



Olde English Bulldogges Breeding by Circle B Ranch

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The Return - A Short Story

by Don Doman

Ray Miller stepped off the plane at JBLM (Joint Base Lewis McChord) in Lakewood, Washington. He was just back from a tour of duty in Afghanistan.



It had been his third tour overseas and his last. His enlistment was up and he was leaving the army. This caused him some worries. He had been in the military for so long that he did not know how he would adapt to civilian life, or the life that he would lead with a regular day job. Ray watched as several of his military brothers and sisters scanned the crowd to find their loved ones. Ray did not expect to see anyone he knew in the crowd. He hadn't told his parents the day that he would be back. He would go and see them in a day or two once he had had time to come up with some answers, which his dad would be certain to ask him. "Maybe next week or so," he thought to himself. He knew that his father's questions would not be to stress him out, but because he cared, but Ray still felt confused about what was to come next.

The days drug on. At home in his apartment, Ray didn't know what he should be doing. He was used to the structure of the military and now he would have so much

time on his hands. He still had things to do of course, but they were in-between long stretches of boredom. He didn't know what he should be doing. He sat down on his couch and looked around. He could hear the clock ticking on the wall across the room, but for the first time in a long time, he did not have to adhere to time's strings.

That night, in bed, Ray could not sleep. His bed was extremely comfortable, he was warm and safe and didn't have to worry what was happening outside, but he still felt on the defensive. Images of foreign soil and people who loved you and hated you at the same time kept invading the dark.



His mind wandered to his friend Suerte. Suerte means “lucky” in Spanish, but Suerte had not been lucky. He didn't make it home from their combat tour, having been killed by a sniper while they were on patrol together. Ray and Suerte had always had a close relationship, and Suerte had known what he wanted when he got back home. He had been planning to find an Olde English Bulldogge and take it home with him, so that he would have someone to sit and talk with as constant company.

Suerte had also been planning to retire from the military and start the next chapter in his life. However, unlike Ray, Suerte knew that he wanted to work as a paramedic when he was back in the US. Ray couldn't see himself as a paramedic, but he also didn't see himself in another role either. He supposed that in time, he would find a job that made him feel purposeful and perhaps even happy again. You just never know what the future holds.

Suerte had had a dream to own an Olde English Bulldogge. Ray liked dogs, and had always had one growing up. He had heard about dogs being able to help service men and women after their time in combat, and decided that he could live that dream in his friend's memory. It was the middle of the night when Ray logged onto the internet and began searching for Olde English Bulldogges.

"Wow, they certainly won't win any beauty prizes," Ray said aloud, "We'd make a cute pair, though." He located a breeder and a litter at the Circle B Ranch in nearby Yelm and sent them an e-mail to book an appointment two days later. Then, Ray went back to bed. His sleep was restless and in the morning, he was grateful for the coffee which he had picked up on his way back to the apartment the afternoon before. The coffee was sitting on the kitchen counter. He drank the day-old coffee cold. He checked his e mail and had a response from Circle B Ranch. He had one more day to drag himself through before the end of the week.

On Saturday, the minutes on the clock ticked by slowly as Ray waited for it to be time to leave for Yelm. Finally, the time came, and Ray found it an easy forty-minute drive to the nearby country town. He only made one wrong turn in locating the ranch. When he arrived, he was greeted by Cassandra Barney, who owned the ranch with her family of seven.

