



TCBR JUNIOR HANDLER PROGRAM

Official Rules, Guidelines, and Development Program

The Certified Bully Registry (TCBR)

Junior Handler's Rules & Etiquette Guidelines

The Certified Bully Junior Handler's Program is dedicated to developing the next generation of exhibitors by promoting education responsibility, sportsmanship, and respect within the dog show community.

Our mission is to provide young handlers with a supportive and structured environment where they can learn proper dog handling techniques, ring etiquette, and animal care while building confidence, discipline, and leadership skills.

Through hands-on experience, TCBR strives to instill a strong foundation of ethical handling practices, humane treatment of dogs, and respect for judges and fellow competitors.

We are committed to fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere that encourages growth at every level from beginner to advanced – while emphasizing that true success is measured not only by wins, but by integrity, dedication, and the bond between handler and dog.

General Rules

- Be Prepared
 - Arrive early and know your ring time
 - Have your dog clean, groomed, and ready
 - Bring your lead, number, and supplies
- Respect Your Dog
 - Always treat your dog with kindness
 - No yelling, rough handling, or frustration
 - Keep your dog under control at all times
- Respect Others
 - Be polite to judges, ring stewards, and fellow competitors
 - Wait your turn patiently
 - No interrupting or crowding
- Listen Carefully
 - Pay attention to the judge's instructions
 - Move when asked and stop when told
 - Ask politely if you do not understand
- Dress Code
 - Clean, neat, and appropriate clothing
 - Clothes should allow you to move easily
 - Avoid distracting patterns or noisy accessories
 - Wear safe, comfortable shoes

Ring Etiquette

- Entering the Ring
 - Walk in calmly and confidently
 - Keep space between you and others
 - Stay aware of your surroundings and other dogs

- While Showing
 - Keep your dog between you and the judge when appropriate
 - Move at a speed that best shows your dog
 - Watch your spacing – do not crowd other handlers
 - Make sure you clean up any bait you may have dropped
- Stacking & Presentation
 - Set your dog up neatly and quickly
 - Keep your dog still and focused
- During Examination
 - Stand calmly while the judge checks your dog
 - Control your dog gently
 - Be ready to show teeth if asked

Sportsmanship

- Always say Thank You to the judge
- Congratulate other handlers
- Accept wins and losses with a positive attitude
- Never argue with a judge or complain in the ring

Breed Knowledge

- Ages 4 – 8 at minimum should know the breed of dog they are showing, how to show their dog and basic structure (head, tail etc).
- Ages 9 – 13 should understand intermediate structure and how to show their dog correctly
- Ages 14 – 18 should know advanced structure, breed standards, and faults

Things Not Allowed

- Complaining, arguing, or poor attitude
- Rough or harsh handling
- Distracting other dogs or handlers
- Running in the ring unless instructed
- Using excessive bait/toys in a disruptive way

A great junior handler is not just about winning. It is about respect, teamwork, and showing your dog in the best way possible.

Junior Handler Advancement

Advancement

To advance from the Beginner Division to the Regular Junior Handler Division, a participant must meet the following requirements;

- The Junior Handler must earn three (3) first place wins in their designated age group
- Each win must be awarded by three (3) different judges

Purpose of Requirements

This advancement standard ensures that each junior handler demonstrates:

- Consistent handling ability
- Understanding of ring etiquette, sportsmanship, and presentation
- The ability to perform successfully under multiple judges
- Breed knowledge

Official Recognition

Upon completion of this requirement, the Junior Handler

- Will be formally recognized as a TBBR Junior Handler at the TCBR Nationals Show
- In the event the Junior Handler cannot attend Nationals the plaque or certificate will be mailed to the Junior Handler.

AMERICAN BULLY BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The American Bully is a companion breed displaying strength, compact build, heavy bone, and a broad, blocky head. Despite its mass, the breed must remain balanced, athletic, and capable of fluid movement.

