



CLUB DU
BULLDOG ANGLAIS



SCC - THE SOCIETE CENTRALE CANINE - SCC THE FRENCH KENNEL CLUB

For many years, the SCC took to heart to insure the promotion of the BEAU ET BON CHIEN = **NICE LOOKING and HEALTHY and GOOD TEMPERED dog.**

Many years ago, the name of the top award at shows was changed from CACB = Certificat d'Aptitude de BEAUTE) Beauty CC to CACS (Certificat de CONFORMITE AU STANDARD) = in accordance with the standard. This means a state of mind.

Many tools are proposed to the breed Clubs to achieve this goal. According to their specific breed problems, Clubs can use them in different ways.



THE ROLE OF A BREED CLUB

In France there is only ONE Club per breed. It is affiliated to the SOCIETE CENTRALE CANINE, the only institution that registers the dogs' pedigrees.

Its responsibility for managing the breed is therefore very important. This is not a Club just for friends.

The breed clubs have the responsibility of the whole breed and not only of a part of the elite of the breed or the dogs of their members.

A big number of litters are produced by occasional breeders.

BREED CLUB STATUTES

Article 4 – Club purposes: The CLUB DU BULLDOG ANGLAIS has for purpose to favour, for the English bulldog breed, the respect of the standard (morphological and behavioural features) with the aim to improve the breed, to encourage its breeding, contribute to its promotion and develop its use.

This includes the breed promotion, the information towards the general public, the judges, the breed experts, the dog owners, and the organisation of shows dedicated to the breed and over all the selection of a high quality potential breeding stock.

to manage a breed it is essential to know very well the basis on which one works. This means knowing the situation of the stock.

It is then important to set goals and priorities, and that these objectives be reasonable in order not to discourage good will.

THE BULLDOG

The standard :

Conveys an impression of determination, strength and activity. Alert, bold, loyal, dependable, courageous, fierce in appearance, but possessed of an affectionate nature.

This standard has been reviewed several times – the last time by Great Britain and then accepted by the FCI in 2011. It removes all formulas that can lead to excess.

The bulldog has a great popularity.

- In 2015 : the bulldog is the 5th favourite breed in the USA = 20000 puppies were registered in one year.
- 5600 puppies were registered by the Kennel Club in the UK during the same year
- In France, more than 2000 puppies were born every year in the last several years.

Can we think that there are so many masochist owners who persist in wanting to live with dogs in such bad condition?

Are the bulldogs closely inbred in France?

A study conducted in 2014 by the SCC reveals that only ONE LITTER was registered from a father/daughter or mother/son mating out of the 487 litters registered during that year.

THE CLUB DU BULLDOG - France

1. Our action can affect only dogs registered in the LOF.
2. Many dogs which have the "breed appearance "- without a pedigree- probably exist. They are out of control but swell the number of clients of veterinarians and damage the image of the breed.



INVENTORY

There are 2 categories of bulldogs:

- The healthy ones which can breathe, run, see - enjoy a happy life.
- And the sick ones which can be affected by all kinds of diseases

o There are two categories of diseases

- Some diseases are not too serious and can be more or less difficult to solve, more and no less than in other breeds
- Some are threatening for the comfort of the dog's lives, these dogs need love and good care from their owners but at no price they should be bred to eradicate the problems.

How to collect reliable data.

Health survey

The Club has organised 2 health surveys

- In 2004 and 232 questionnaires were returned
- In 2011: 342 questionnaires were returned

[LINK Document pdf](#)

Longevity survey:

- In 2006 - 200 questionnaires were returned

[LINK Document pdf](#)

Pathology concerning very young dogs (less than 1 year): A very high number of heart-respiratory pathologies and accidents during anesthetic. The death of the very young bulldog is associated almost exclusively with brachycephalic syndromes such as hyperplasia of the soft palate, stenotic nares and over exaggerated features.

The cases of heatstroke, often really pulmonary edema, in relation to brachycephalic syndrome and the influence of stress and/or climatic conditions, occur mainly before the age of 6 years.

THEY REPRESENT 28% OF DEATHS

For sure – this is THE problem

A continuous watch to collect information

Breeders are the ideal target, but much information is retrieved from private owners.

