

COMMON BULLDOG ISSUES

These are the most frequent health concerns we see or are asked about by our puppy parents



ALLERGIES

Red bumps on belly/insides of arms/legs or raised bumps under fur is likely allergic reaction to grass or weeds and can be treated with Benadryl, Chlorhexidine and ointment. Bumps, rashes, patchy hair loss, and itchy skin/eyes/feet can be environmental or food allergies, in which case some troubleshooting to find cause may be needed. Consult your breeder for assistance.

EAR INFECTIONS

Clean ears often with baby wipes or q-tips, avoid getting wet, dry thoroughly after bathing. If you see excessive scratching or head shaking, clean and apply violet ear drops. If infections persist see your vet.

HEAD TREMORS

If you see head shaking resembling Parkinson's or a seizure, it's likely an idiopathic head tremor. Common in bulldogs and the cause inconclusive, feeding 1-2 Tbsp of honey usually snaps them out of it.

TIGHT TAIL POCKET

Some tails grow tightly to body. This can create a deep pocket that is hard to clean & dry and can get itchy or infected. Keeping dry is key. Can treat with Chlorhexidine or ointment. Some are so problematic tail amputation is needed to provide relief.

UMBILICAL HERNIA

Umbilical site doesn't close completely at birth. Looks like an 'outie' belly button. Vet will close at spay/neuter if it doesn't heal on its own.

PROLAPSED URETHRA

In males, the tip of the penis protrudes, looks swollen and can bleed. Use belly wrap diapers. Vet will wait to fix during neuter, unless bleeding doesn't stop in a couple of weeks.