Varieties

Micro: 13" and under

Pocket: Females 14"–16", Males 14"–17"

Standard: Females 16"–19", Males 17"–20"

Classic: Same height as Standard, lighter and more athletic

XL: Females 19"–23", Males 20"–23"

Extreme: No height limit, with increased mass and girth

General Structure

Head: Large and proportionate with short to medium muzzle and strong jaw

Eyes: Oval to almond, low set

Ears: Natural or cropped

Neck: Muscular with slight arch

Body: Compact, muscular, broad chest, level topline

Forequarters: Straight legs, strong shoulders

Hindquarters: Strong rear with proper angulation

Tail: Medium length, no kinks

Coat: Short and smooth

Color: All colors accepted

Movement

Movement must show power, balance, and efficiency.

Front: Straight movement with good reach

Rear: Strong drive with proper extension

Topline: Remains level

Side Gait: Smooth and coordinated

Coming & Going: Straight tracking with slight convergence

Faults

Incorrect bite, long muzzle, weak structure, bowed legs, weak pasterns, poor feet, tail faults, coat faults, or eye issues

Movement Faults

Rolling, pacing, crabbing/sidewinding, hackney action, paddling, pounding

Disqualifications

Human aggression, cryptorchidism, screwed or docked tail, deafness, blindness, wry jaw, albinism

Key Takeaway

The ideal American Bully combines muscle and substance with structure and movement, maintaining balance, stability, and effortless mobility at all times.



EXOTIC BULLY BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The Exotic Bully is a compact, heavily muscled companion breed known for its exaggerated structure, blocky head, thick bone, and low, wide stance. Despite its extreme build, it must remain functional, balanced, and capable of stable movement.

Varieties

- Micro: Females under 13" | Males 13.5" and under
- Standard: Females over 13" | Males over 13.5"
- All must maintain true Exotic Bully type

General Structure

- Head: Large, blocky, pronounced stop and cheeks
- Muzzle: Short, broad, functional breathing required
- Eyes: Small-medium, wide set
- Ears: Natural or cropped, high set
- Neck: Thick and muscular
- Body: Wide chest, short back, barrel ribs
- Forequarters: Short, heavy bone, slightly bowed legs acceptable
- Hindquarters: Strong, slightly longer than front
- Feet: Compact, slight turnout acceptable
- Tail: Short-medium, kinks allowed
- Coat: Short, smooth
- Colors: All accepted (including merle)

Movement

- Confident, controlled, and deliberate
- Short, powerful, balanced stride
- Slight rolling and turnout acceptable in moderation
- Must maintain stability, coordination, and breathing

Faults

- Loose joints, lack of muscle tone
- Excessive bowing, narrow frame

- Bulging eyes, splayed feet

Movement Faults

- Severe rolling or swaying
- Extreme restriction/stiff movement
- Pacing
- Loss of balance
- Labored breathing during movement

Disqualifications

- Human aggression, cryptorchidism
- Wry jaw, deafness, albinism
- Structural deformities affecting mobility
- Severe breathing impairment
- Inability to stand or walk properly



FRENCH BULLDOG BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The French Bulldog is a small, compact, muscular companion breed known for its distinctive bat ears, broad chest, and alert, intelligent expression. The breed must show balance, strength, and sound movement without breathing impairment.

Varieties

- Standard French Bulldog
- Fluffy French Bulldog (same structure, longer coat)

General Structure

- Size: Small, not exceeding 28 lbs
- Head: Broad, flat skull, defined stop, short muzzle
- Ears: Required bat ears
- Eyes: Round, low-set, wide apart, no bulging
- Neck: Thick, slightly arched
- Body: Broad chest, short strong back, slight roach topline
- Forequarters: Short, stout, straight legs
- Hindquarters: Strong, slightly longer than front
- Feet: Compact, cat-like
- Tail: Naturally short, low-set
- Coat: Short (or long in fluffy)
- Colors: All accepted (including merle)

Movement

- Free, steady, and efficient
- Balanced reach and drive
- Slight roll acceptable, not exaggerated
- No labored, restricted, or unstable movement