New longevity and health surveys are being made this year and will be available at the beginning of 2017.

Veterinary statistics

Veterinarians get to see sick dogs. They are bound by medical confidentiality and probably unwilling to "report" their clients.

Note that unfortunately, some practitioners may also operate automatically on dogs.

The solution, but it is not applicable in France would be that information about certain operations could be traced back to the SCC, including the brachycephalic syndrome operations.

Insurance statistics

To date, we have no reports on dog insurance statistics. In France the practice of dog insurance is not widespread. Anyway, the data relates only to sick dogs. It would be interesting to know the diseases, but it would not inform us about the percentage of healthy dogs or if these dogs are registered with the SCC or not (pedigree).

The owners and / or breeders themselves

It is well known that breeders are reluctant to report their problems and their failures.

In a perfect world, everyone would share their successes and failures. It would be so much easier to progress in knowledge and find a solution.

Many times the information comes to the Club through unexpected ways. Facebook informers are common.

Private owners may be more prone to tell their bad experiences.

It is also necessary to check that the information is reliable.

Information can be biased on purpose or by lack of knowledge.

Example: some dogs had surgery of the soft palate. If the owner does not say so, it is impossible to check.

Before taking the TAN exam, we ask the owner of the bulldog to sign a sworn statement that their dog has not be operated on ... we try ...

Show judges

The dogs which are shown are usually in good condition.

Training and information for judges is of utmost importance.

The fight against the hyper-type has been conducted by the Bulldog Club with lots of energy for several years even if some potential buyers still dream of hyper-typical dogs like in cartoons.

Publications on social networks have unfortunately too often shown monstrous dogs which are admired.

Sometimes, the BIS winners at shows could also be questionable, but it happens less and less often in France.

THE POLICY OF THE CLUB DU BULLDOG

Too many rules kill the rules.

Multiplying the requirements results in the decrease in the number of dogs registered in a studbook to make way for dogs without pedigrees that are no longer subject to any control or statistics.

There are nasty effects in some countries where the number of registered dogs has dropped drastically. Some breeders even move (or make believe they have moved) to more tolerant countries.

Therefore, not too draconian measures (decisions) should be taken.

THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: PRAGMATISM and COMMON SENSE

A positive step.

Incentive measures- Carrot or stick?

An outcross?

The Continental bulldog is the perfect example for our breed : it has become a DIFFERENT BREED for a different kind of owners.

It is also too early to know the weak points of this new breed which is bound to have problems.

It is not "the" answer.

Obviously the Bulldog Club as a whole cannot accept this solution.

WHAT ARE THE TOOLS OF BREED CLUBS IN FRANCE ?

LEVEL 1:

A dog of a certain breed is a dog registered in a Book of Origins.

The puppy receives its Birth Certificate from the SCC attesting its origins.

Genetic DNA identification.

In France, the law requires that a dog must be identified (microchip).

DNA identification is increasingly carried out by dog owners and especially by the owners or by bulldogs breeders which ensures real traceability.

Several laboratories perform these identifications. This identification is noted on the dog's pedigree as well as compatibility with parents. So, above all, genealogy is guaranteed.

At the moment, the SCC has 1310 genetic fingerprints in its data base, but this base grows very fast.

The French pedigrees include 5 generations

The French 5 generation pedigree mention the significant show results, the results of various selection processes, health information (test results sent by the club under their responsibility) and also the list of collaterals.



**CENTRALE
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Livre des Origines Français Livre d'Elevage de la SCC

Pour l'amélioration des races de chiens en France
Fédération Nationale agréée par le Ministère de l'Agriculture
(Décret du 26-2-1974, Arrêté du 22-5-1969)
Reconnue d'Utilité Publique

PEDIGREE

Inscrit au Registre des Livres Généalogiques
du **MINISTÈRE DE L'AGRICULTURE FRANÇAIS**
(doit obligatoirement être remis en même temps que le chien en cas de changement de propriétaire)



Date d'émission : xx.xx.2015

EXCEPTIONNELLE DE CHICAMOUR EN HABIT ROUGE

Sexe : F né(e) le : 27/04/2009

N° LOF : 2 B. Dog. 18011/4257

Identifiant : 250269801365449

Race/Variété :

Couleur : Fau.Pan.Bla.

