

# Bane Bulldogs Owner's Manual/Tips Guide



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**Congrats on the purchase of your Bulldog. We are pleased that you have chosen us and your Bulldog puppy through Bane Bulldogs, we welcome you to our family. It is our mission with our breeding program to ensure that the preservation of the breed is upheld in every way possible. We believe that Health, Temperament, and Confirmation are always number one.**

**We hope that the attached guide will assist you with the current and future care of your new family member. When we obtained our first Bulldog this was not available so we have taken note(s) of best practices with Bulldog breeders with over 30 years of experience. If you ever have any questions or need feedback and guidance please call us at anytime and any hour of the day.**

**Sincerely,**

*Will Clayton & Jimmy Bane*

**Bane Bulldogs**

## Health Tips/Ears/Bathing/Skin Folds/Nails/Pads/Nose/Eyes

Like any pet Bulldogs like to be clean and well groomed. Through out the years we have used a couple of different products to help us with the grooming process and although these are suggestions that have worked for us it is important to find what works for you and your Bulldog.

### Ears

It is important to keep ears dry and clean on Bulldogs, yeast can grow very quickly so you will want to keep dry and wax free. Usually if your Bulldog has a yeast issue in the ear it is because of an allergy and this could be related to food, cleaning products, seasonal allergies, and lastly something new that has been introduced into their environment. When cleaning ears we use Q-tips, make-up removal pads (dry cotton pads are used not pre-moistened), and a couple of cleaning solutions. We have found that the following solutions have worked best for us and they are available on Chewy.com.



When cleaning you will want to take the applicator tip of the cleaning product and irrigate the ear filling the canal. Hold the ear closed and gently massage into the ear for about 30 seconds or as long as your Bulldog allows. These products will draw out the wax and when the dog shakes its head the wax will come out. Following the irrigation, you will want to take Q-tips and debride the ear where you can visibly see the wax. (Note: You do not want to shove the Q-tip down the ear, they are only used to remove the wax where you can see at the entrance of the ear.) If your Bulldog has a severe Ear matter, we encourage that you take your Bulldog into the vet where they will flush the ear as needed with antibiotics including numbing and anti-allergen medications. We have had alot of success with Zymox and this is our preferred product out of these three.

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## Bathing

Bulldogs do require frequent Baths and this is not just to keep your Bulldog smelling fresh, but most importantly it is to keep out yeast like infections that can occur in folds and on the topical regions of the skin. Some Bulldogs do not like baths however, we have been fortunate to have Bulldogs that enjoy their bathing time. We encourage you to start bathing your Bulldog at a young age as this will get them used to it. Normally Bulldogs do not like bathing because of the space that they are in, they can feel trapped, caged, or forced so we encourage that you bath in a tub and have a shower head that has a hose where you can rinse them off close to the skin. Things to remember are 1.) water needs to be warm but not too hot (Bulldogs are heat sensitive) 2.) do not spray water in the face as this can cause aspiration risk and it can irritate the eyes and facial folds 3.) most importantly make it fun and a bonding session between you and your Bulldog!

The products that we currently use in our house for bathing are as follows and they are available at PetSmart, Chewy.com, and Cherrybrook.com (another product not shown below but also works well if you need it is Head & Shoulders. It medicates, does not overclean fur, and protects dry skin).



When bathing your Bulldog, you will scrub your Bulldogs' fur like you would on your own hair ensuring that you are massaging the fur getting it into a nice lather. We usually repeat this for about 10 mins giving the Bulldog a massage like experience. Be sure to really work the soap into each crevasse including between the webs of their toes. For the face you will want to get a warm wash cloth and just wipe the face but not with the soapy water, this will wipe their face clean. Once done massaging your Bulldog you will rinse off with warm water and then dry off with towel until dry. (Note: things that you will want to ensure are very dry following the bath would be tail-pockets, and double check the ears ensuring that there was no moisture left in ears. If ears and tail pockets are left moist you will more in likely get an infection that will begin within a couple of days following a bath. Also, if Bulldog is not dried all the way you may see dandruff and dry skin.) To continue with the grooming process, take a non-scented baby wipe and wipe the face and all folds ensuring the face is clean, stay clear of the eyes when wiping the face.

