

French Bulldog Club of NSW 66th Championship Show – Critiques



Judge: Dr Terill Udenberg (Canada)

Entries: 107

It has been an honour to be invited to judge for this club.

My background experience is extensive in the study of the Brachycephalic Airway Obstruction Syndrome (BAOS) in short nosed breeds both as a judge and as a Veterinarian.

It began with an extensive discussion and debate while attending the Pekingese Club of America. The debate was over the importance of breathing when judging short nosed dogs. At that time, it was not fashionable to discuss. The judges' "thought of the day" was that that this topic should be left to medical people and that judges should be making decisions on general conformation only. Basically, that is how we ended up with such a breathing crisis in these breeds and many other genetically inherited issues in all breeds. Judges should judge breeding stock to the best and to the depth of their ability.

Thankfully the tide is beginning to turn. Some countries are definitely ahead and that includes Australia and also New Zealand. I had the privilege of judging this breed about 6 years ago in Australia and I was surprised to see great improvements in breathing ability that has been accomplished in just a few generations. This is, in part, due to the efforts of Australia's national purebred dog genetics policy.

At the seminar on BOAS which I gave in both Australia and New Zealand there were still a few concerning questions and comments. A statement was made that these breeds "purr" instead of realising that they are having difficulty breathing. The second comment was "how do you think we should we be judging a beautiful specimen that makes breathing sounds?". My response was "put them in last place". Breathing is the most important aspect and that any awards can potentially cause breeders to "ribbon chase" down the wrong path. Judges would then be responsible for that!

Besides breathing, there are a couple of other concerns in the breed that should be addressed. Addressing the top line in your breed for external signs of hemi vertebrae is a critical issue. I did have several examples of sudden rise of top line (where the rise is not over the loin but further forward in the spine). This can also be express as a sudden rise just behind the scapula. Very short backed dogs would be another example of hemi vertebrae, as is the extremely short curled tail above the anus. Radiographs are to only way to be assured that these individuals should not be in the breeding program.

The other concern to be addressed is the lack of "ribbing up" at the bottom of the rib cage (which is the length of sternum and thus the attachment of ribs to the sternum). The attachment of the ribs both dorsally and ventrally makes a much stronger support structure for the body between the front and the hind limbs. I could identify this structural fault in many exhibits. It needs to be discussed more and breeders should feel the difference between individuals.

Feet were also an issue in some specimens. Flat and splayed feet has a strong genetic inheritability. These feet lack cushioning support for shock as they trot. In old age it causes arthritic changes in feet and back.

After pointing out some of the issues in the conformation of the breed, I would like to say that I found some excellent exhibits that brought a smile to my face. Head and faces were especially beautiful in Australia and generally silhouettes were excellent. Keep up the good work in improving this breed, and remember that above all else, "Breathing" is the most important. French Bulldogs in Australia are in good hands! Thanks for a great experience!

Dr Terill Udenberg

Class 1. Baby Puppy Dog

1st – exhibit #2 – Best baby in show

L Borg **FROGWYCK CHASE THE WIND** 2100513233 24/12/2018

Sire: Frogwyck Lorenzo (AI)

Dam: Frogwyck Zara

Beautiful front, correct topline, able to breathe clearly and he has an adequate amount of bone for the breed.

2nd – exhibit #5

K McAndrew **EMORETTE MR FRANCO** 2100509377 26/10/2018

Sire: Ch D'Accord Frederic

Dam: Ch Emorette Miss Remi

Great bone for the breed, a little difficult to stand as has less bend in the stifle but good example of the head, beautiful ears

3rd – exhibit #3

G Clifford **BOROCCABULL CALVIN KLEIN** 2100512063 24/12/2018

Sire: Ch D'Accord Laurent Perrier

Dam: Boroccabull Just Millie

Great feet, adequate in head, a little more curve in the under jaw would be beautiful but a good representation for the breed

Class 3. Puppy Dog

1st – exhibit #7 – dog challenge, Runner-up Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show