Inscrit(e) le : 30/06/2009

Consanguinité : - SUDDERBOK PORTOS – 3,4
(5 générations) - IDYLLE DE LA BARTASSIERE – 3,4
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Coefficient de consanguinité : xy %
(5 générations)

DNAComp Cot.4 PL-0 CACS(1) EXCChNE TAN

Collatéraux :

ECLIPSE – F – Fau. Cot.4 PL-0 CACS(3) Cacib(1) TAN

EPICE – F – Fau.Bi. Cot.3 PL-1 TAN

EDEN – F – Fau.Pan.Bla Cot.2 EXC TAN

EOLE – F – Fau. Cot.4 PL-0 RCACS(1) RCACIB(1) TAN

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Les informations relatives à chaque géniteur mentionné dans la généalogie de ce document proviennent :

- Du LOF, Livre généalogique unique dont le suivi est confié à la SCC par le Ministère de l'Agriculture

- Du Livre d'Elevage que la SCC a constitué en compilant les données de valorisation des géniteurs

Ascendants 1ère Génération - Parents	Ascendants 2e Génération - Grands-Parents	Ascendants 3e Génération	Ascendants 4e Génération	Ascendants 5e Génération
<p>Nom : THURAM DE MINGUEVEL n° LOF ou livre étranger : 2 B.DOG.17 070/ 2 785 Variété : Couleur : Fau. DNA Cot.6 PL-0 ChFCs CHG CHLU CACS(1) CACSNE(2) CACIB(9) TAN</p> <p>Collatéraux : THARA - F - Fau. Cot.3 PL-0 TAN TOSCANE - F - Fau. Bl. Cot.1 TAN TAORE - F - Fau. Cot.1 TESS - F - Fau. - DNA Cot.2 EXCSpé TAN TCHEKHOV - M - Fau.Pan.Bla. Cot.1 EXCSpé TASCA - F - Fau. Cot.1 TONNERRE - M - Fau. TIBER - M - Fau. TINA - F - Fau.</p>	<p>Nom : RICO DU DOMAINE DU PARC n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 1938/4236 Variété : Couleur : Bla DNA Cot.6 CACS(1) CACSNE(1) TAN</p> <p>Collatéraux : ROLEX - M - Fau DNA Cot.2 EXCSpé TAN RITOU - Fau. REX - M - Fau. RICK - M - Fau. RITON - M - Fau.</p> <p>Nom : MAURANE DE MINGUEVEL n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 18100/4541 Variété : Couleur : Fau Cot.6 PL-0 CACIB(1) TAN</p> <p>Collatéraux : MATISSE - M - Fau. Pan. Blan. Cot.2 EXCSpé TAN MEGANE - F - Fau. Cot.1 MATHIAS - M - Fau. MORGAN - M - Fau. MORGANE - F - Fau. MALIC - M - Fau.</p>	<p>Nom : BARU VON HAUS YU n° LOF ou étranger : SZ 1972084 CHIB</p> <p>Nom : NIZZY DU DOMAINE DU PARC n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 12780/2220 DNA Cot.1 EXCSpé</p> <p>Nom : JARRY DU VAL D'ANZIN n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 14392/25434 Cot.5 RCACS(1) RCACIB(1)</p> <p>Nom : JORGA DU VAL D'ANZIN n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 14777/3682 Cot.2</p> <p>Nom : RICO DU DOMAINE DU PARC N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 12138/2036 DNAComp-M Cot.6 CACSCH(1) CACSNE(1) CACIB(1)</p> <p>Nom : ROLLS DU MANOIR DE JUNON N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 13383/2529 Cot.4 EXCSpé</p> <p>Nom : ONYX DES GRENIERS DU ROY N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 15270/2839 Cot.1 CACS(1) CACIB(1)</p> <p>Nom : SAMIRA DES GRENIERS DU ROY N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 15090/2883 Cot.1 EXCSpé</p>	<p>Nom : NATZ VOM STEIGERHOF n° LOF ou étranger : SZ 1841632 Cot.6</p> <p>Nom : NINA VON TRONIE n° LOF ou étranger : SZ 1879423</p> <p>Nom : MATT DU VAL D'ANZIN