Faults

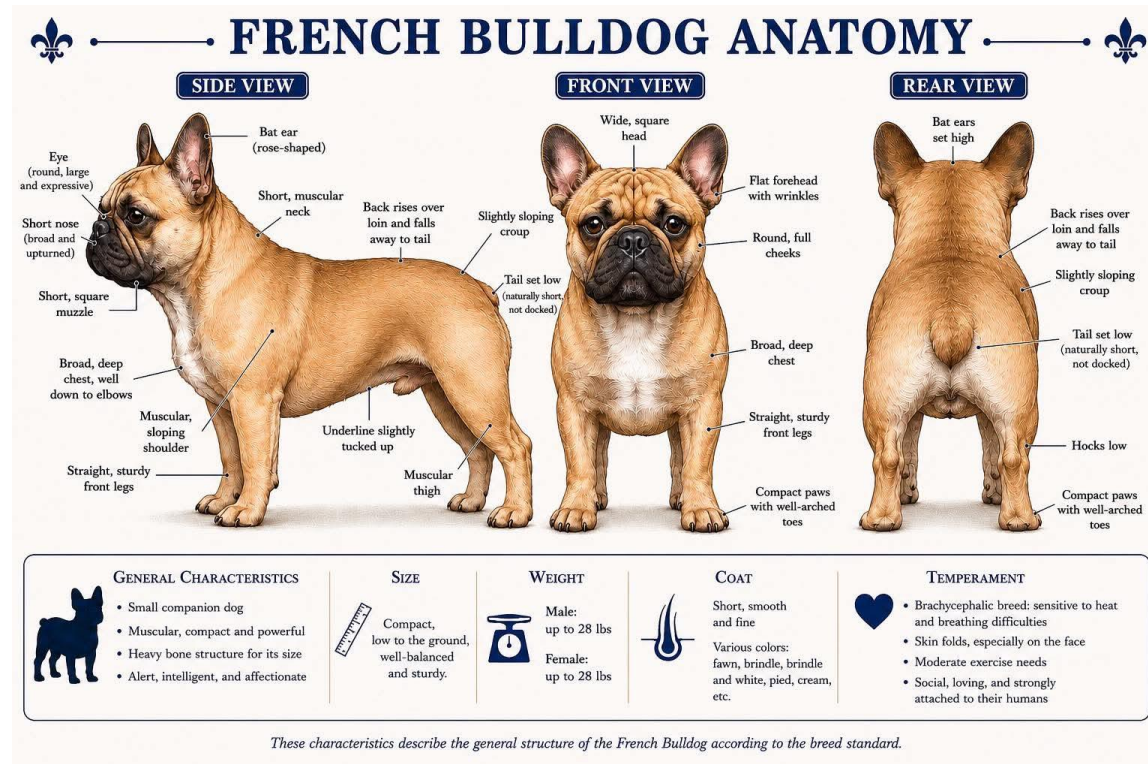
- East-west feet, upright shoulders
- Cow hocks, weak rear, imbalance

Movement Faults

- Paddling/winging
- Crossing over
- Crabbing/sidewinding
- Cow-hocked movement
- Restricted front movement
- Pacing
- Pounding gait

Disqualifications

- Human aggression, cryptorchidism
- Wry jaw
- Incorrect ear type (not bat ears)
- Deafness, albinism

