell of the litter mates and mother. We have included a small blanket with the scent in your puppy pack. Place the blanket in the kennel with the puppy at night. It may also help to use a warm water bottle and an old wind up clock. The water bottle under the bed simulates the warmth of the litter mates and the clock simulates the sound of mothers' heartbeat. It is important to just be patient and allow your puppy the time to adjust to their new home.

Potty Training:

Your puppy will come litter box trained. We suggest continuing to use the litter box until your puppy has all required shots. We use horse pellet bedding inside the litter box. We do not recommend using anything else.

It is important to keep the puppy on a schedule to go outside once he/she has all the required shots. Be patient when potty training. Bulldogs can be very stubborn.

Neuter/Spay:

We suggest waiting until your puppy is one year of age before spaying or neutering. We recommend allowing your puppy time to mature. Spaying or neutering too soon can stunt growth and maturity.

Heat Stroke:

French Bulldogs are brachycephalic dogs. This means they have smaller airways making it more of a chore for them to regulate their body temperature. During the hot months it is very important you pay attention to signs of heat stroke. Heat stroke can be fatal to your Frenchie. On outings taking a spray bottle with cold water to spray them with is recommended. We also purchase both cooling mats and cooling vests.

Cleaning Products:

French Bulldogs can have very sensitive skin. We use Odoban, Bleach or Bac-Out BioKleen.

Snacks:

French Bulldogs LOVE fruits and vegetables. Below is a list of safe foods for them to eat.

~Strawberries ~String cheese ~Blueberries ~Cantaloupe ~Bananas
~Spinach ~Watermelon (no seeds) ~Carrots

Poisonous Foods Include:

~Grapes ~Onion ~Garlic ~Nuts ~Chocolate ~Avocado ~Xylitol

If you notice your Frenchie does have gas one trick to help is a tablespoon of non-fat plain Greek yogurt per day. It is also important to provide them with a good probiotic. We like Purina Fortiflora or Bene Bac.

Vet Care:

Your puppy will come with the first 2 set of shots. You will be required to do the third set of shots. Your puppy has also been dewormed. It is very important you pick a vet that thoroughly understands the brachycephalic breed. For local families we recommend Barclay Hills in Oregon City.