n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 15256/2706 DNA Cot.2 TAN</p> <p>Nom : LIZZY DES TRAINEAUX n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 15030/2615 DNA Cot.4 RCACS(1)</p> <p>Nom : HARRY DE MAUPERTUY n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 12550/2312 LMO 4073/303 Cot.5</p> <p>Nom : EAUTIE DU VAL D'ANZIN n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 15787/2982 Cot.6</p> <p>Nom : GABIN DU BEFFROI ARTESIEN n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 12242/1988 Cot.6 EXCSpé</p> <p>Nom : HORNA DU VAL D'ANZIN n° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 12330/1957 Cot.1</p> <p>Nom : BARU VON JAUS YU N° LOF ou étranger : SZ 1972084 Cot.6</p> <p>Nom : NIZZY DU DOMAINE DU PARC N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 12780/2220 DNA Cot.1 EXCSpé</p> <p>Nom : O'MALLEY DU MANOIR DE JUNON N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 13150/2383 Cot.2 EXC</p> <p>Nom : OSIRIS DU MANOIR DE JUNON N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 129501/2175 Cot.6 PL-0 EXCSpé</p> <p>Nom : MAX DES HAUTS DE FONTAINES N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 15075/2237 Cot.2 RCACS(1)</p> <p>Nom : JUDITH DES GRENIERS DU ROY N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 14076/2518 Cot.1 CACS(1)</p> <p>Nom : MARK DU SEEWEG N° LOF ou étranger : 2 B.DOG. 14619/2408 Cot.2 CACS(1) TAN</p> <p>Nom : MALLAURY DES GRENIERS DU ROY N° LOF ou étranger : 128.DOG. 15301/2528 Cot.4 RCACS(1) TAN</p>	<p>Nom : NUTZ VOM MONCHBERG Cot.6 Nom : PAOLA VON DER MURRENHUTTE SZ. 1761643</p> <p>Nom : KIMON V. DAN ALHEDY'S HOEVE SZ. 1788156 - (ALL) - Nom : XENA VOM WILDSTEIGER LAND SZ. 1772410</p> <p>Nom : LASSO VOM NEUEN BERG Cot.6 Nom : JANKA DU VAL D'ANZIN Cot.2</p> <p>Nom : JOSKO DU DOMAINE DU PARC Cot.6 Nom : HYANIKA DES MEILLEURS SANGS Cot.1</p> <p>Nom : TONY VON DER WIENERAU SZ. 1758001 - (ALL) - Cot.6 Nom : FANTA DE MAUPERTUY Cot.4</p> <p>Nom : AURASI DU VAL D'ANZIN Cot.6 Nom : CAMBERA CISSY DU BEFFROI ARTESIEN Cot.4</p> <p>Nom : ZAMB VON DER WIENERAU SZ. 1696277 - (ALL) - Cot.6 Nom : JECK VOM NORICUM SZ.1705812 - (D) - Cot.6 Nom : IMME VON DER HOHEN ERLE SZ. 1749499 Cot.5</p> <p>Nom : NATZ VOM STEIGERHOF Cot.6 Nom : NINA VON TRONIE Cot.6</p> <p>Nom : MATT DU VAL D'ANZIN DNA Cot.2 Nom : LIZZY DES TRAINEAUX DNA Cot.4</p> <p>Nom : NEPTUN VON BAD-BOLL Cot.6 Nom : LOU DU MANOIR DE JUNON Cot.2</p> <p>Nom : ULK VON ARLETT Cot.6 Nom : GLORIE DU MANOIR DE JUNON Cot.6</p> <p>Nom : FAX DE BI LAGUN LOE. 0652500 Cot.2 Nom : IVRESSE DES HAUTS DE FONTAINES Cot.1</p> <p>Nom : HANS DE CELIUS Cot.6 Nom : ISIS DES GRENIERS DU ROY Cot.4</p> <p>Nom : FLEX VON DER WIENERAU SZ. 1896632 - (D) - Cot.2 Nom : ASKA VON DER WIENERAU SZ. 1884419 Cot.2</p> <p>Nom : ENDRICK DES GRENIERS DU ROY Cot.2 Nom : ISIS DES GRENIERS DU ROY Cot.4</p>
5 generations pedigree				

LEVEL 2: A French specificity: Confirmation

The confirmation is a mass selection which aims to eliminate dogs that could bring down the average level of the breeds while the shows aim to designate the best dogs and insure their promotion.