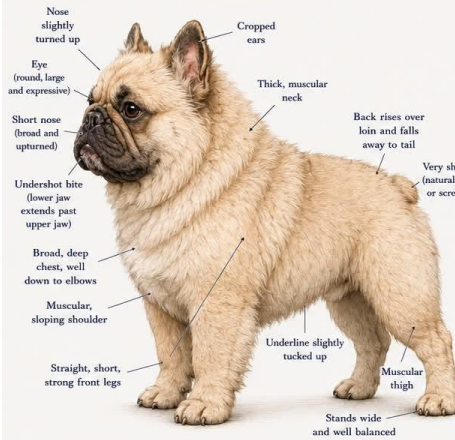




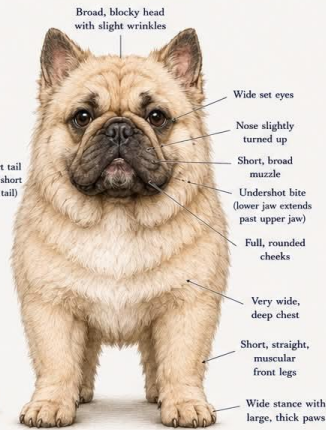
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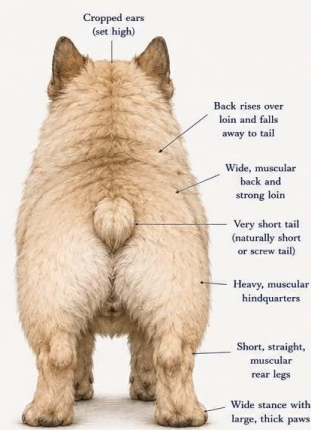
SIDE VIEW



FRONT VIEW



REAR VIEW



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Compact, short, and extremely muscular
- Heavy bone structure and thick build
- Bulldog appearance with a shorter, lower-to-the-ground stature
- Confident, loyal, and affectionate
- Excellent companion and family dog

SIZE



Height at withers
(Most common range):
13" to 17"
Length slightly longer
than height.

WEIGHT



Male:
50 to 85 lbs
Female:
40 to 75 lbs

COAT



Short, fluffy
and soft
Easy to groom
Various colors:
fawn, brindle, brindle
and white, pied, cream,
and combinations.

TEMPERAMENT



- Confident, bold, and calm
- Loyal and devoted to family
- Good with children
- Can be stubborn; responds best to consistent training
- Loves human companionship

These characteristics describe the general structure of the Fluffy French Bulldog according to the breed standard.

EXOTIC FRENCH BULLDOG BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The Exotic French Bulldog is a compact, muscular, low-stationed companion dog defined by its signature prominent rope over the muzzle. The breed must exhibit balance, symmetry, and strength without exaggeration that impairs health or movement.

General Appearance

- Size: Compact, powerful; not over 40 lbs. Balance is priority.
- Head: Large, square; flat skull preferred; defined stop.
- Eyes: Wide-set, low, round; no bulging or loose lids.
- Bite: Undershot; teeth not visible when closed preferred.
- Ears: Required bat ears.
- Muzzle/Rope: Short, wide muzzle with large, symmetrical rope; must not obstruct breathing or vision.
- Nose: Wide with open nostrils.
- Neck: Thick, muscular.
- Body: Broad chest, short strong loin.
- Topline: Slight roach; not extreme.
- Forequarters: Short, straight, heavy-boned.
- Hindquarters: Muscular, slightly longer than front.
- Tail: Naturally short, low-set.
- Coat: Smooth or fluffy.
- Color: All colors acceptable.

Movement

- Free, steady, efficient with balanced reach and drive.
- Front: Straight tracking, no winging or crossing.
- Side: Smooth, slight natural roll acceptable.
- Rear: Straight, hocks parallel.

Faults

- Improper rope size, narrow chest, weak structure
- East-west feet, cow-hocked rear
- Breathing difficulty, extreme undershot bite

Movement Faults

- Paddling, crossing, crabbing
- Cow-hocked, restricted front, pacing, pounding

Disqualifications

- Aggression toward humans, cryptorchidism
- Wry jaw, non-bat ears
- Deafness, albinism

EXOTIC FRENCH BULLDOG

★ ANATOMY DIAGRAM ★

SIDE VIEW

BAT EARS
Upright and wide at the base

NECK
Thick, muscular with a slight arch

COMPACT, COBBY BODY
Very compact, cobby build with thick bone and deep ribs

POWERFUL HINDQUARTERS
Strong, well-muscled rear with a low tail set

ROPE MUZZLE
Short and broad, with deep wrinkles that completely cover the nose while allowing the eyes to remain visible

