5 Things “NOT” To Do with A Bulldog

1. Never ever allow a Bulldog to swim or be near a pool or water source when unattended. Even when with someone, keep a very close eye on him and keep him in your site always while around water. While CPR is a good option to use in drowning’s, it still has low odds of survival in Bulldogs...and it’s best to avoid getting into that situation in the first place! Bulldogs don’t swim and will die fast, in a matter of seconds. It’s always a safe choice to use a life vest on your Bulldog while you’re with him swimming or near a water source. His weight may prevent you from holding him up or being able to rescue him. A swimming life vest prevents that. If you have a pool, be sure it has a dog safe fence with self-latching gates, just like you would have for a child.
2. Avoid heat. A Bulldog will quickly die from exposure to hot temperatures. Anything over 82° is considered hot and caution should be used. That’s with a healthy Bulldog, if your dog has troubles breathing or health issues, that temperature is too high. Bathroom breaks and exercise is fine at up to 82° for a healthy dog, just keep cool water available, know the signs of overheating, and how to treat it. Don’t allow your Bulldog to run and play hard when temperatures are hot. Keep outside time limited to short periods of less than 30 minutes with shade.
3. Avoid allowing your Bulldog to GULP his food down. He should eat steadily and not too fast. In addition, rawhide products should be avoided as well as small balls or any objects that can be a choking hazard.
4. Never allow your dog to run off leash when near traffic, streets or other animals. (NOTE: Beware that Bulldogs get stolen and caution should always be used as people will steal them from your own backyard, at a park, from your car and other ways)
5. Avoid a vet that does not have experience with Bulldogs. Bulldogs are a special breed with special needs and can’t be treated like any other dog. Use a Bulldog experienced vet.