S Arunachalam **SENARABULL ACADEMY AWARD** 6100113590 17/09/2018

Sire: Int Ch George Clooney De Soleure (imp Che)

Dam: Ch Senarabull Miss Ebony

Represents square, good bend of stifle, open nostrils, good fill, ear set is excellent

2nd – exhibit #12 – reserve challenge dog

M Rosser & E Davidson **CH DACCORD MASTER YODA** 2100501868 04/07/2018

Sire: Ch D'Accord Frederic

Dam: Ch D'Accord Enchantresse

A little bit longer but has amazing layback of shoulder, a great topline and is able to breathe when moving around. Has good width and size of head and great ear set.

3rd – exhibit #9

J Laylor **TYKABUL HOOCHIE KOOCHIE MAN** 2100502831 05/08/2018

Sire: Ch Jonhah Im Just A Hobo

Dam: Tykabul Diamonds and Pearls

A little bit longer, has extra bend of stifle but has good movement, less fill in the foreface and great ears.

Class 4. Junior Dog

1st – exhibit #20

K Hedberg & S & A O'Rourke **PENDRAGAN HURRICANE HIGGINS** 2100495524
17/03/2018

Sire: Ch Sancerre Didier

Dam: Ch Pendragan Cosi Fan Tutte

No critique recorded

2nd – exhibit #16

D Brady **MAPLEWOOD DANTE** 2100492449 19/12/2017

Sire: Ch D'Accord Laurent Perrier

Dam: Maplewood Legally Blonde

No critique recorded

3rd – exhibit #17

L Doldissen **BOUDIN WALTER MITTY** 2100488607 30/11/2017

Sire: Ch D'Accord Scaramouche

Dam: Ch Boudin Binki Baby

No critique recorded

Class 5. Intermediate Dog

1st – exhibit #25

R Parry **CH TRICIBWTHYN GILBERT** 2100465058 24/10/2016

Sire: Ch Senarabull Mr Pedro

Dam: Ch Tricibwthyn Audrey

Represents a good specimen for the breed, moderate amount of bone and has a good sized head for the breed, flat across the top skull with good high set ears and nostrils open enough to have pretty clear breathing

2nd – exhibit #29

R Doherty **CHICCHIEN MY VALENTINE** 2100471267 14/02/2017

Sire: Ch Warpaint Angelus

Dam: Chicchien Valentina

Short in back and is a little more angled in stifle, has good head set, with high ear set and not quite as much padding around the lips but otherwise a good specimen for the breed

3rd – exhibit #27

L Samytowski & J Oddi **HUSHAN LORD MARCUS** 2100482059 19/08/2017

Sire: Hushan Mr Slade

Dam: Hushan Miss Illusion

Very short backed dog, with a good wheel over the back and tail set appropriate, a little straight in the stifle, a good specimen for the head type, with high set ears rounded at the top and has a nice padding around its face

Class 10. Aust. Bred Dog

1st – exhibit #31

L Borg **LLACHAR XAVIERS INFERNO** 4100296133 04/09/2017

Sire: Am Ch & Ch Fabelhaft Robobull Smokin Hot (imp USA)

Dam: Neut Ch & Ch Llachar Papillon Si Joli

Good example of the breed, short backed, slightly wheel over the back which is a little far forward but otherwise beautiful, good upper bend of stifle and head is a good example of the breed, cushioning of lips are adequate, the ears are great, high set and well rounded on the top. Short backed dog.

2nd – exhibit #35

D & L Thorpe & J Daidone **CH WARPAIN MASQUERADE** 2100456801 23/07/2016

Sire: Warpaint Coconut Rum Over Ice [AI]

Dam: Ch Warpaint Some Velvet Morning

A little bit longer but a great example. A lower tail set. The head is large for the size for the breed, with good ear set, the eyes are moderate in size and round. There's a good amount of muzzle that leaves the upper lip protruding a bit more forward when you look from the side view. There could be a little more bend of stifle.