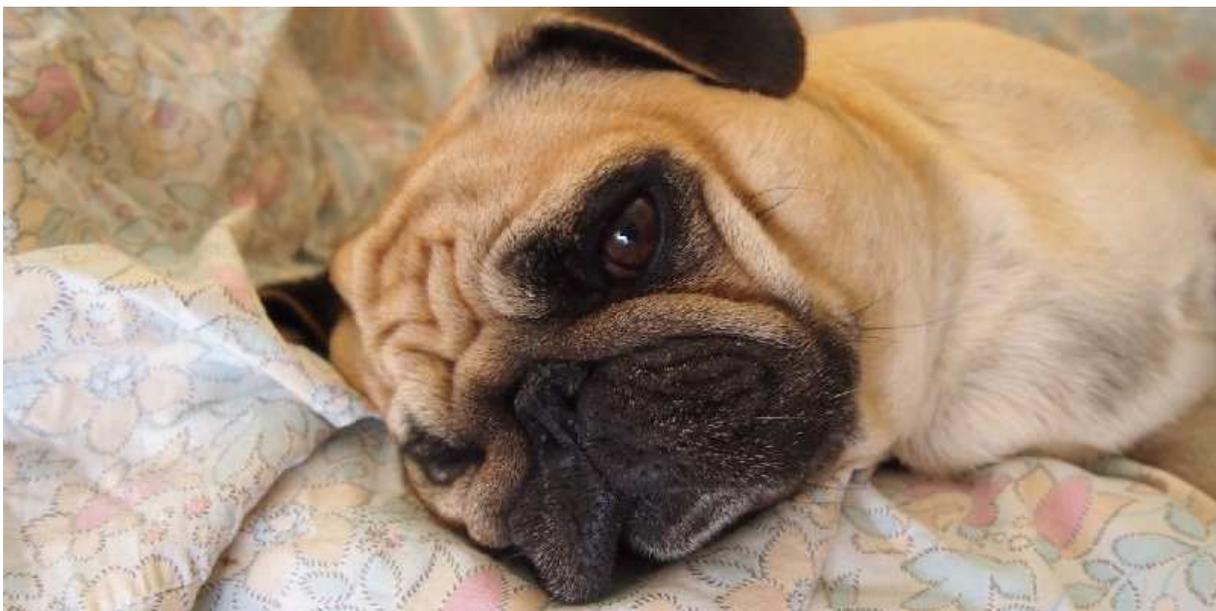
"We only have one puppy left," said Cassandra walking with Ray to the barn where the mother dog had her litter, "we had four this morning, but I've already

had two adoptions this morning and one of them took two puppies. I have one more potential adoptee. They just showed up without an appointment. She's in the barn now, but come along and take a look at the puppy. With the double adoption this morning, I sort of got overbooked. I'm sorry about that."

"I should have paid an online deposit. Getting an Olde English Bulldogge means a lot to me," said Ray.

"They're great dogs," said Cassandra, "we just started raising them. They're an American breed . . . fairly new. They are very protective and really enjoy playing. Our family loves them. They are a nice addition to our Labradors."

Inside the barn, Ray saw a little girl who looked around seven years old holding the remaining puppy. She was talking to it and smiling, and her eyes glowed with joy as the pup tried to lick her cheek. Ray felt a lump in the back of his throat. He wanted that puppy. He wanted to honor Suerte's memory with it, but he could not take it at the cost of a little girl's happiness. He knew that breaking her heart by arguing his case for the puppy wouldn't be the right thing to do. And, Ray knew that Suerte would not have wanted him to be selfish when it came to selecting a new companion and friend.



“Cute puppy,” said Ray approaching the little girl and her mother. “Becky is already in love with him. He is so cute,” said the little girl’s mother, “I think that it will make an excellent addition to our little family if Cassandra agrees.” “While Becky plays with the puppy, how about we have a talk about its care,” said Cassandra. “Johanna, have you and your husband had dogs before?” “Yes,” replied Johanna, “But, it’s just Becky and me, now.”

“Mr. Miller are you still interested in the puppy, too,” asked Cassandra as Johanna joined Ray and Cassandra outside, away from Becky’s hearing.” “She looks so happy with that puppy,” said Ray, “I couldn’t stand to hurt her. Nodding towards Johanna he said, “Give the puppy some love and a good home.” “We could do that,” said Johanna, “Thank you.”

“I’d best be going then,” said Ray. “Please don’t,” said Cassandra, “you came out here, at least let me give you a cup of coffee. You can look at our gallery of happy puppy owners. I need to finish up with Johanna and Becky and then we can talk about our next litter. Your kindness has really helped me out of a difficult situation.” Ray agreed to hang around a little bit.