WIDE CHEST
Broad, deep chest with excellent forechest protrusion

SHORT, STRAIGHT LEGS
Thick bone, strong and straight

ROUND, CAT-LIKE FEET
Tight toes, strong pads

FRONT VIEW

MASSIVE, SQUARE HEAD
Extremely broad and blocky with a pronounced stop

WIDE NOSTRILS
Open nostrils for easy breathing

DEEP CHEST
Reaches to the elbows with excellent depth

WIDE, SOLID STANCE
Front legs set wide apart for maximum stability

BACK VIEW

THICK NECK MUSCLES
Flows smoothly into broad shoulders

BROAD SHOULDERS
Well-laid back with heavy muscling

SHORT TAIL
Low-set and screw or straight

MUSCULAR REAR
Well-developed thighs and good angulation

STRONG HIND LEGS
Short, powerful and well-boned

ABOUT THE FRENCH BULLDOG

The French Bulldog is known for its extreme look and compact, muscular build. They have a very short, pushed-in muzzle with increased rope size that covers the nose, massive head, thick neck, and wide chest. Despite their tough appearance, they are affectionate, playful, and devoted companions.

KEY TRAITS

- ★ Massive & Square Head
- ★ Extreme Rope Muzzle (covers nose)
- ★ Thick Neck & Wide Chest
- ★ Compact & Cobby Build
- ★ Strong & Athletic Appearance
- ★ Coat: Smooth or Fluffy

IDEAL PROPORTIONS

Body Type: Compact, cobby, very muscular
Head: Large square head, extreme stop
Coat: Smooth or Fluffy
Temperament: Loyal, affectionate, confident

PAW DETAILS

Round, cat-like feet with tight toes and thick pads for traction and stability.

ENGLISH BULLDOG BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The English Bulldog is a compact, powerful, muscular breed with a broad head, short muzzle, loose skin, and a distinctive wrinkled expression. Balance, strength, and stability are essential.

Varieties

- Mini: Females 13" and under | Males 13.5" and under
- Standard: Females over 13" | Males over 13.5"
- All varieties must maintain true English Bulldog type

General Structure

- Head: Large, broad, wrinkled with defined stop and nose rope
- Eyes: Low-set, wide, dark preferred
- Ears: High-set following skull outline
- Muzzle & Jaw: Short muzzle, undershot bite, thick flews
- Neck: Thick, arched with loose skin
- Body: Broad chest, short roached back, muscular with skin rolls
- Forequarters: Wide shoulders, short stout legs
- Hindquarters: Strong, slightly longer than front
- Feet: Round, compact, slightly turned out
- Tail: Short, low-set
- Coat: Short, smooth
- Colors: All accepted

Movement

- Rolling/waddling gait
- Balanced, steady, deliberate
- Rear provides drive; front has slight lift
- No instability or severe restriction

Faults

- Bulging eyes, excessive haw, erect ears
- Long/narrow muzzle, visible tongue closed
- Weak rear, cow-hocked or straight stifles