3rd – exhibit #33

V Oliver & S Hector **VOLIVANT ZIGGY STARDUST** 3100361850 21/06/2017

Sire: Gr Ch Emorette Rolls Royce

Dam: Tykabal With A Kiss

A bit longer, has a heavier body, excellent bone, beautiful mask. Could have a little more fill of the muzzle. A good example of a clear breathing dog. Could have slightly more arch in back when standing.

Class 11. Open Dog

1st – exhibit #107

N Kenwick **CH RENUAR OSKAR MAGNIFIQUE (IMP LVA)** LV-37833/16 28/11/2015

Sire: Multi Ch Prestonpacific Ocean Renuar

Dam: Renuar Bruna Boheme Bourgeois

Beautiful coloured dog with a great mask. Good representation of head. Good size for the breed, the nose is set well with upper lip gradly extending out to the lower jaw. Breaths clearly and has a good of the back with flex of the stifle.

2nd – exhibit #39

M Rosser & E Davidson **CH DACCORD FREDERIC** 2100339933 03/04/2011

Sire: Ch Pendragan Ellfor Leather

Dam: Castlehaines Charisma (imp Uk)

Very compact dog, slightly shorter in back than the #1 dog but he does not have quite as much fill in the lips and has a beautiful representation of head, nice high ear set and has a good amount of bone to body for the speciemen.

3rd – exhibit #37

S Ledger & D Paine **CH JONHAH I'M JUST A HOBO** 2100428474 17/03/2015

Sire: Ch Jonhah Trevatroubl

Dam: Sup Ch Jonhah Taylor Made

A good bodied, well boned dog with a good sized head for the breed, there is a little more nose than typical but this is great for being able to breath for these dogs, slight wheel on the back and a decent tailset.

Class 1a. Baby Puppy Bitch

1st – exhibit #42

L Borg **FROGWYCK LAYLA** 2100513231 24/12/2018

Sire: Frogwyck Lorenzo (AI)

Dam: Frogwyck Zara

Nice square representation for the breed, beginning to develop that arch back, she has quite a bit of neck and is able to breath quite clearly, her nostrils are open. She has large bat like ears, with round tops. Head is quite developed and is lovely.

2nd – exhibit #41

L Borg **FROGWYCK ALLEGRA** 2100513230 24/12/2018

Sire: Frogwyck Lorenzo (AI)

Dam: Frogwyck Zara

Slightly shorter backed puppy that is still waiting to get that rise of back for topline. She has nice low tailset. She has bend of stifle and a reasonable amount of bone for her age. Her face is just coming into its own with beautiful, big bat ears in the right location, high when at attention her nostrils are open and it seems she is going to be able to breathe well

3rd – exhibit #45

R Doherty **CHICCHIEN POEME** 2100512450 12/12/2018

Sire: Ch Boroccabull Tommy Hilfiger

Dam: Chicchien Paegen

Has a beautiful short back and is beginning to show the rise of back. Her tail set is a bit higher than the others but will come along along nicely as she develops. She's got a great amount of bone and that will be excellent. She has extensive wrinkling on her face and she has already developed good cushioning of her mouth. Her eyes are excellent She presents with a relatively square face.

Class 2a. Minor Puppy Bitch

1st – exhibit #51 – Best minor puppy in show

J Harrison **DENTELLIERES ARISTOCAT** 7100042102 17/09/2018

Sire: Ch Warpaint Masquerade

Dam: Gr Ch Warpaint Letincelle De Cœur

She has a beautiful face, breathes clearly, moderate length of neck, just developing rise of back, her tailset is low and she has good layback of shoulder. She has good capacity for great movement.

2nd – exhibit #49

S Arunachalam **SENARABULL THE EMMY GOS TO** 6100113588 17/09/2018

Sire: Int Ch George Clooney De Soleure (imp Che)

Dam: Ch Senarabull Miss Ebony

Very compact bitch. She has a short to medium neck, shorter upper arm, she's very a beautiful specimen for the head, her ear set is high, she's got good padding around her upper lip and she has much angle in her back legs. She is just developing the rise of back.