A bulldog can be confirmed from the age of 12 months. There is no upper limit. Even if the dog has not yet reached full maturity at that age, it is possible for the judge to assess compliance with the standard and to verify the absence of defects.

After examination by an expert judge of the breed, the dog gets its PEDIGREE

- 36% of bulldogs in France are presented to the confirmation examination. There is a list of points of non confirmation - validated by the SCC breeding Commission. This list is exhaustive but leaves room for the expert (a judge of the breed).

Eliminating faults causing failure in the confirmation examination: the dog does not get its final pedigree.

For bulldogs:

- Lack of type
- Hypertype.
- Obvious abnormal construction defect
- Respiratory distress
- Ingrown tail
- Cryptorchidism, monorchidism.

These dogs do not have the right to be bred from and therefore to produce pedigree puppies.

There are few failures in this confirmation exam because the owners self-censor and present to the expert only the dogs which are likely to pass the exam.

NIVEAU 3- Le Test d'Aptitudes Naturelles : TAN : Natural Ability Test.

The TAN exists for nearly every breed, with different tests according to the breed's function.

For the bulldog it is the MOST significant tool so it is important to have as many dogs as possible tested.

How to get people to come and have their dog tested ?

REWARDS : The success at this test is published on the pedigrees.

First of all organising the test in a friendly environment. The day before the Nationale or in different locations to allow the maximum number of owners from different parts of France to participate.

REWARDS:

- The owner receives a diploma.
- The list of the dogs which passed the test is published in the Club magazine.
- The owner has the right to use a logo on their web site
- The success is published on the pedigree.
- The TAN is one essential step for the "grille de cotation" and for a champion title.



AGE OF TAN Minimum 12 MONTHS - no upper limit.

This TAN includes 2 sorts of tests : a character test and a gait and endurance test.

WHO ARE THE TESTERS ?

Character test : an education specialist for dogs with a good knowledge of bulldogs

Gait and endurance: vets and/or judges specialists of the breed chosen by the Club.

THE CHARACTER TEST : Where the following will be judged :

1. a stable character, degree of stress, sociability;
2. the owner's handling ability, the attachment to the owner (a characteristic of the breed)

TEST for "GAIT AND ENDURANCE"

The dog owner must sign the following certification on the TAN entry form:

I/we The undersigned hereby certify that my dog named above, has had, to date, no surgery of cardiopulmonary systems (including soft palate and nostrils) or musculoskeletal. A certificate from the veterinarian must be presented to the TAN jury in case of veterinarian intervention following an accident.

This is important in a dog that is heavy but which must remain, as stated in the standard, "an athlete." The bulldog will be observed by at least two judges or experts. The Bulldog will cover 3 sides of the field (one side walking, one at a trot and the 3rd at a gallop). The dog will travel at least 150 meters. On arrival, if characteristic excessive fatigue is indicated by rasping and tongue cyanosis, it will be heavily penalized by failing the test.

We recently added a form to note the observations about the main weaknesses a bulldog can have (skin problems, heavy wrinkles, running eyes...).

STATISTICS

During the last 3 years 533 bulldogs took the test

- 475 passed (89%).
- 58 failed (11%)
 - 19 (4%) for behaviour (most very shy, lack of confidence – very few were aggressive)
 - 28 (5%) for bad gait – limping
 - 11 (2%) for breathing problems.

– these 533 bulldogs represent 12% of the bulldogs born in these 3 years which is a representative population of the “good” bulldogs..