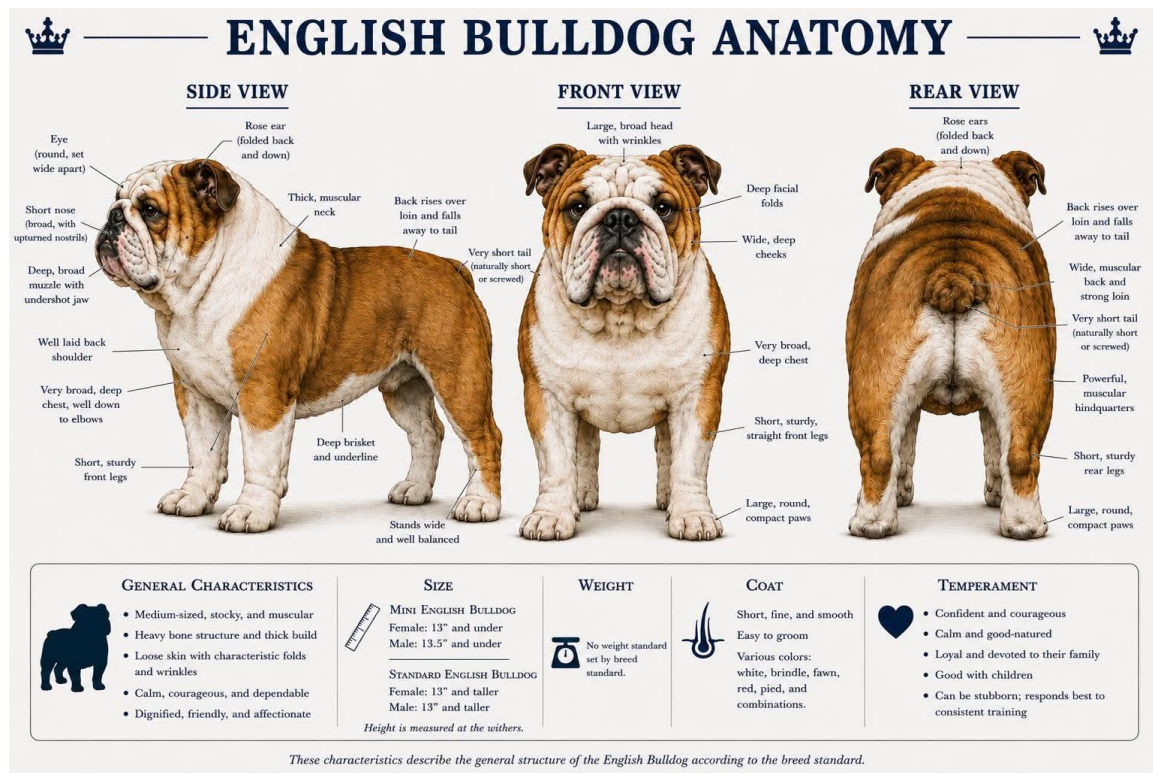
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Movement Faults

- Crossing over, pacing
- Restricted movement (short, stiff stride)
- Excessive rolling affecting balance

Disqualifications

- Human aggression, cryptorchidism
- Wry jaw, blindness, deafness, albinism



OLD ENGLISH BULLDOGGE BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The Olde English Bulldogge is a balanced, muscular, athletic breed demonstrating strength, agility, and sound structure. Emphasis is placed on proportion, functionality, and overall balance.

General Structure

- Head: Large, powerful; circumference equal to or greater than height
- Muzzle: Broad, short (1–3 inches), functional
- Bite: Undershot; no visible lower canines
- Eyes: Wide-set, moderate size; any color (odd eyes not preferred)
- Ears: Rose preferred; small drop acceptable
- Nose: Broad, open nostrils; not pushed between eyes
- Neck: Muscular, smooth transition to shoulders
- Body: Wide, deep chest; slight rise then slope topline
- Size: Females 17–19" (50–70 lbs); Males 18–20" (65–80 lbs)
- Tail: Pump handle preferred; low carriage
- Forequarters: Straight, wide, strong bone
- Hindquarters: Muscular with proper angulation
- Feet: Tight, compact
- Coat: All colors/patterns accepted

Movement

- Balanced, powerful gait with strong rear drive
- Good reach and single tracking
- Must remain efficient, stable, and coordinated

