**Personality Frenchies**

**Potential Puppy-Buyer Questionnaire**

\*\*\*Please be advised that all your responses will be kept confidential and are only used to see if you and your family are a good fit for one of our puppies. We strive to match dogs and families that are compatible and want the best possible forever home for our dogs. We are willing to help educate our potential owners about the needs of French Bulldogs and many of our questions aim at finding out what you have learned about the breed of French Bulldogs and if you are ready to be a parent of a French Bulldog fur baby for the next 10-14 years of your/their life. We ask these questions only to discern if are a good match for one of our puppies. Thank you, Michelle Brediger, breeder, owner\*\*\*

**Potential Buyer’s Demographics**

Your Name:

Spouses Name:

Your phone number:

Spouse’s phone number:

Home/Mailing Address:

E-mail address(es):

Names and ages of ever person who lives in your house:

**Why do you want a dog, particularly at this time?**

**Why do you want a French Bulldog?**

How long have you been looking for a French Bulldog?

Are you working with any other breeders at this time? Are you on a wait list for a puppy from another breeder?

Have you been to any dog shows to see AKC French Bulldogs being shown? How important to you is getting a Frenchie that meets AKC breed standard?

Please explain what research you have done about French Bulldogs and the potential health challenges that are common to the breed.

(Examples: Brachycephalic, Elongated soft palate, stenotic nares, tale pocket, Hemi vertebrae, Luxating patella, hip dysplasia.)

**Veterinarian (Your animal doctor)**

Are you established with a local veterinarian in your area?

Do you plan to use the same veterinarian for your Frenchie?

Do you know the name, number and location of at least two emergency veterinarians in your area?

Please provide name and clinic of Vet you plan to use:

Vet address:

Vet Clinic Phone number:

Do you plan to carry Pet health insurance on your dog?

Would you be able to afford paying for regular and/or emergency veterinarian care for your dog as needed?

Do you have funds set aside and regular income to provide for your dog and the ability to buy them things they will need (food, shelter, utilities, water, veterinarian care, grooming, etc).

**Dog Food**

Have you researched what foods that commonly cause allergies in French Bulldogs?

Are you prone to follow food fads or veterinarian advice regarding feeding your dog? (Example: Grain-free is bad for heart. Raw diets.)

If your Frenchie were to develop skin allergies, would you be willing to change their diet? Seek veterinarian attention for possible medication? Explore possible allergens in the dog’s environment and work to remove them?

**Pet or Show prospect home?**

Will your puppy primarily be a family pet?

Do you consider a family pet a family member?

Do you plan to show your dog? In obedience? Agility? Conformation? Other?

Have you shown dogs previously? What is your experience showing dogs?

Would you show the dog yourself or hire a handler?

**Who would be the primary caretaker of your new puppy?**

Do you have time, knowledge & experience in housetraining a dog?

What about leash, obedience, crate training?

Where do you look for information about raising a dog? (Examples: internet, YouTube, professional dog trainer, dog trainer at PetSmart, books, friends, previous personal experience, etc.)

If you are a first-time dog owner, I will recommend a reading list of books to get you ready for owning a dog. Would you be willing to read a couple books about raising a dog?

**Can you afford to buy and take care of a French Bulldog? They are not cheap.**

**Your employment Information**

Are you employed? Yes/No. Are you currently in school?

Where are you employed?

What is your occupation?

How long have you been employed?

Do you plan to change careers soon?

How many days/week and hours/day do you work outside the home?

**Your spouse’s employment information?**

Is your spouse employed? Yes/No. Is your spouse currently in school?

Where is your spouse employed?

What is your spouse’s occupation?

How long has your spouse been employed?

Does your spouse plan to change careers soon?

How many days a week and hours/day does your spouse work outside the home?

Are you financially and emotionally prepared to care for a French Bulldog?

Are you willing to puppy-proof (similar to baby-proof) your home to keep you puppy safe? Install baby gates or buy a puppy pen to keep track of your puppy.

Puppies like to chew. Will you provide lots of appropriate, safe chew toys for your puppy.

What will you do if your puppy chews on furniture or your house?

We recommend positive reinforcement training for your dog. It will be important to establish a potty break routine so you set your dog up for success. Are you willing to use positive reinforcement training for your dog and let the dog out to the bathroom at regular intervals so they get used to what you expect of them?

Our French Bulldogs are crate trained. Would you continue to use a crate as a potty training tool in your home?

**Doggy daycare?**

Does your employer allow you to take your dog to work?

Do you work close to home so you could come home on your lunch break to check on dog and let out to the bathroom?

Do you have security cameras to keep an eye on your dog when you are not home?

How many hours/day would the dog be home alone?

Would you crate the dog or allow to roam free in your house?

Do you have a doggy door to a secure, fully-fenced backyard?

**Dog Identification and Safety**

Do you plan to keep a collar and identification tag on your dog at all times?

What plans do you and your family have in place to communicate with each other to make sure the dog doesn’t get out the front door, garage door, gate in the yard?