## Skin Folds

Bulldogs can potentially be wrinkly or their skin may be tighter and it is very important to keep the skin clean. If your Bulldog has wrinkles you will want to clean those spaces and ensure they are also kept dry as those folds are breeding grounds for yeast. We use a couple of different remedies ranging from Huggies Baby Wipes, Witch Hazel, Gold Bond, Desitin, and Chlorhexidine. When cleaning the folds, you will want to pay attention to smells and the color of the skin as this will tell you the type of care you need to provide. Baby wipes are used for ongoing maintenance and these are a quick and cost-effective way to wipe clean folds without getting the area too wet. We use baby wipes for daily and weekly wiping of facial folds and other fold areas. Witch Hazel is a natural astringent that has drying properties and this can be placed on a make up pad and used for non-face folds like the tail pocket. If using for the tail pocket you will swoop in under the tail removing particles of hair and dirt and repeat 2-3 times until clean. Goldbond powder is an excellent absorber and this helps as a barrier on moisture, we use this primarily for tail pockets following baths and cleaning of the pocket. If you see redness you will want to start to take care of this right away, a sign that you will see if a Bulldog has a tail pocket infection started is, they will sit and scoot on their bottom and look back towards their back side and suddenly sit. If you have an infection act fast by wiping with witch hazel, apply Gold Bond, and if severe contact your vet as they made need to go on antibiotics. Desitin is good for red and raw tissue, sometimes Bulldogs will rub their bottom raw if they have a tail pocket issue and like a human baby you would want to apply this to the area creating barrier and protecting the tissue. If you are cleaning that area you will want to use a non-astringent cleaner as that could cause pain for your Bulldog.

Chlorhexidine is a great tool and a Bulldog must! This is medicated and used on face folds or on deep folds. You can buy Chlorhexidine that has been prepared on pads, it can be in shampoo, and it can be in a solution. Allot of care products that are used on Bulldogs contain this as an ingredient due to the antimicrobial properties.

Here are the products that we use and all are available on Chewy.com and at your local pharmacy or grocery store.



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## Nails

Bulldog nails can grow quite fast and it is important to ensure that they are clipped or ground down frequently ensuring they are able to walk properly. This can be a two-person job and it is highly recommended to expose your Bulldog to this at a young age that way they are acclimated to the process. Each Bulldog in our house is different and some will enjoy the process and others take a little more work. We Dremel our nails down ensuring they are shaped properly and there are no rough edges. If you are not comfortable with completing nailcare we encourage that you take your Bulldog to your vet frequently completing nailcare. You want to keep the nails short but do not get too close to the quick in the nailbed. You will find that during the summer months depending on your Bulldogs activity level they will naturally grind down their nails if walked, still pay attention to their nails as a couple may need to be trimmed. Always approach the Bulldog from the front then swoop around holding them into place, they will feel less forced or boxed into a corner. Also be sure to reward and constantly praise them ensuring that they are “doing a good job” when getting their nails done. If you choose to clip the nails vs. Dremel be sure to have some blood clotting powder on hand as accidents can happen and it is possible that you cut the nail too short. The Bulldog may limp until the nail grows out, keep an eye on it.

We use the following products for nailcare:



## Pads

Just like human feet Bulldogs also like their pedicures! Things to remember are during the summer months asphalt is very hot so you want to be aware of feet and hot surfaces. Bulldog pads can get burnt so if taking on an outing be sure to check surfaces for being too hot. To test place back of hand on surface if its too hot for you its too hot for a Bulldog. You will need to carry your Bulldog or put in a cart to get to cool surface. For regular maintenance you want to look and watch for cracks and cuts. If you happen to see that the pad is drying apply a cream to keep it moist. We use Bag Balm, Vaseline, and Vitamin E Oil as it's the best sealant and holds in moisture. You will want to repeat applications until the pads do not look dry. One thing that can also occur on pads and between webs of feet is they can get digital cyst. These cysts are common and it will look like a very large blister between the toes. These will pop and you will want to allow them to drain and keep clean. You can clean the area by wiping between the toes with chlorhexidine.

Here is what we use for pad care and you can get this at any local grocery store:



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## Nose

One of the largest features on a Bulldog is their nose and this can become quite dry during the change of the seasons and when they rub it against something during their desire to ram things with their head. It is important to keep the nose dry and clean. If your Bulldog has a rope that is above the nose and below the eye you will want to wipe this out daily or weekly using a baby wipe. By wiping the rope this will prevent future infections from sparking up. To keep the nose non dry and cracked apply Bag Balm and Vitamin E oil as needed like the pads of their feet. If they happen to lick their nose this is ok as small amounts may be ingested without incident if this occurs.

## Eyes

Seasonal allergies and dry eye can occur with Bulldogs so it is important to keep the eyes moist and clean. If you see a greenish gunk being discharged from the eye you will want to apply eye drops and wipe the gunk from the eye using a warm water paper towel. If this continues or is persistent you may want to have your vet examine the eye ensuring there is no larger infection taking place or a scratch on the cornea. Bulldogs will head down ram things and they can scratch their eye very easily if not being watched. If you would like to keep the eyes moist using an over the counter agent you may use Visine.