3rd – exhibit #50

J Casey **ASHARNAY IM JUST DIVINE** 2100509702 01/10/2018

Sire: Ch Jonhah Im Just A Hobo

Dam: Ch Kiangsi Divine Miss M

Very dark dog who has a bit of nose and can breathe clearly. She has the right sized face, she could have a little more padding around her lip. Ears are beautiful and they're high set. Slightly longer than the other dogs but she has developed that nice rise of back and has a low tail set.

Class 3a. Puppy Bitch

1st – exhibit #53

R Doherty & D Trenear **CHICCIEN DONNA** 2100498044 18/04/2018

Sire: Beautaureau Toujours Le Joker

Dam: Chicchien Paegen

Compact bitch with adequate amount of bone. She has a good sized head for a female of this breed. She has good padding on the her upper lips and she has a decently open nosis and can breathe well. She has a little bit rise of back.

2nd – exhibit #55

S Cole **SARCELLES SHE WEARS THE PANTS** 3100374984 20/04/2018

Sire: Kaayyn Monsieur Merlot

Dam: Sarcelles Llalique

She is a little bit longer and she is able to breathe very clearly. She has a bit of rise of back which is excellent and her tail set is an appropriate location. She is a little bit longer in the loin than the 1st place winner. Her head is adequate. She has nice high ear set with representative ears.

3rd – exhibit #58

K McClelland **LLACHAR ZIRCONIA GEM** 4100307811 01/06/2018

Sire: Gr Ch Causinhavoc Showem I'm Back

Dam: Ch Llachar Titanuim Heart

She is a very clear breather. She is a bit longer and excessive slope in croup but her breathing and her head-make and shape is beautiful. She has good teeth alignment and good padding of her upper lips. She's long in the loin but a beautiful specimen for the breed.

4th – exhibit #59

B & J Payne **HUSHAN MISS BIJOU** 2100502489 21/07/2018

Sire: Ch Kaayin Monsieur Esky (imp NZ)

Dam: Hushan Miss Pandora

She has a good body and excellent amount of bone for the breed. She has wide open nostrils, breathes comfortably and easily. Beautiful ear placement and a decent amount of size for the body shape. She is long in the loin. Has a nice slope on her croup and good tail set.

Class 4a. Junior Bitch

1st – exhibit #70 – Best junior in show

T Wedesweiler **SONGEUR LA MISTRAL** 2100486361 16/10/2017

Sire: Ch Sancerre Didier

Dam: Ch Frogwyck Petite Fleur

Beautiful compact body and good bone for the size of the dog. She's got a relatively broad skull with a high ear set, with appropriately shaped ear. She has good padding of her lip so she is the #1 in this class.

2nd – exhibit #62

J Butler **BOUDIN JAZZY ROUGE** 2100488614 30/11/2017

Sire: Ch D'Accord Scaramouch

Dam: Ch Boudin Binki Baby

Dark female which has a little bit longer outline than the #1 dog. A low tail set. She breaths really clearly and her nostrils are open. She's relatively compact and she moves very freely when she goes around the ring.

3rd – exhibit #67

M Orfanos **CH BOUSSON LILY ROSE ROYALE** 2100493464 05/02/2018

Sire: Llemmegs Le Seul Et Unique

Dam: D'Accord Pink Parfait

Dark brindle, breaths well. Could have a little more padding around her upper lip. She has a good compact make and shape and could perhaps have a slightly lower tail set but otherwise she is a lovely specimen.

Class 5a. Intermediate Bitch

1st – exhibit #80 – Best intermediate in show

L & D Thorpe & J Daidone **CH WARPAINT GOLD DUST WOMAN** 2100469381
09/01/2017

Sire: Warpaint Coconut Rum Over Ice (AI)

Dam: Ch Warpaint Mesis Lunae

She's a bitch with a mask. She has a good body. Short, compact with the right amount of bone. A broad, flat skull between her ears, with a good ear set which is quite high set. She has padding in her muzzle and her nose a bit long than some which is excellent as it helps her breathe clearly.

