



AUSTRALASIAN BOSDOG[®] SOCIETY INC.

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THE AUSTRALIAN BULLDOG SOCIETY

Health Statement

The Australian Bulldog Society Inc is aware that occasionally 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 www.australianbulldogsociety.com).

It is compulsory from 31.10.2011 for ABS breeders to have their breeding stock hip/elbow scored prior to breeding if the dogs were born after 31.10.2007. Recorded, verified incidents of hip or elbow dysplasia are pleasingly low. The ABS Inc. requires hip/elbow score results to be sent to the Management Committee so that an accurate base-line score can continually be assessed for Australian Bulldogs.

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

Dogs who suffer from heart murmurs, hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, luxating patellas, monorchidism (one testicle) or severe elongated soft palate should never be bred from, It is also recommended that dogs who have ever suffered from entropion (rolled in eyelids), trichiasis (ingrown eyelashes) or generalised demodectic mange not be bred from.

As with owning any animal, pet insurance is recommended.