



Privacy Policy

French Bulldog Foundation of America (FBDFA)

French Bulldog Foundation of America (“FBDFA,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the health, welfare, and longevity of French Bulldogs. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, share, and protect information when you visit our website (frenchbulldogfoundationofamerica.org), apply for membership or programs, make a donation, submit applications, or otherwise interact with us.

By using our website or services, you agree to the practices described in this policy.

1. Information We Collect

Information you provide directly

- Name, email address, phone number, and mailing address
- Membership application details
- Donation information
- Information submitted through forms (Legacy of Health applications, Verified Breeder applications, contact forms, event registrations, etc.)
- Dog-related information you voluntarily share (OFA/CHIC results, health testing data, photos, etc.) when applying for recognition programs
- Payment information related to Verified Breeder applications (fee effective July 1, 2026) and other program fees

Information collected automatically

- IP address, browser type, device information, and pages visited
- Cookies and similar technologies used for website functionality and analytics

Publicly available information We may collect and display information that is already publicly available (for example, from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals database, parent club websites, or other public sources) for educational, research, and transparency purposes.

Payment information We do not store full credit card numbers. Donations, Verified Breeder application fees (effective July 1, 2026), and other payments are processed securely by third-party providers (such as Stripe or similar processors).

2. How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect to:

- Process memberships, donations, Verified Breeder applications, and other program applications
- Communicate with you about FBDFA activities, events, health clinics, and resources
- Maintain and improve our website and programs
- Administer the Legacy of Health and Verified Breeder programs
- Conduct independent educational audits and directories based on public or voluntary data
- Comply with legal and nonprofit reporting obligations
- Protect the security and integrity of our website and organization

We do **not** sell your personal information.

3. How We Share Information

We may share information only in these limited situations:

- With service providers who help us operate the website, process payments, host forms, or manage email (examples: GoDaddy, JotForm, Stripe, email service providers). These providers are required to protect your information and use it only for the services they provide to us.
- When required by law or to protect the rights, safety, or property of FBDFA, our members, or the public.

- In connection with a merger, reorganization, or transfer of assets (rare for a nonprofit).

We do not share dog health data or personal information publicly without your consent, except when the information is already publicly available or was voluntarily submitted for inclusion in our educational directories.

4. Verified Breeder Lists, Legacy of Health Designations, Audits & Public Directories

The French Bulldog Foundation of America is a nonprofit organization and **is not a breed registry**. FBDFA does not register dogs, maintain pedigrees, or certify lineage.

- Breeders identified as “Verified Breeder” have submitted an application (which includes a fee as of July 1, 2026) and have demonstrated compliance with the health testing, documentation, and transparency requirements of the FBDFA Legacy of Health (LOH) Program.
- Breeders identified as “Verified Breeder ~Public~ Parent Club Referral” have been found to have demonstrated compliance with the health testing, documentation, and transparency requirements of the FBDFA Legacy of Health Program.
- Verification and audit information is based solely on a review of Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) evaluations and other materials that are publicly available or voluntarily provided by the breeder or owner.
- All lists, directories, and the Parent Club Breeder Referral List Audit are provided strictly for **informational, educational, and research purposes**. They do not constitute an endorsement, certification, recommendation, referral, or warranty of any breeder, dog, or practice.
- FBDFA does not evaluate, validate, or make any representations regarding coat color, hair type, structure, or other conformational traits.
- FBDFA’s role is limited to verifying compliance with stated health evaluation criteria and acknowledging associated Legacy of Health (LOH) designations where applicable.

Disclaimer of Warranties THE INFORMATION, LISTS, VERIFICATION STATUSES, AUDIT NOTES, AND MATERIALS PROVIDED BY FBDFA ARE PROVIDED ON AN “AS IS” AND “AS AVAILABLE” BASIS WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, FBDFA EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Any implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title, or non-infringement;
- Any warranties regarding the health, temperament, quality, genetic status, structure, coat color, or pedigree of any dog;
- Any warranties that the information provided is accurate, complete, current, or free from errors or omissions.

No advice or information obtained from FBDFA, whether oral or written, shall create any warranty not expressly stated in this Privacy Policy.