CONCLUSION

The 2% of dogs which failed because of breathing problems do not represent the picture of the breed as a whole.

But, owners with problematic bulldogs do not show up and thus exclude themselves from the selection.

SO the TAN is a positive response – just notice that 90% passed the test and that the experts have very strict guidance.

We observed 156 bulldogs when they came for their TAN.

3 % were rather too thin 17% were obviously obese And 80% were normal. 85% were in perfect condition for coat 3% had interdigital cysts 7% had hair loss 5% had hair loss on their sides.	The wrinkles appear to be 20% broken 15% average 10% heavy 3% very heavy These wrinkles were 22% clean and dry 51% cleaned out 27% were reddish	4% had obvious eye problems The totality of them did not seem to have hearing problems. They responded to a sudden noise.
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LEVEL 4 The grading scheme

GRILLE DE SELECTION DU BULLDOG ANGLAIS

VG = Very Good
EXC = Excellent
CI = Intermediate class
CO = Open Class
CCH = Champion Class

SPE= Spécial breed show organised at an all breed show, the Club has the choice of the judge
RE= Specific breed show - organised by the Club.
NE= Nationale - once a year - organised by the Club - the title of Champion de France is in competition
CHPT= Championnat de France - once a year - organised by the SCC - the title of Champion de France is in competition

The proposal was carried out by the SCC breeding commission and approved by the SCC Committee

1 point / 6	2 points / 6	3 points / 6	4 points / 6	5 points / 6	6 Points
CONFIRMED	CONFIRMED + 1 EXC at a show + TAN + DNA	CONFIRMED + 2 EXC at SPE ou RE or CHPT or NE under 2 different judges + TAN + DNA + 3 generation Pedigree	RECOMMANDE CONFIRMED + 3 EXC at SPE or RE or CHPTor NE under 2 different judges + TAN + Pulmonary stenosis unscathed + Free or stage 1 for dislocation of the patella + DNA + 3 generation Pedigree	ELITE B CONFIRMED having produced in first generation: Male 3 descendants - 3 points with a minimum of 2 bitches Female 3 descendants - 3 points in a minimum of 2 different litters. + Pulmonary stenosis unscathed + Free or stage 1 for dislocation of the patella + genetic compatibility with its descendants	ELITE A Dog already « RECOMMANDE » having produced in first generation: Male 3 descendants - 3 points with a minimum of 2 bitches Female 3 descendants - 3 points in a minimum of 2 different litters. + Genetic compatibility with its descendants

NB : All the dogs that reach a cotation from 2 points or are to be awarded the French champion title must have their DNA registered with the SCC.

The Club publishes an updated list of quotes. We must not reject prospective parents that are not on this rating scale but encourage as many owners to get their dogs to "reach the higher levels of the scoring scale." It is also the best way to give an objective opinion on a dog, on its collateral or parents,

Quotations are used to encourage the production of quality puppies and continually improve quality in the breed.

The breed club must facilitate access to this grading scheme to reach the largest number of prospective parents without being too indulgent to maintain the quality of breeding stock.

LEVEL 5- Health tests

Health tests, yes, but which tests?

The approach of the health study was especially of great interest because it demonstrates among others things, that it is not enough to increase testing to ease our conscience. It is necessary that the health tests be reliable to ensure a fair selection.

Commercial laboratories are developing tests from the genetic material they have and the mutations they are able to identify. The choice of official health tests must rely on targeted issues of the breed and not on the existence on the market of this genetic test. But the current strong commercial pressure tends to push the clubs to do the opposite approach: "a test exists so we make it an official test". This approach would be irresponsible and dangerous.

To date, at least 9 "predictive" tests for various diseases are offered by laboratories for bulldogs. Their number will probably continue to increase.

The vast majority (if not all) do not match the listed health problems of the bulldog.

The longevity and health surveys conducted in previous years demonstrate it.

We must identify the problems and then find ways to solve them and take commonsense decisions.

The test list is already long and will certainly further expand over the years.

Available tests helpful or not?

The example of HUU test for bulldogs is an example = 2.35% of bulldogs involved in the 2011 study were treated for urinary stones but we are not even sure this was urate stones.

