FORCE MAJEURE WEB SITE – Home Page

1) HOME PAGE

Welcome to Force Majeure French Bulldogs. We are hobby breeders, are member in good standing with the CKC, and we are a CKC registered kennel.

We show on a very limited basis and breed only occasionally. We breed to the CKC French Bulldog Breed Standard *\*link to Breed standard page somewhere?\**, and to improve the health of the French Bulldog. All of our Frenchies are pets, first and foremost, and very much a part of our family.

French Bulldogs are our love NOT our living and we take great pride in our dogs.

My passion for the breed began in 1992 with my very first French Bulldog. Later, after a break of a few years due to work and frequent travel, I got my second French Bulldog in 2002. Bella (Robobull Fabelhaft Lil Boo Peep) is now 13 and a half years young and still going strong, as is our commitment to this funny and wonderful breed!

We breed only occasionally – first and foremost for health, temperament, to the CKC Breed Standard, and always first and foremost to produce excellent and promising show prospects for ourselves.

Puppies may occasionally be available for loving forever pet homes, and we are very particular about choosing the perfect homes for our puppies. For prospective puppy owners, we have a detailed Potential Puppy Buyer Questionnaire that we ask people to fill out and submit to us. It helps all of us decide if a Force Majeure French Bulldog puppy is the right fit for you and your lifestyle, in the best interests of the puppy.

Please use our CONTACT US page to reach out if you have any questions about French Bulldogs in general, and Force Majeure French Bulldogs in particular, and if you are interested in finding out more about our puppies. We love hearing from people interested in the breed we are passionate about, and are located in southwestern Ontario.

2) BREED INFORMATION

WHY FRENCH BULLDOGS?

Called the ‘Clown of the Dog World’, French Bulldogs are such happy, silly dogs that anyone who lives with one can never have a sad or bad day. They can be energetic, particularly when going for a walk or an adventure, but they also love nothing more than to kick back and relax on the couch with their owners. Sometimes when the weather is inclement, Frenchies are quite happy to play with their toys and their owner indoors. In fact, excess exercise and being active outdoors in hot or humid weather can be detrimental to their health, as Frenchies are a Brachycephalic breed (meaning bred to have extremely short noses and muzzle, which causes less efficient breathing and easily overheating, compared to dogs with longer snouts.

French Bulldogs are a smaller, compact breed with plenty of sturdy, stocky, friendly appeal. I have never taken a Frenchy for a walk without being stopped in the street by a curious or amused passerby wanting to know about the breed.

Frenchies are not a very barky breed, and while they will alert you to people approaching your home or knocks on your door, don’t expect them to be a guard dog: because they will happily kiss any stranger and ask for a pat from them.

FRENCH BULLDOG HEALTH

French Bulldogs are a man-made breed, as all purebred dogs are, and they have unique health issues even if bought from a breeder who thoroughly health tests. While ethical and responsible breeders breed to improve the health of our beloved Frenchies, there are still physical traits that any potential French Bulldog owner must be aware of and take into consideration.

1. French Bulldogs are a dwarf breed, starting as bulldogs bred down over centuries from Mastiffs. In fact, they are a Mastiff, or Molloser breed, in a small sturdy package. Dwarfism can cause structural issues, both positive and potentially negative. Thick, sturdy bone is a big plus for the breed; back and some joint problems (hips, patellas [knee caps]) can sometimes occur.
2. Although we love their wonderful, comical and expressive faces, Flat faced breeds, are known as brachycephalic: *“*Brachycephalic [/ˌbrækɪsɪˈfælɪk/ adjective 1. having a head nearly as broad from side to side as from front to back, esp one with a cephalic index over 80 2. Noun: an individual with such a head]” are breeds with health issues that an owner must be aware of and prepared for.
3. Flat faces and very short noses = brachycephalic syndrome, which means that French Bulldogs can overheat very easily because of anxiety, over-exertion, in humid and even only mildly warm conditions. NEVER let Frenchies overheat, as it can be deadly. ALWAYS know the signs or overheating and what to do if you see them in your dog. Air conditioning in your home and your car is a must for a French Bulldog owner! And shade. When playing or going for walks outdoors, always be sure there is a shady are when you both can rest and cool off. Always have water available when pending an extended time outdoors in warm, humid weather or very exciting or adventurous activities. It helps your dog cool off and rehydrate.
4. Because of their man-made structure, as they have been bred to have large heads and narrow hips, French Bulldogs normally cannot deliver puppies without a caesarian section. It is strongly recommended that only people with the support ,and guidance of very experienced breeders s and an excellent Brachycephalic experienced veterinarian undertake breeding Frenchies.
5. Like many breeds, Frenchies can have allergies. Studies have shown that only 5-15% of allergies are food related; the majority or allergies are caused by their environment. Although Frenchies are not the most allergic breed (surprisingly Labrador Retrievers hold that distinction), they can be allergic to pollen and even grass! Please consult with your veterinarian if your French Bulldog shows any signs of allergies.

