



I guess one of the most frequently asked questions is...

Why are French Bulldogs So Expensive?

At FullofBull there is a great deal of time, effort, expense and heartache involved in raising a litter. Without going into too much detail, it can cost \$5000+ to breed, deliver and raise a litter, without consideration for the time invested. The average litter size is 3-4. Getting the female ready for breeding requires pre-breeding testing, progesterone testing, etc. - approximately 3 trips to the vet.

But before you can even think of breeding you need to do health testing to ensure you are breeding healthy dogs. Genetic screening is a must, or you could double up on predisposed issues. Hips, spine, eyes, etc. is also important. And most importantly, breeding to the French Bulldog Standard. There are no fad or designer colours, as they already carry dilute genes and other genetic issues, they are rare for a reason.



Then the female is usually artificially inseminated, another 3 trips to the vet at \$150+ per trip, not to mention the expense for the semen/stud service which is upwards of 2,500+. Then you wait 4 weeks for an ultrasound and/or x-rays. (It is important to be sure the female is pregnant \$200+). Special diets over \$200 and constant monitoring for the next 5 weeks, plus getting the nursery getting with heating pads, bottles, blankets, medical

supplies, milk re-placer, puppy scale, and the list goes on and on. Then comes the C-section which can cost upwards of \$1400 assuming she went into labor DURING regular office hours and all went well.

Females produce only 2 -3 litters in their life. This is a special breed which requires the help of humans to bring a litter to 8 weeks of age. In spite of their appearance the French Bulldog, as a newborn puppy is extremely fragile. It requires constant monitoring of the puppies (every 2 hours 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the first 14 days of there life). Frenchie don't make the best mothers because they may lay on a puppy on accident and not even realize it, as they may seem like a small breed, the babies are only around 8 oz when born, the size of a mouse.

When the puppies reach 8 weeks the are checked by the vet, wormed several times, puppy shots can be over \$300 each.

Then the litters have to be Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) registered, and once sold, individually CKC registered as a purebred dog in the new owners name.

It is a breed that requires MAXIMUM effort on the part of the breeder to make sure that all the puppies turn out healthy, content, and well adjusted.

So the saying goes.... you can pay now... or pay later!

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