

The Bulldog Breed Council

Health Assessment For Bronze Level

VETERINARIAN NOTES

Bulldogs to be tested from 12 months of age.

- 1.) Please confirm colour in appropriate box.
- 2.) Heart - Any abnormality detected on auscultation.
- 3.) Palate - Should just touch the uvula, record if cannot be examined.
- 4.) Breathing - Normally some noise in bulldogs but not rasping.
- 5.) Nostrils - Please note if they appear to have had surgery.
- 6.) Pigment – please note the colour round the eyes, nose and pads. Should be black.
- 7.) Eyes - Please note any surgery scars. For this assessment it is to be decided if the level of the condition is causing pain or detriment to the dog.
- 8.) Patella - Luxation

Please note—Grading according to the Putman scoring system.

Grade 0 Normal

Grade 1 The patella luxates manually but spontaneously returns to the trochlea when released

Grade 2 The patella luxates spontaneously or on manipulation and remains luxated at a certain angle of the stifle joint. It is either spontaneously reduced on active flexion or extension or can be manually reduced by the examiner.

Grade 3 The patella remains luxated most of the time but can be manually reduced. However, relaxation occurs spontaneously.

Grade 4 The patella is permanently luxated and cannot be manually repositioned

- 9.) Spine - Any palpable abnormality. Mild or severe.
- 10) Tail - should be positioned low set, it should be mobile and able to move away from the body. - in growing or very tight tails are highly undesirable.
- 11.) Movement- Please walk the dog for at least 20 yards, moving away and back towards you. Please comment if not sound.

Please note if the tail is absent.

A Bronze Certificate will not be awarded if the dog does not meet the following criteria:

- Clear Heart – referred to a cardiologist (if any abnormality found).
- Eyes – with any conditions that are detrimental to the dog health.
- Any sign of aggression.
- Spine – any palpable abnormality will be referred for further investigation and X-ray. (eg: Spina Bifida)