This is what we use for eye care:



## Summer Heat/Cooling

Bulldogs overheat very easily and it is very important to make sure they do not get too hot as this can put them in a life-threatening situation. They can appear to be normal and playing in the yard but do not let this fool you as looks can be deceiving! During the summer months you will want to make sure they have constant access to fresh water and it is preferred to keep them in a cooled area where they have access to air conditioning. Bulldogs will pant, be red, eyes will blood shot, and gums will change from healthy pink to darker purple color if they are in distress. If your Bulldog has gotten too hot, cool them off by putting them in a cooled area immediately, ensure they get water, and take cool wet towels and put on the body. (Note: do not cool with ice bath or by placing ice on them as this can cause shock and create the Bulldog to go into a cardio event). Another tip is to take rubbing alcohol and dampen their inner groins and if a male place on their testicles. The evaporation of the alcohol will cause instant cooling.

We have learned in the summer months that play time outside is limited and usually takes place in the cooler hours of the night. Our Bulldogs are let out with constant supervision and only in short increments ensuring there is no risk for overheating. We also keep



a fan on hand and if needed will plug it in letting them lay in front of it if the AC vent is not enough for them. If taking them on a road trip or ride to the store never leave them in your car alone whether it be summer months or any time of the year for that matter.

## Toys

Bulldogs do not discriminate against any toy however, there are some toys that happen to be a better option for Bulldogs. Due to the nature of their breeding they are natural chewers and they prefer things that are harder that they can chew on. For our Bulldogs they get Jolly Balls and Nylabones. Things that you should try to stray away from are toys with stuffing and raw hides. Toys with stuffing are usually destroyed within minutes with a Bulldog and the stuffing within the toy can become a blockage risk due to ingestion. We highly recommend avoiding those types of toys (rope toys are stringy and pose same risk) lowering your risk for a vet visit. Raw hides are a big no for Bulldogs due to choking risk and it is not good for their teeth.

Here are some examples of the toys we give our Bulldogs:



## Diet/Over-Feeding-Weight Control

Each Bulldog is different and the diet may vary dog to dog so we would suggest trying a couple of different food options to find the right food for you. We feed twice a day and do not leave the bowls down because unless you limit a Bulldogs food source, they will eat all day long. An overweight Bulldog is not a healthy bulldog as they can have joint, skin, and other health issues if over fed.

Here are the food options that we use for our Bulldogs:



If you have a Bulldog that needs to lose weight, we encourage using organic green beans as a filler.

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## Emergency Care/Over Counter Meds Dosing

We were fortunate to have a mentor that helped us learn some quick tips for home care just in case you cannot get into your vet right away. Here are some tips that have been shared with us in a summarized illustration:

### Human Meds Vet Approved



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- ✓ **Benadryl** : treats allergies and itching. ½ mg per lb. every 8 hours.
- ✓ **Buffered Aspirin**: for pain relief. 5 mg per lb every 12 hours.
- ✓ **Dramamine**: reduces motion sickness . 12.5 to 50 mg every 8 hours.
- ✓ **Hydrogen peroxide 3%** : to induce vomiting. 10ml by mouth ever 15 minutes (not to exceed 3 times).
- ✓ **Kaopectate**: relieves diarrhea. 1 ml per lb every 2 hours.
- ✓ **Pepto Bismol**: for diarrhea, upset stomach, vomiting, anti-gas. 1 tsp per 20 lbs every 6 hours.
- ✓ **Mineral oil** relieves constipation up to 4 tbsp daily; Canned Pumpkin works great, too!

### Common foods toxic to dogs



Alcohol



Onions



Grapes



Coffee



Nuts



Avocado



Chocolate



Sugar free gum



Garlic

Things that you will want to watch in your Bulldog which will be clues that they are not feeling great are: will not eat, diarrhea, excessive panting, will not lie down, restless, pacing, drinking more water than normal, lethargic, and vomiting. If you see any of these symptoms and they are persistent and ongoing get your Bulldog into your vet ASAP!

### Recommended Veterinarians

A good vet makes the biggest difference with how your Bulldog will do when going to the vet. We highly recommend the following vets based on our experience and experiences of fellow Bulldog owners in Salt Lake City that are members of The Bulldog Club of Utah.

1. Bayview Animal Hospital- Dr. Cade Norman - 801-451-2359
2. Mid-valley Animal Clinic- Dr. Heather Moreau/Dr. Paul Haderlie- 801-269-1213
3. Willow Creek Pet Center- Dr. Aaron Barney- 801-942-0777
4. South Mountain Pet Care- Dr. Carl Pew- 801-987-3639
5. Canyons Veterinary Clinic- Dr. Heather Moreau- [www.canyonsveterinaryclinic.com](http://www.canyonsveterinaryclinic.com)

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