

How Much is That Doggie in the Window?

The unseen cost of purchasing a puppy from a pet store

Many pet stores purchase their puppies from puppy mills. These puppies often are poorly bred which could mean extremely high vet bills in the future.

Buying puppies from these places encourages the puppy mill owners to continue because they are making a profit.

Pets are housed in filthy, cramped conditions. Many never have contact with humans so they are not socialized and may have severe emotional problems.



Are You Ready to Be Owned by a Bulldog?

Things to consider:

- Will your Bulldog have a cool place to live and sleep?
- Will you be able to keep your Bulldog indoors when you aren't home?
- Do you have air conditioning?
- Can you afford potentially expensive vet bills?
- Will you be able to provide your Bulldog with special food and supplements if necessary?
- Bulldogs are in the non sporting group which means their purpose in life is to be your companion. Do you have enough time to spend with your Bulldog?

Before you get a Bulldog, please consider rescue. The Bulldogs from the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network have been carefully screened for any health or temperament issues and those problems will have already been addressed before you get your Bulldog. BCARN rescue volunteers will be happy to help you find the most ideal Bulldog for your family.

Please go to <http://www.rescuebulldogs.org> to find a rescue group in your area.

What You Need to Know Before You Get a Bulldog.

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About BCARN

Rescue Network has more than 140 volunteers nationwide who love the Bulldog breed and are dedicated to its continued well-being. The volunteers find new homes for more than 1000 Bulldogs per year. Many thousands of dollars are spent to provide medical care, food, shelter, and training while the rescued Bulldogs are awaiting adoption.

Rescue objectives

The BCA Rescue Network is organized into local "rescue groups" of one or more individuals who are working toward these objectives:

- To accept Bulldogs whose owners can no longer keep them and find responsible, stable, loving new homes for them.
- To rehabilitate Bulldogs before placement by providing necessary medical treatment and training to increase the chances of successful placement.
- To help reduce the population of unwanted pets by ensuring that all rescued Bulldogs are spayed/neutered before being placed.
- To place Bulldogs in suitable homes as soon as reasonably possible, so they can start their "new lives" quickly.
- To thoroughly screen applicants before making placement decisions.
- To inform prospective adopters about the rescue program and the requirements for taking care of Bulldogs.
- To provide education to Bulldog owners and the general public to reduce the numbers of Bulldogs needing rescue and re-homing services.

Bulldog Buyers Beware of Greedy Breeders

The hidden cost of breeding Bulldogs

Because Bulldogs are sold for such a high price, many people think that they can make a lot of money breeding them. The reason Bulldogs are so expensive is because there is a lot of expense involved in breeding.

Bulldogs belong to a group of dogs known as "brachiocephalic" breeds or "short-nosed" breeds. The short-nosed breeds' cooling mechanism and air transfer is much less than other breeds, making them very prone to overheating, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

Since Bulldogs are prone to overheating, they should not breed naturally. This means that artificial insemination is required, therefore the purchase of semen is necessary. The vet also has to inseminate the female.

Bulldogs have exceptionally large heads which means that about 90% of Bulldog deliveries are done by caesarian section. If this is not done, the female may be unable to deliver the puppies and could potentially sustain serious injury or die.

When people discover that they aren't able to make the money they thought from breeding, they become discouraged with the high cost of maintaining their Bulldog that is not bringing in money, so they end up neglecting or abusing them. The Bulldog may or may not be lucky enough to make it into rescue before it's too late.

Can You Afford To Own a Bulldog?

The potentially high cost of owning a Bulldog

- Bulldogs can be prone to allergies and may require a special diet.
- Bulldogs are prone to breathing problems and may require surgery to shorten their soft palate.
- Bulldogs have various health problems that can potentially be very costly.
- Bulldogs are prone to hip dysplasia and other joint problems which also may require surgery to correct.

