



# Young Bulldog

*Bulldogs are a dignified, loyal and reliable breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.*

## Prolapsed Third Eye (Cherry Eye)

### Description

Dogs have a third eye lid that contains a gland that produces about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the tear fluid for the eye. If this gland becomes sore and swollen it protrudes in the corner of the eye.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** ophthalmic examinations twice a year. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any swellings in or around the eye.

### Why Needed

A prolapsed third eye can contribute to:

- Pain
- Swelling, swollen and red eyes
- Dry eyes
- The need for surgery

## Mast Cell Tumors

### Description

Normal mast cells help your dog respond to inflammation and allergies. When they rapidly reproduce and become cancerous they produce lumps and can spread throughout the body. They can release normally safe chemicals in large doses that become dangerous. Early detection is vital as surgical removal can often cure the cancer.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** comprehensive physical examinations twice a year. Also, fine needle aspirates of all masses or lumps to examine the cells.

### Why Needed

**Mast cell tumors can contribute to:**

- Gastric ulcers
- Internal bleeding
- Allergic type reactions
- Death

## Urolithiasis

### Description

Urolithiasis is the formation of stones in the urinary tract, usually in the kidney or bladder. They are commonly referred to as kidney or bladder stones. These stones irritate the lining of the urinary tract.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** an annual urinalysis to detect blood or crystals in the urine.

### Why Needed

**Urolithiasis can contribute to:**

- Difficulty urinating
- Blood in the urine
- Kidney damage
- Inability to urinate which can be fatal
- The need for surgery

## Respiratory Disease Syndrome (Brachycephalic Syndrome)

### Description

Dogs with short nosed face shapes (called brachycephalic dogs) can have nostrils that are too small and a trachea (windpipe) that is narrow and undersized. This can lead to a narrow and obstructed airway.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** any brachycephalic breed is predisposed to this condition. Many brachycephalic breeds benefit from a prophylactic surgical procedure, usually while still very young, that corrects many of these anatomical abnormalities. Your veterinarian can help determine the severity of the symptoms and if corrective measure are recommended.

### Why Needed

**Respiratory Disease Syndrome can contribute to:**

- Dyspnea (difficulty breathing)
- Sleep apnea
- Repeated respiratory infections
- Being prone to heat stroke

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- Ophthalmic examinations twice a year\*

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