And the lab warns : "The predisposition to the formation of urinary stones caused by the mutation varies among breeds. The majority of homozygous mutated dogs never show symptoms".

The statistics published on the KC web site shows 1215 bulldogs tested – 2.2% are homozygotes for the mutation 22% are heterozygotes and 75% are clear !

Thousands of £, \$ and € were spent by breeders for this test !

But, why not ?

Tracheal study

The objectives of the trachea study was In view of the implementation of an official screening. 104 Xrays were sent to a veterinarian in the vet school in Toulouse by breeders or pet owners

Document : tracheal study

Minimally invasive examinations.

Bulldog owners are reluctant to have anaesthesia performed on their dogs if not absolutely necessary.

The Club du bulldog promoted :

1. The patella luxation that can be easily performed during a routine visit to the veterinarian.



2. Screening for pulmonary stenosis and other cardiac pathologies which requires a more complex examination and needs to be read by an official reader. This is a rather expensive test but of major importance.



LEVEL 6 - JUDGES and DOG SHOWS

The role of the judges for the selection is of the most importance.

Breeders will tend to breed dogs that are successful at shows.

The Club keeps the judges informed by sending all its publications.

In France, all exhibitors receive written critiques for their dogs at shows. The Club also receives a copy of those critiques. A reading by a Club Committee member will allow to spot the most common faults and have a fair idea of the recurrent problems.

At shows, dogs are graded : “excellent, very good, good.... We know that a GOOD means that the dog has a fault.... Unfortunately, many times there is an inflation in these gradings and some judges are too lenient.

A publication : le vademecum (2014)

This booklet was mainly written for the judges of the breed and was sent to them as a reference and a guide to the Club health policy. It includes comments of the standard with illustrations and photos. It emphasises our fight against hyper types and important issues that impact health.

Many breeders and owners have also bought this manual.

But also

CODE OF ETHICS OF BREEDERS OF THE BULLDOG CLUB

A Digest “SANTÉ”

Published in 2015, this book gathered in 120 pages all the important articles which were published over the years in the Club magazine.



A health group

It is composed of members of the Committee and breeders particularly involved in the selection.

Meetings of breeders

All breeders Club are invited. The proposed topics are diverse and meet demands.

A vet -

We are lucky to have a Committee member who breeds bulldogs and teaches in the vet school in Toulouse.

She brings many contributions by articles in the Club magazine. Her last contribution was the trachea study.

VET A BULLY : a group of vets on Facebook

This group is dedicated only to vets who have bulldogs among their patients

It is run by the veterinarian of the Committee of the Club and strictly limited to veterinarians.

It provides under the seal of confidentiality information about problems in bulldogs.

GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMATION

We spend a lot of money and energy for ads in magazines (dog magazines but also less specialised) and we try to participate in different events. To explain, explain again and again that a bulldog is to be purchased from an ethical breeder.

A CLUB WHICH IS DIFFERENT

To be heard, we need the support of as many breeders as possible and it is possible if these breeders, and also pet owners join our Club.

In 2015 we had 1012 Club members

We try to make our club attractive.

We promote against all odds a special atmosphere where friendship is the rule.

Our magazine

It is published 3 times a year and it is pleasant for breeders as well as for pet owners.

A Facebook group

Over a third of Club members communicate and exchange both on the exhibition results or members' problems regarding their dogs.

The major issues are debated like "*do you know the standard?*" Illustrated with pictures...

Many photo competitions are organized on various topics (your bulldog in action, I love my bulldog, our old bulldogs, etc ...) which are finalized with videos that are broadcast to the public.

Suggestion box

Every member can send - anonymously or not in this idea suggestion box

An annual National show

A gala dinner is organized to create friendships between members and reinforce the desire to meet.

3 days of celebration with the aim of attracting as many bulldogs as possible. This is the largest bulldog show in Europe (over 300 dogs).

This is the place to evaluate the average quality of our dogs – not only the few top ones.

Mutual assistance, Empathy,
Friendship,

United, Active and Precursor,
Stick together, Altruistic,

Cartoons !

Rewards !

