

The French Bulldog – Part I: history and popularity of the breed

Summary

The French Bulldog is a relatively new and currently very popular breed, although it poses a wide variety of problems for both breeders and private owners. It is a perfect companion dog – child-friendly, cheerful, lively, and playful, but also possessive. The aim of this study was to describe the silhouette of the French bulldog and to discuss the history of the breed and its popularity, as well as the costs of keeping a dog of this breed. Part I is an introduction to Part II of the study, which presents the opinions of breeders and private owners on the health and care of the French Bulldog, and also discusses some aspects of the reproduction of dogs of this breed. The study was based mainly on information collected from anonymous questionnaires sent to French Bulldog breeders registered in the Polish Kennel Club and to private owners of dogs obtained from breeders registered in the Polish Kennel Club. The data are presented in the form of tables and graphs and discussed.

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