

**THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**  
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Although the Bulldog Club of America (BCA) does not mandate specific health tests, the BCA does educate its member breeders in best breeding practices so that they can produce healthy puppies.

Realizing that health testing is a tool which can and should be used in determining potential breedings, the BCA offers the Ambassador of Health Awards. The purpose of the BCA Ambassador of Health Program is to promote betterment of the breed through health testing, by recognizing Bulldogs, owned by BCA members, which have met specific health testing requirements. Equally important is understanding the health issues dictated by the “Official Standard”.

For example, the standard requires the Bulldog to have an “unrestrained, free and vigorous gait”, “great stability,” and be “equable and kind.” In addition, the standard requires that no feature be in such prominence from either excess or lack of quality that the animal appears deformed or ill-proportioned.” An excessive nose wrinkle is an example of this. Also important to Bulldog health are eye, nose and coat colors.

The BCA expressly warns all potential Bulldog owners to beware of the fad color breeders. Nose color must be black, eye color must be dark brown, and coat color may only be brindle, white, red or fawn, or piebald. Any other colors are “fad” colors which may contain potential health risks. Please refer to the BCA website, [www.bulldogclubofamerica.org](http://www.bulldogclubofamerica.org), for additional information.

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