“La force tranquille”



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HOW WE SOLVED A PROBLEM IN THE BREED

The example of the ingrown tail

In 2004, in France, it was decided that INGROWN TAILS would become a non confirmation point. This condition is painful.

At that time, this condition was widespread in the breed and very few breeders and fewer judges were aware or even paid attention to it.

This decision happened like a unmanageable one in the bulldog community and the Club du Bulldog that had the responsibility to enforce this new rule was for some months in trouble and subject to a lot of critiques. We were even laughed at by some other countries... yes !!!

We tried to make the transition smoothly, we gave time to the breeders/exhibitors, we explained, we encouraged...

AND...

Surprisingly in less than 2 years, we noticed real progresses. After 4 years, the problem was under control and now, after 12 years, we very seldom encounter it.

For sure, we know that some puppies are born with ingrown tails but, they are sold as pet dogs, not bred and don't spread the problem anymore.

Recently, the British Kennel Club has added the ingrown tail to its list of bulldog problems to be paid attention by the judges.

This demonstrates that no situation is impossible to deal when a lot of energy from the responsible people who are in charge of the conduct of a breed is put in it..



2004



2016

CONCLUSION

TOP PRIORITY – breathing - The brachycephalic syndrome

The Bulldog Club of France continues to search for a reliable method to assess it- but what else? There are many bulldogs that are in excellent physical condition, and that represent the genetic potential that will save the breed, without the need to find new genes by cross breeding.

It is the Club's duty to boost breeders, judges and veterinarians to select healthy dogs for breeding, and remove dogs which can be closer to the public aesthetic criteria, but more dangerous to their offspring.

Change the image :

For that we should first change attitudes that lead to think that the Bulldog cannot run, cannot walk in the sun and is a weak dog, snoring and scraping when breathing.

RELY ON APPEARANCES

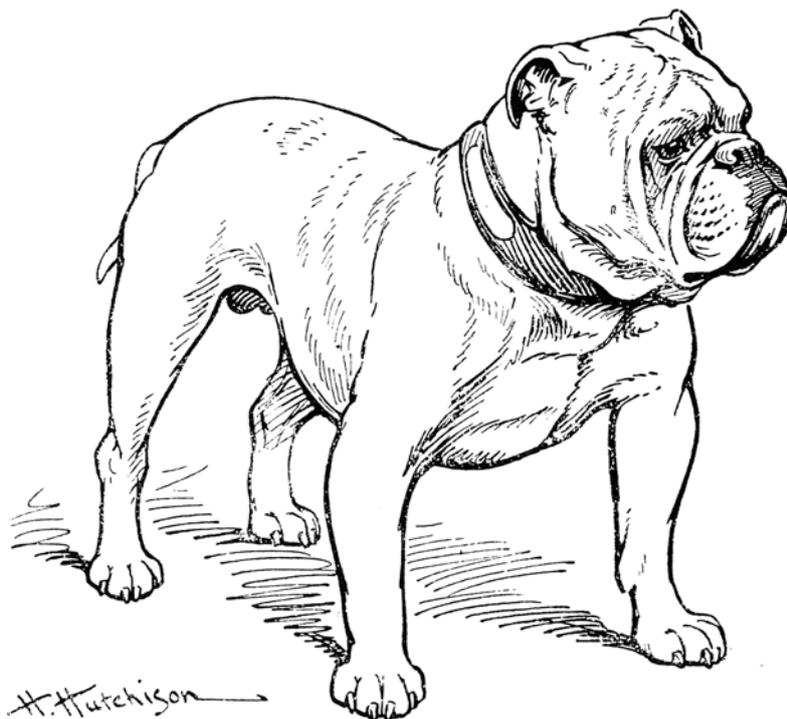
A proverb says, "do not be fooled by appearances"

Yet wouldn't it be enough to identify :

- bulldogs naturally healthy and use them for breeding
- bulldogs that visibly express weaknesses and NOT use them for breeding.
- The lines that live long and then select brood bitches and sires in these lines. *It is in the SCC's project to include the age the dog died in pedigrees.*

YES WE CAN !

BECAUSE IT IS WORTH IT !



**The perfect bulldog
what else !**