“Did someone say coffee? I need a cup,” said Johanna, “Becky, is so excited. She’s already named him.” Ray tried to muster a smile, “What are you going to call him?” Johanna rolled her eyes, sighed and said, “Lucky.”

Ray looked at Johanna and for the first time in a long while, he laughed. He hadn’t done that in what seemed like years.

The Victorian Bulldogge - An Up and Coming Bulldogge Breed

By Steve Crofford

I figured since I own a Victorian Bulldogge, it would be good to share with you about this awesome breed. The Victorian Bulldogge breed in the United States has only been around since 1988. The proper name is "Olde Victorian Bulldogge," and was created in order to make a healthier, hardier type of bulldog.

Because of the problems of the modern day bulldog, the creation of a better, healthier Bulldogge was started. The Olde Victorian Bulldogge was created by Carlos Woods back in 1988. The Olde Victorian Bulldogge breed is a mixture of the English Bulldog, American Bulldog, German Boxer, Staffy Bull and the Olde Bulldogge.

Below are some specifications and standards:

Standard:

The Olde Victorian Bulldogge is bred and shown as a Victorian era standard Bulldogge. They are a large smooth coated dog with a wide heavily built torso and chest. They are large headed with thick bones that don't impede vigor. They have a broad muzzle with a short face, but not too short to hinder breathing capabilities. Their hindquarters should be slightly higher than the foreparts. The Bulldogge should have a symmetrical body and be well muscled. The Olde Victorian Bulldogge must be loyal and courageous, but have a stable temperament.

Description:

The Olde Victorian Bulldogge is a large and muscular dog. They have a large head and a short muzzle which is droopy as both lips hang down. Their eyes are brown and large which makes them look very sweet.

Their ears sit on the side of their head and are medium sized and floppy. Their face has many wrinkles, especially on the forehead. They have a short, thick neck with a dewlap that leads to broad shoulders. Their chest is very deep and they have a slightly sunken stomach. Their short legs give them an un-proportioned look. They also have large round feet.

The Olde Victorian Bulldogge's fur is short and sleek that's similar to all other bulldogs. They tend to have many color variations which are acceptable for the breed. Colors include white, fawn, tan, brindle, black brindle. All of these colors can have white integrated in with them.

Size: 17 - 19 inches

Weight: Males can weigh anywhere from 65 to 100 lbs. Females can weigh anywhere between 55 to 85 lbs.

General Health: The Olde Victorian Bulldogge is usually pretty healthy especially compared to other bulldog breeds. Some problems that can occur, but are infrequent are slow growing joints and cherry eye. Entropion can also occur because of their wrinkles but is pretty rare.

Life Expectancy: 10 - 14 years

Living Conditions: This breed is good for apartment life. They can be pretty active, especially when they are puppies, so they should have at least a small yard and be walked at least once a day.

They also handle the cold and heat better than other bulldog breeds, but when temperatures are extremely hot, they should be given shade and a lot of fresh water.

Temperament Description: According to the Victorian Bulldogge Association website, the Bulldogge should be fierce and bold, backing down from nothing, but first must be steady, loyal and true with a dependable nature. He is fearless and protective of his owner while still being docile and dependable.

They are sweet, fun loving dogs and usually friendly with everyone. They are great with children and other animals. Their grooming needs are minimal because of their short, sleek coat.

They can be very stubborn, so training them at an early age, along with strong leadership is a must! They also like to chew everything in sight when they are in the puppy stage. So make sure anything you don't want destroyed is picked up!

If you have never looked into owning an Olde Victorian Bulldogge, I suggest checking it out! These dogs are awesome!