FRENCH BULLDOG TEMPERAMENT

Breeding for temperament is as important to an ethical, responsible breeder as breeding for physical health. No one wants an unbalanced dog.

French Bulldogs are known for their sunny, happy and silly personalities. They are very playful and love their families with a passion.

Don’t expect your French Bulldog to make a good guard dog. Although they are not prone to barking, they may bark briefly to let you know there is someone at the door, or in play. But in many cases, a Frenchie will ask anyone to let them lick their face, get apat and even a belly rub!

French Bulldogs can be stubborn, like many bulldog breeds, and sometimes house training can take a little longer than with other breeds. Patience, positive reinforcement and routine are crucial to successful house training, for your Frenchie, and it should start as soon as possible.

Yes, sometimes hyperactive, dominant and even aggressive French Bulldogs are born; but it is crucial to buy from a breeder that makes breeding for temperament a top priority with their dogs.

French Bulldogs are NOT backyard dogs to be left tied up and forgotten. They will suffer both mentally and physically. Frenchies were bred to be companion dogs, and they do not do well if left alone for long periods of time.

If left outdoors all the time, they will also suffer physically from the extreme heat and cold. They have thin coats, and are very susceptible to the heat, humidity and cold.

3) OUR DOGS

After falling in love with the breed, we spent years researching pedigrees, health, performance and conformation before buying our French Bulldogs that make up our family. We have gone as far away as Moscow (A’Vigdors) and Poland (Pontifex Maximus) as well as California to find our foundation Frenchies.

Our French Bulldogs are shown occasionally in Canada and the US. We’re very excited that Stoli, Bullseye and Harriet all have their Canadian Championships.

Pedigrees are available upon request.

“Bella”

Robobull Fabelhaft Lil Boo Peep

Justameres Golden Buddha of Fabelhaft X Xclusive de la Parure

Bella, at the ripe old age of 13.5 years old, is the ‘Grand Dame’ of the Force Majeure French Bulldog clan. Like any senior, she has slowed down and has a few aches and pains, including arthritis, but she still loves to play with puppies and nanny them. Her favourite thing, aside from rolling on her back and watching the world upside down, is to look longingly at anything you have to eat and try to hypnotize you into giving her some.

Bella’s brother from the same litter, AKC and CKC Grand Champion “Robobul Fabelhaft Inferno” aka “Dante” had an incredible show career and was an outstanding and prepotent stud who produced many outstanding Champions and Grand Champions.

“Stoli”

CH A’Vigdors Idem Per Idem

International Champion Flaubert de la Parure International Champion and Best in Show Specialty winner A’Vigdors Expression

After extensive pedigree research for not only great looks, championship bloodlines and health, we brought Stoli over from Russia from one of Europe’s top kennels, A’Vigdors, in 2008.

A’Vigdors dogs have won multiple Best in Shows, Best in Specialty Shows internationally and best of Breed at the FCI World Dog Show, and form the foundation of many successful nand top winning French Bulldog kennels throughout the world.

Stoli achieved his Canadian Championship in only 3 weekends of limited showing at the age of two. Resting on his laurels, Stoli has sired 12 healthy, gorgeous puppies, the youngest of which have just turned 3.

As loyal as Lassie, Stoli is devoted to his human mom and loves nothing more than to be by my side.

“Lucy”

Li-Jie’s I Love Lucy

Sopianae Imperator Talsiman X Li Jie’s Sailor Moon

Lucy, our stunning red head, came to us from California in late 2008, and was bred from both European and North American lines. We jokingly call her the “hippy chick” because of her incredibly loving and happy, easygoing personality. Lucy has a kiss for everyone she meets, and is the peacemaker in the crew whenever there might be a potential squabble over a toy or a treat.

“Gemma”

A’Vigdors Frappez les Mains Je Suis Venue

International A’Vigdors Mens Sana In Corpore Sano X A’Vigdors Idee Fixe

<http://ingrus.net/frbull/en/details.php?id=29170>

Gemma arrived from the A’Vigdors kennel in Moscow in November, 2011. She is a great example of an inspired breeding plan based on de la Parure and Daulokke lines, and, like her uncle Stoli, is a very cuddly and loving girl with a streak of mischief. She loves to climb on the furniture like a little monkey, and we have to keep an eye on her to stop her from leaping from the top of the sofa straight to floor, as she is very athletic.