2nd – exhibit #77

K McClelland **LLACHAR XANTHIA'S ROSE (AI)** 4100296131 04/09/2017

Sire: Am Ch Ch Fabelhaft Robobull Smokin' Hot (imp USA)

Dam: Ch & Neut Ch Llachar Papillon Si Joli

A dark bitch. She's a bit longer but has a beautiful make and shape for this breed. She has a moderate amount of bone. She has a good width between her ears with a high ear set and a moderate sized ears. Her nostrils are open and she breathes easily and she has the right sized eye for the breed. So all in all a very nice specimen.

3rd – exhibit #74

J Casey **ASHARNAY BELLA DONNA** 2100483934 12/09/2017

Sire: Ch D'Accord Valentino

Dam: Kiangsi Divine Miss M

She is longer and she has a little bit of nose. She is flat between her ears which are high set and very typical of the bat look that we are looking for in the breed. She could have a little more rise in back but all in all a great specimen with the right amount of bone. She moves freely and can breathe freely.

Class 10a. Aust Bred Bitch

1st – exhibit #81 – Reserve Bitch Challenge & Best Australian Bred in Show

D & C Beacock **CH WARPAINT SILVER N GOLD** 2100469382 09/01/2017

Sire: Warpaint Coconut Rum Over Ice (AI)

Dam: Ch Warpaint Mesis Lunae

She's a lovely make and shape. She's got the right proportions of compact and cobby. She's got broad forehead and good tail set. She's got good cushioning in her lips and she breathes absolutely clearly so good a specimen.

2nd – exhibit #88

M Orfanos **BOUSSON STELLA ROYALE** 2100493463 05/02/2018

Sire: Llemmegs Le Seul Et Unique

Dam: Ch D'Accord Pink Parfait

She's a fairly short, cobby girl. A little bit lighter in bone than the 1st place bitch. She has beautiful of layback shoulder and sloping croup. She has a moderate amount of fill in her upper lips, wide and flat across the top skull and she has a beautiful make and shape of ears.

3rd – exhibit #87

K McAndrew **EMORETTE MISS LEUCA** 2100434980 26/07/2015

Sire: Ch D'Accord Valentino

Dam: Emorette Fleur De Jasmin

She is a dark bitch. She is short, compact and she has good shoulder slope and appropriate tail set. She has extra angle in her back legs. But overall a beautiful specimen with a correct size and make of head, open nostrils and she breaths freely.

11a. Open Bitch

1st – exhibit #96 – Bitch Challenge, Best in Show and Best Open in Show

S Ledger & D Paine **CH JONHAH MOLLY TAYLOR** 2100489913 06/12/2017

Sire: Ch Sancerre Didier

Dam: Sup Ch Jonhah Taylor Made

She's a beautiful, larger bitch that has a nice mask. She's flat between the ears on her skull. She has beautiful high set ears and layback shoulders. She's breathes relatively freely as she moves along. She has early vertebral rise in back and her tailset is correct. She has bend of stifle and her feet are excellent.

2nd – exhibit #99

T Wedesweiler **FROGWYCK PETITE FLEUR** 2100425375 18/02/2015

Sire: Gr Ch Pendragan Quiet Riot

Dam: Ch Embolden Bella Vista

She's a small bitch that moves freely. She's not quite as compact the #1 dog as far as height to length. She has a moderately sized head. Beautifully flat between the ears with a high ear set which is typical for the breed. She breathes well and moves very fluidly. She has a steep croup and a compact tailset. Good angles front and back.

3rd – exhibit #92

S Arunachalam **CH SENARABULL SERAPHINA** 6100105527 29/04/2017

Sire: Senarabull Rock N Rosco

Dam: Ch Senarabull Miss Ebony

Compact bitch. Right amount of bone. She is a little bit longer in loin and steeper in croup but a lovely large head for the breed and flat and wide between her ears. High ear set. She breathes freely and has open nostrils.