
Things a new pug owner should be thinking about...

Pug Club of Canada

Contact the Pug Club of Canada for more information on the breed and for a list of breeders across Canada. Ask about the health of the parents and what testing has been done before a breeding takes place. Always visit a breeder and their dogs so you can ask questions and the breeder can meet you.

Health testing... Why?

Pugs are a brachycephalic breed. Flat faced breeds need special care and health testing. Health testing is the basis of a quality sound breeding program. A quality breeder should be doing the following health tests and certification; PDE (Pug Dog Encephalitis), X-ray of Hips and Spine, patellas checked, heart checked, and eye CERF or CAER by an ophthalmologist. This information pamphlet is designed to introduce you to specific health issues of the pug breed in order to inform you the future pug owner!

Breeder or not?

Choosing a quality breeder is your first frontline to obtaining a quality bred pug. Breeders who health test their breeding stock, maintain a quality living environment and raise puppies underfoot as part of the family, are invested in the wellbeing of their puppies. A breeder should be a support to you and your puppy for the lifetime of your pug!

Online Resources

Pug Club of Canada

www.pugclubofcanada.ca

Canadian Kennel Club

www.ckc.ca

Pug Dog Club of America

www.pugdogclubofamerica.com

American Kennel Club

www.akc.org

OFA

www.ofa.org

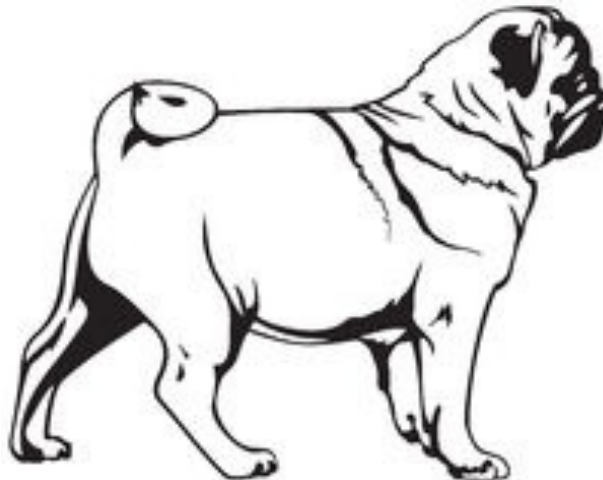
UCDavis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory

www.vgl.ucdavis.edu

Online resources used for portions of this pamphlet;

www.doggypages.co.uk/breed/pugs/. "Pug Dog Encephalitis & what you need to know."

<http://www.pugdogclubofamerica.com/pug-myelopathy.html>. "Pug Myelopathy."



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Committed to the betterment of the Pug Dog Breed through education.



PDE (Pug Dog Encephalitis)

PDE is described as a necrotizing meningoencephalitis and is invariably fatal. It usually affects dogs between 6 months and 7 years. However, the majority of dogs affected are between 9 and 19 months of age. The disease can last from several days to 6 months or more and usually starts in its acute, rapidly progressing form. Parents should be DNA tested for this disease.

Eye Conditions

Pugs have eyes that are more protruding than other breeds. Make sure they do not get dry eye by providing daily drops/ lubrication to avoid trauma to the eyes lessening the chance of ulcers. In the event of an eye injury seek veterinarian attention immediately.

Breathing

Pugs can have noisy breathing. Make sure your pug has good nares and there are no palette issues. Extremes in weather can also have an effect on their breathing.

Skin Conditions

Care should be taken in keeping your pug clean with the occasional bath and the cleaning of the nose wrinkle to prevent bacterial infections.

Pug Myelopathy (No DNA test at present)

Pug Myelopathy is a recognized spinal condition in Pugs. Pug Myelopathy is considered the most frequent cause of rear limb incoordination and progress to paralysis of the rear limbs over a period of one to four years. The cause is a neurological deficit that develops in the spine.

Affected dogs may initially drag their feet, stagger, have trouble jumping and can be fecal and urinary incontinent. It usually affects just the rear limbs, unlike, Degenerative Myelopathy (DM), which can have similar initial signs, but progresses complete paralysis and death.

Health Certifications...

- Heart test
- PDE or DNA by parentage
- Eye CERF
- Patellas tested
- Breathing - nares/ palette

Breeder... Quality not Quantity!

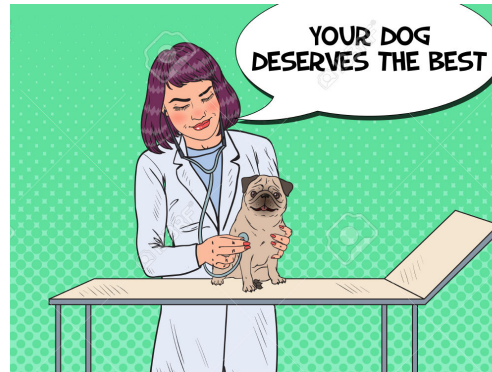
Be prepared to wait for a quality puppy from a quality breeder. DO NOT purchase a pug sight unseen through Kijiji/ online or from a pet store.

Veterinarian familiar with Brachycephalic dog breeds

- Vaccination protocol
- Anesthetic protocol
- Up-to-date on Pug specific issues; PDE, PM, PK, Pigmentary Keratitis

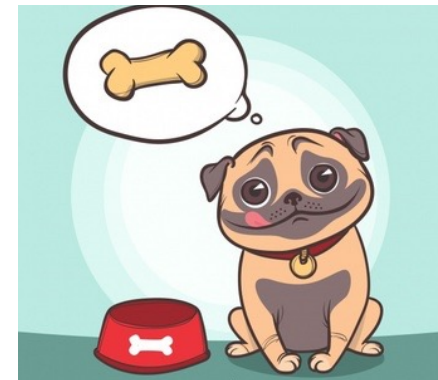
Nutrition

- Quality dry kibble - by-product free, naturally preserved
- Cooked balanced natural diet
- RAW balanced natural diet



"Multum In Parvo," meaning a lot in a little!

Pugs are happy and devoted to their families. They get along well with children and other dogs if introduced under supervision. They love to go for walks and rise and sink with the families activity level. It is important for a pug to receive daily exercise and weekly grooming to maintain a happy healthy pug. Ear cleaning, nail clipping, brushing their short coat (pugs do shed), keeping the face folds clean and dry, and the occasional bath will keep him/ her in top condition.



You are what you eat

Diet plays a huge role in the health and life expectancy of a pug. Pugs can become obese if diet and exercise is not maintained. Quality food can be sourced either from a premium dry/ canned food, a homemade cooked or raw diet. Care to maintain a good weight is very important for their joints and heart. Care should also be given to their teeth as most pugs do have overcrowding. As a dog with a short skull they do still have the same amount of teeth and the importance of daily brushing and providing them with chew toys will be a huge benefit!