“Bullseye”

CH Ruletka Pontifex Maximus

International Champion A’Vigdors Don de la Nature X Coco Chanel Pointifex Maximus

Our beautiful pied girl, Bullseye, arrived from the Pontifex Maximus kennel in Poland in early 2012. Based on her kooky personality, we’ve come to the conclusion that there is a genetic link between the pied and mischief genes, and we love every minute of her silly antics. Her favourite place is in her self made little “den” under one of couches, whe she snores away when she is not being silly.

“Betty”

Force Majeure Betty Boop

CH A’Vigdors Idem Per Idem X Li-Jie’s I Love Lucy

Our 3 year old home bred girl, came from our first litter of beautiful babies. All have grown up to be intelligent active and adventurous 3 year olds, with excellent breathing, mobility and confmation, but most importantly loving and happy go lucky temperaments.

We love staying in touch with our puppy owners, and seeing them grow.

Betty stayed as her human dad fell in love with her, and she is special little girl.

“Harriet”

Harriet definitely inherited the “kook” gene from her mother, and is very active, inquisitive and the pathfinder of her brother and sisters. Harriet, Holly and Henri are all from our 2nd litter, born in 2014.

“Holly”

Holly Golightly, is our petite little brindle girl, Harriet’s sister. While harriet is only 3 points away from her Championship, she is a little shyer than her outgoing sister, but that doesn’t stop her from stirring up all kinds of mischief with her brother and sister, and is the first to play the “Chase Me” game She loves to run, creating obstacle courses out of simple headges, trees and paths in our backyard, and is an excellent breather to boot.

“Henri”

Fait Accompli Force Majeure Henri Z

Henri, the stocky little black masked fawn boy, prances around, always with a toy or bone in his mouth to show us but never share. He is best at the ‘jelly bean dance’ , when a Frenchy is so happy to see you, they bend in the middle like a jelly bean, and wiggle back and forth in front and around you to greet you. Henri is the happiest little Frenchie we’ve ever had the pleaure to know, and he brings us so much joy and smiles each and every day.

4) CKC BREED STANDARD

At Force Majeure, we are very proud to breed quality French Bulldogs according to the CKC Breed Standard.

A Breed Standard is a set of guidelines covering specific externally observable qualities such as appearance, structure, movement, and temperament and is considered the standard of perfection for each dog breed. This standard is the yardstick against which breeders and confirmation judges measure a dog's quality. Colour guidelines are included in most standards and the breeder's goal is to breed and produce these desirable colours.

We do NOT breed ‘fad’ colours (blue, black and tan, merle, or other disqualifiable colours). They are disqualifications in the French Bulldog Standard throughout the world, and we are proud to breed better purebred Frenchies that meet and exceed the standard of excellence.

**General Appearance -** The French Bulldog should have the appearance of an active, intelligent, muscular dog, of heavy bone, smooth coat, compactly built, and of medium or small structure. The points should be well distributed and bear good relation one to the other, no feature being in such prominence from either excess or lack of quality that the animal appears deformed or poorly proportioned. In comparison to specimens of different sex, due allowance should be made in favour of the bitches, which do not bear the characteristics of the breed to the same marked degree as do the dogs.

**Size -** A lightweight class under 22 lb. (10 kg); heavyweight class, 22 lb. and not over28 lb. (10-13 kg).

**Coat and Colour -** Acceptable colours are: all brindle, fawn, white, brindle and white (known as pied), and any colour except those which constitute disqualification. The skin should be soft and loose, especially at the head and shoulders, forming wrinkles. Coat moderately fine, brilliant, short and smooth.

**Head -** The head should be large and square. The top of the skull should be flat but slighty rounded. The stop should be well defined, causing a hollow or groove between the eyes. Muzzle should be broad, deep, and well laid back; the muscles of the cheeks well developed. The nose should be extremely short; nostrils broad with well defined line between them. The nose and flews should be black, except in the case of the lighter-coloured , dogs, where a lighter colour of nose is acceptable. The flews should be ! thick and broad, hanging over the lower jaw at the sides, meeting the underlip in front and covering the teeth which should not be seen when , the mouth is closed. The underjaw should be deep, square, broad, ' undershot, and well turned up.Eyes should be wide apart, set low down in the skull, as far from the ears as possible, round in form, of moderate size, neither sunken or bulging, and in colour dark. No haw and no white  of the eye showing when looking forward. Ears shall hereafter be known as the bat ear, broad at the base, elongated, with round top, set high in the head, but not too close together, and carried erect with the orifice to the front. The leather of the ear fine and soft.