Faults

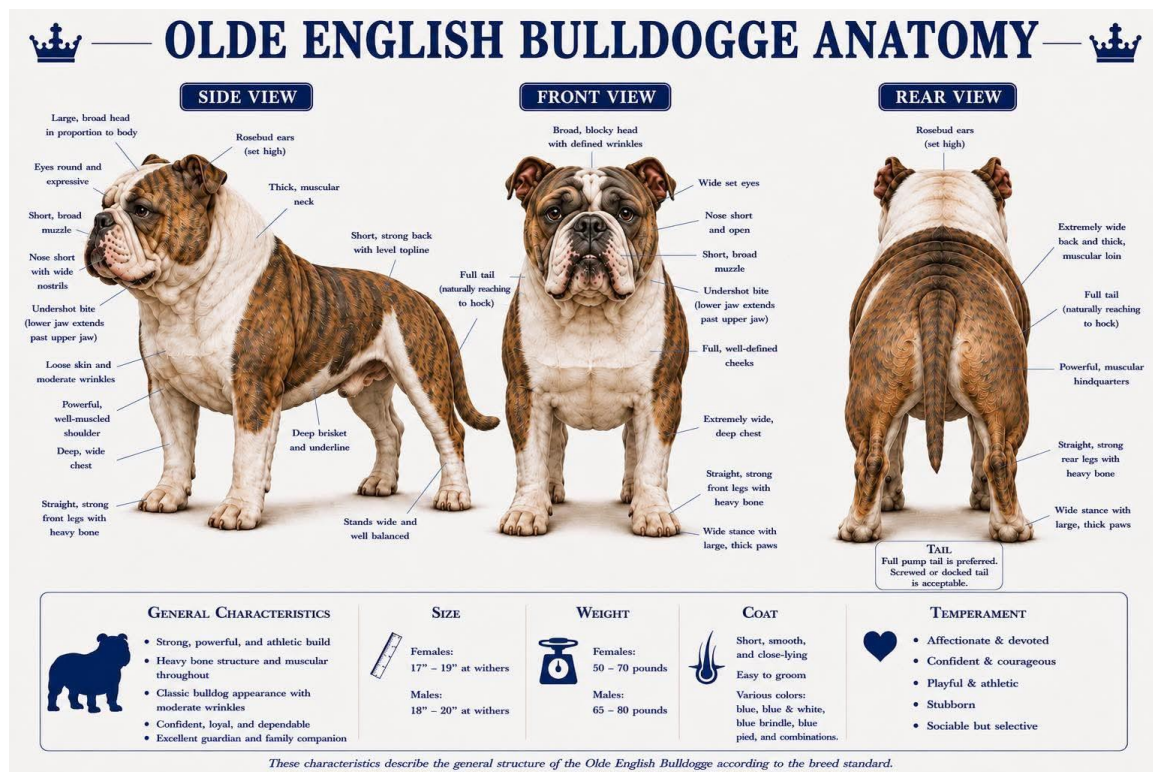
- Excess muzzle length, scissor bite
- Bulging/crossed eyes, pricked ears
- Narrow chest, east-west feet
- Straight rears, splayed feet, long coat

Movement Faults

- Pacing
- Sidewinding/crabbing
- Excessive rolling
- Cow-hocked movement

Disqualifications

- Human aggression, cryptorchidism
- Wry jaw
- Deafness, blindness
- Albinism



SHORTY BULL BREED STANDARD (Condensed)

Overview

The Shorty Bull is a compact, low-to-the-ground, powerfully built companion breed with strong bone, pronounced muscle, and balanced athleticism. The breed must appear short and wide while maintaining sound movement and overall health.

General Structure

- Head: Rounded, bulldog type with slight nose turn-up (no Dudley nose)
- Bite: Undershot, not excessive; no visible lower canines when closed
- Eyes: Oval, wide-set, non-protruding (brown preferred)
- Ears: Cropped close; long ears not permitted
- Neck: Thick, muscular flowing into level topline
- Body: Short, compact, broad chest to elbows, strong loin
- Rear/Shoulders: Well-rounded, muscular, balanced
- Tail: Short, docked or screwed; long tails not permitted
- Colors: All colors/patterns accepted (including merle)

Movement

- Smooth, balanced, controlled movement
- Strong rear drive with good front reach
- Must remain sound, efficient, and coordinated

Faults

- Splayed feet, weak pasterns
- Cow hocks, pigeon toes
- Narrow hindquarters
- Dudley nose
- Breathing difficulty

Movement Faults

- Pacing (same-side movement)
- Crabbing/sidewinding (angled tracking)
- Crossing over
- Paddling/winging

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- Hackney action (high stepping)
- Rolling/swaying gait

Disqualifications

- Human aggression, cryptorchidism
- Wry jaw
- Deafness
- Albinism