Most city’s have a dog registration system that if you register your dog and they get picked up by animal control, if they are microchipped, registered, there is no fee for you to recover your pet. If your dog is not spayed or neutered, there is an annual registration fee. If your dog IS spayed or neutered, there is a one-time fee.

Do you plan to register your dog with your city?

**Previous/Current Pet Ownership History**

Have you ever owned a dog before?

What breed(s), male/female?

Where are they now?

Have you bought a dog from a breeder before?

Have you rescued a dog from a shelter before?

Have you ever surrendered a dog or another animal to an animal shelter because you were no longer able to care for it? Please give details.

Have you ever rehomed a dog? What were the circumstances?

Please understand that in our contract, if you ever become unable to care for the French Bulldog you get from us, we will take it back at any time during the dog’s life. There is no refund. You will sign in the contract the dog is never to be surrendered to an animal shelter or sold to another party without our approval of the new home. All of our dogs have an AKC Reunite microchip and as the breeder, we remain primary contact on the dog’s microchip. I will add you and your spouse as secondary contacts. This is a safety measure so that we will be notified if the dog is ever surrendered or brought to an animal shelter. This is one way we can ensure our dogs have the best possible life and are well cared for and never put in a situation where they may be euthanatized or live a day in a shelter. Do you agree to these terms?

Do you currently own any pets that reside in your home?

Species of animals, number, male/female, neutered/spayed, breed?

Do you currently or have you ever bred any animals?

Do you plan to breed your French Bulldog or spay/neuter?

Are you thinking about showing conformation, obedience, agility, other?

**Tell us about your current residence**

Do you have a rental unit attached to your home? If so, who lives there and do they have pets?

Are you and your spouse both in agreement to want to bring a puppy into your home to be part of your family?

Have you discussed and would you be prepared for the responsibility of caring for a dog?

Do you plan to buy or adopt another dog in the near future?

What breed?

Please make sure your dog’s temperaments are compatible.

Have you ever participated or been a spectator at organized dog fighting?

Would you keep your dog safe from thieves, to the best of your ability?

Do you rent or own your home?

How long have you lived there?

Do you know your neighbors?

Do you have a good relationship with your neighbors?

Is there a HOA in your neighborhood? Do you have to get approval to have a dog?

If you rent, are you allowed to have a dog? Are you required to and have you paid a pet deposit? Have you communicated with your landlord/ property management agency regarding having a dog live in your rental house?

Please be prepared to show evidence in the form of a legal document or letter from your landlord/property management agency that you are approved to have a dog at your rental house.

Is your backyard fully fenced and gated securely?

What kind of fence? How tall?

Does your home back up to a green belt, forest, wooded area?

Are there wild animals that you are aware of that live near your home?

Are there poisonous snakes where you live?

Are you educated about what plants are poisonous to dogs?

Check [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)

Have you removed poisonous houseplants and yard plants from your home?

**Climate where you live?**

French Bulldogs are heat/cold intolerant. They can only be walked outside in moderate temperatures to avoid heat stroke and freezing. What is the high/low temperatures during the year where you live? Are you willing to walk your dog during the coolest parts of the day during hot weather and dress your dog appropriately for cold weather?

French Bulldogs do not do well in hot or cold temperatures. What kind of heating and cooling systems do you have installed or available in your home for regulating a comfortable temperature?

Are you willing to use more electricity and have a higher electricity bill, if necessary, to keep your French Bulldog comfortable?

**Indoor/Outdoor**

Where would you have your dog live most of the time?

In your house? In a crate? In the back yard? Tied to a chain in the yard?

Please explain.

Do you hope your Frenchie will sleep in bed with you?

Do you have the ability to wash laundry daily in your home if your dog soils bedding?

**Grooming your dog**

Do you have experience bathing a dog? Please tell me about how, where, frequency you choose to bathe your dog?

Do you know how to trim dog nails or use a Dremel?

Would you take your dog to vet to get nails trimmed?

Would you take your dog to groomer for bathing?

**Health and Allergies**

Is anyone who lives in your home allergic to dogs?

Is anyone who frequently visits your home allergic to dogs?

If you got a dog and found out someone in your home was allergic to the dog, what would you do?

Does anyone in your home smoke cigarettes, marijuana, cigars?

Does anyone in your home have a street drug problem?

Does anyone in y our home take prescription drugs?

Does anyone in your home drink alcoholic beverages?

Would you ever give alcohol to your dog?

Would you ever have your dog breathe second hand smoke?

Do you know of an emergency/24/7-vet in case your dog ingests a drug and needs to be treated for an accidental emergency?

**Activity level**

What is your activity level?

Example: Would you want your dog to run with you? How long, often, far?

Hike? Swim? Boating? Traveling? Other?

Would you be able to walk your dog 30-60 minutes 1-3 times a day?

Are there sidewalks and grass parkways in your neighborhood?

Do you have a fully fenced, private backyard?

**Natural Disaster**

If there was a natural disaster that forced you to evacuate your home, would you make every effort to take your dog with you?

**Power of Attorney, Living Will**. (Something none of us want to think about, but is an act of love toward our loved ones to do so…)

If you were to pass away while your dog is still living, would you designate someone to take your dog?