

## HEALTH STATEMENT

The Australian Bulldog Society Inc is aware that occasionally from time to time genetic health problems may occur in Australian Bulldogs. The Australian Bulldog breeding programme is an ongoing, continuing journey to breed out the anatomical exaggerations which have caused so many health problems while retaining an instantly recognisable bulldog type and steady temperament. The further we progress through the pure Australian Bulldog generations and the further we get away from the anatomical exaggerations of ancestral other breeds the fewer of these problems should crop up given responsible breeding. Breeders should actively work towards consistency within the ABS Inc Breed Standard (see website page).

ABS member breeders are actively encouraged to have their breeding stock hip scored prior to breeding, although recorded, verified incidents of hip dysplasia are pleasingly low. The ABS Inc requires hip scores to be sent in to Management Committee so that we can accurately assess a base-line score for Australian Bulldogs.

Our Litter Registration Policy (see website page) does not allow for close inbreeding. Further, we actively discourage white to white matings to reduce incidences of deafness, skin cancer etc.

Dogs that suffer from heart murmurs, hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, luxating patellas, monorchidism (one testicle), severe entropion or trichiasis (rolled in eyelids/extra eyelashes respectively) and severe elongated soft palate should never be bred from.

As with owning any animal, pet insurance is recommended.

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