Important Note & Limitation of Liability Prospective buyers and other third parties assume all responsibility for conducting independent due diligence, including direct communication with breeders, verification of current health testing, and review of pedigrees.

Any listing or reference on our website is based on publicly available information or voluntary submissions and is provided solely as an educational resource.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, FBDFA, its officers, directors, volunteers, and agents shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages, or any claims, losses, costs, or expenses (including attorney's fees) arising out of or related to:

- Any breeder, dog, or transaction;
- Reliance on any information, listing, verification status, or audit note published by FBDFA;
- Errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in publicly sourced or voluntarily provided data.

Use of the information on this website is at your own risk.

5. Removal / Opt-Out Requests for Public or Audit Listings

We respect privacy concerns related to information appearing in our educational audits and directories.

If you object to the inclusion of your information (or your dog's information) that was drawn from public sources or voluntary submissions:

1. First contact the original source (for example, the parent club) to request removal from their public lists or directories, as our content often references those sources.

2. Submit a formal request to FBDFA by email at fbdfoundationamerica@gmail.com, including your name, the specific information you wish removed, and documentation of your request to the original source.
3. We will review and process the request within approximately 30 days and update our materials where the request aligns with our policy on public and voluntary data.

Because our audits and directories rely on publicly available or voluntarily shared information, complete removal may require changes at the original source. Removals are handled on a case-by-case basis.

6. Cookies and Tracking Technologies

Our website uses cookies and similar technologies.

- **Essential cookies** are required for the website to function (for example, session management and security). These are generally deleted when you close your browser.
- **Non-essential cookies** (such as analytics cookies) help us understand how the site is used and improve the visitor experience.

You may control or delete cookies through your browser settings at any time. Declining non-essential cookies will not prevent you from using most features of the website. By continuing to use the site after being presented with the cookie notice, you consent to our use of cookies as described in this policy.

7. Website Access and Use

FBDFA reserves the sole right and discretion to restrict, suspend, or terminate access to any portion of the website for any reason, including but not limited to violation of this Privacy Policy, abusive behavior, or any activity that may harm the organization, its programs, or other users. This right applies whether the user is identified by IP address, email address, account credentials, or any other means.

8. Your Privacy Rights

Depending on where you live, you may have rights to:

- Request access to the personal information we hold about you
- Request correction or deletion of your information
- Opt out of certain communications
- Request information about how we share data

California residents have additional rights under the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA/CPRA). To exercise any of these rights, contact us using the information below. We will respond within the time required by law.

9. Data Security

We take reasonable measures to protect your information from unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction. However, no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure.

10. Data Retention

We retain personal information only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this Privacy Policy, to comply with our legal and nonprofit record-keeping obligations, or as otherwise permitted by law.

Information related to memberships, donations, Verified Breeder applications, and Legacy of Health records may be retained for longer periods as required for organizational, tax, or historical purposes. When information is no longer needed, we will take reasonable steps to delete or de-identify it.

11. Children's Privacy

Our website and programs are not directed at children under 13. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13.

12. Third-Party Links

Our website may contain links to other sites (OFA, AKC, rescue organizations, parent clubs, etc.). We are not responsible for the privacy practices of those sites.

13. Indemnification (Site-Wide)

You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the French Bulldog Foundation of America, its officers, directors, volunteers, agents, and affiliates from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to:

- Your access to or use of the website, any content, lists, programs, or materials provided by FBDFA;
- Your reliance on any information published on the website;
- Any transaction, purchase, interaction, or dispute with a third party (including breeders) that you discovered or contacted through the website;

- Any information, documents, or materials you submit to FBDFA;
- Your violation of this Privacy Policy or any applicable law;
- Any claim that your actions caused harm to a third party.

This indemnification obligation will survive the termination of your use of the website and any related programs or services.

14. Changes to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. The “Last Updated” date at the top of this page is the official notice of any changes. Continued use of the website after the updated policy is posted constitutes acceptance of the revised terms. We encourage you to review this page periodically.

15. Contact Us

If you have questions about this Privacy Policy, wish to exercise your privacy rights, or submit a removal request, please contact us:

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