**Neck -** The neck should be thick and well arched, with loose skin at throat.

**Forequarters -** The forelegs should be short, stout, straight and muscular, set wide apart.

**Body -** The body should be short and well rounded. The back should be a roach back, with a slight fall close behind the shoulders. It should be strong and short, broad at the shoulders and narrowing at the loins. The chest, broad, deep and full, well ribbed with the belly tucked up.

**Hindquarters -** The hind legs should be strong and muscular, longer than the forelegs, so as to elevate the loins above the shoulders. Hocks well let down. The feet should be moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and short stubby nails; hind feet slightly longer than forefeet.

**Tail -** The tail should be either straight or screwed (but not curly) , short, hung V low, thick root and fine tip; carried low in repose.

**Disqualifications -** Other than bat ears; black and white, black and tan, liver, mouse or solid black (black means without any trace of brindle) ; eyes of different colour; nose other than black except in the case of the lighter-coloured dogs, where a lighter colour of nose is acceptable; hare lip; any mutilation; over 28 lb. (12.7 kg) in weight.

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The Canadian French Bulldog Breed Standard lists acceptable colours as: all brindle, fawn, white, brindle and white (pied), and any colour except those which constitute disqualification. Colour disqualifications include: black and white, black and tan, liver, ‘blue’, ‘blue and cream’, ‘lilac’, ‘merle’, mouse or solid black (black means without any trace of brindle).

It is important for potential pet owners to understand that dogs of disqualifying colours do occur from time to time but breeders who breed to standard do not intentionally aim to produce them.  They could be the result of recessive traits that only appear when puppies inherit a recessive gene from each of their parents, or they may be throwbacks to distant ancestors. No matter the means of inheritance, in deference to our standard, puppies and dogs exhibiting or carrying disqualifying traits should be spayed or neutered and placed as companion dogs with a dollar value no greater than any companion puppy.

Please do not be taken in by advertisements suggesting that French Bulldogs in colours that do not comply with Club Standards are more valuable or desirable than those that are correct. Unfortunately there are people commercially breed these DQ colours without regard for health and temperament, to make huge profits at the public’s expense. These dogs are not more valuable, or worth pay exorbitant prices for. Buy from an ethical and responsible, knowledgeable breeder who is dedicated to improving the health, tempermant and conformation of the breed, and who will support you by answering any questions and offer advice about the dog you buy throughout its lifetime.

Please Spay and Neuter your pets!

CONTACT PAGE/FOR MORE INFORMATION

Interested in more information about Force Majeure French Bulldogs? Please complete the contact form below and we will be happy to respond.

We are located in Southwestern Ontario, 2 hours northwest of Toronto.

FIRST NAME LAST NAME

CITY COUNTRY

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Optional)

COMMENTS

If you would like a copy of our Potential Puppy Buyer Questionnaire, please request it in the Comments Section and we will be pleased to send it to you.

Thank you for taking the time to ask for more information!

Please Spay and Neuter Your Pets

**6) LINKS**

**BREED CLUBS**

French Bulldog Breed Clubs are an excellent source for French Bulldog information and often have Lists of approved member breeders

FBCCC – French Bulldog Club of Central Canada

*Regionally representing Ontario and Quebec*

http://frenchbulldogclubofcentralcanada.com/

FBFC French Bulldog Fanciers of Canada

*Canada’s National French Bulldog Club*

<http://frenchbulldogfanciers.com/>

French Bulldog Club of Western Canada

<Http://www.fbcwc.ca/>

U.S.

French Bulldog Club of America - FBDCA

<http://fbdca.org/>

**FRENCH BULLDOG RESCUE**

The following organizations rescue French Bulldogs in the US and Canada. Please consider adopting a Rescue Frenchy and making them part of your loving family and home.

Canada Rescues

FBFC Rescue

<http://frenchbulldogfanciers.com/rescue_info/116.html>

U.S. Rescues

FBDCA Rescue

<http://fbdca.org/rescue/>

FBRN – French Bulldog Rescue Network

<http://www.frenchbulldogrescue.org/>

FBV – French Bulldog Village

<http://frenchbulldogvillage.net/>

CFBR (Chicago French Bulldog Rescue)

<http://frenchieporvous.org/>

**(Other Breeders?)**

Robobull Fabelhaft

<http://fabelhaftfrenchbulldogs.com/>

Pontifex Maximus

<http://pontifexmaximus.com.pl/index.php?sLang=en>

A’Vigdors

<http://avigdors.ru/index-hompage.html>

Aristocrafts

<http://aristocrafts.ca/>

Kennel Clubs

CKC – Canadian Kennel Club

<http://www.ckc.ca/en>

AKC – American Kennel Club

<http://www.akc.org/>