Want to find out more about bulldogs in general? Check out BULLDOGSAVVY at [<http://bulldogsavvy.com>]

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The Olde English Bulldog Fact, Fiction Or Ancient History

By Rob Dingwell

What is the Olde English Bulldog? Is it even a breed? It is said that the Olde English Bulldogge of today is as a re-creation of a Bull-baiting type dog that existed in England during the 13th century. It was an English Gentleman by the name of William, Earl of Warren who introduced the sport of Bull baiting in the year 1209 at an annual Pre-Christmas Festival after witnessing a group of the butchers' dogs pursuing a raging bull clean trough the town. The pure determination of these dogs amazed the Earl he declared it a yearly event! The bulldog was bred to attack a bull by grabbing its nose and not letting go, it was written in history that people of this time believed that the meat of the bull was tastier if the animal had been baited before it was butchered. Some people found this most entertaining and it is because of this cruel spectator sport that the bulldog was originated. This tenacious breed was known by many names, such as Oldie Bulldog, Olde Tyme Bulldog, Pit-bulldog and even the Olde English Bulldog term was used. There were many other names used depending on owner, breeder, area and time era they lived in. After the sport of Baiting was outlawed in 1835 the breed may have been extinct, but the Bulldog had many admirers. The ferocity has been bred out of the bulldog after years of selective breeding. The original athletic bulldog was crossed with dogs like the Pug to alter the attitude to make him easier to manage by new owners. The bulldog's appearance had also been drastically changed to fit the mold of the modern day Show Ring. The original look of the bulldog has changed so much that the breed is almost unrecognizable. With these changes come great health issues.

The Olde English Bulldog is like no other! Different types of this rare breed were being developed in the late 1960's to the early 1970's by individuals like Greg Hermes, The Wilkinson's, David Leavitt and others. These like minded bull breed fanciers were focused on re-creation of the 18th century Working type Bulldog. This recreation is very alert, friendly, courageous, and loyal breed. They make very good family guardians because of their intelligence and trainability. Some say that

this recreation has the appearance of a Gladiator with their thick body, broad chest and massive head, with the Courage to match! Because of these fine qualities the breed has derived a very large and loyal following. This new breed is now a very healthy, active breed that can do any thing asked of him or her. On average the life span of a Bulldog is over eleven years. Thanks to the select group of breeders that stayed true to there goal they are now producing Bulldogs that are superior to its counter part! It is now up to the future generation of breeders to produce a Bulldog with only the best health and temperament! I think that the Olde English Bulldog has a very bright future and the rest is History.

Pioneer Kennels would like to thank all the breeders and like minded people who have taken the same goals in creating the healthiest Bulldogs alive!

If you would like to see some of our favorite Olde English Bulldog or all the different lines, We strongly believe these are some of the best Bulldogs on the PLANET!

Come see us at <http://www.squidoo.com/oldeenglishbulldogge>

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Puppy Nutrition

by Cassandra Barney

I am often asked, "What should I feed my puppy? What do you recommend?" I have always researched the dog food and looked at the first few ingredients, as I was told that these were the most important and meat should always be the first one. The guaranteed analysis was the next important criteria. We had been feeding Nutrena Dog Food but then we were introduced to Life's Abundance Dog Food. We were so impressed by the quality and high standards of this dog food and the amazing testimonials from the customers and field representatives of this company that we decided to switch to Life's Abundance Nutritional System and Agility Formula. Our mission at Circle B Ranch is to improve the quality of the Labrador Retriever Breed and offer our customers beautiful, healthy, and sweet-tempered puppies that they can enjoy for years to come.

This line of products was formulated by Dr. Jane Bicks, DVM. She has been a holistic vet for over 20 years. She has served as President of the American Veterinarian Association of New York City, earned three Presidential Citations, appointed by Mayor Rudolph Guliano to help establish one of the largest animal shelters in the world, the author of three books on responsible care and treatment of pets, and has appeared on 48 Hours, Good Morning America, CNN, Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, and more. She has also created a non-profit foundation where a percent of her product line is contributed toward rescue and care for pets.



Did you know that our pets genetically can live to be 20 years old, but the current average is 13-15? While many factors help the longevity of life - environment, health care, etc. nutrition is one of the most important factors.

Many of the ingredients in our pet food today causes a shorter life span due to the ingredients that cause stress on their kidney and liver functions which include; wheat, corn, and soy. These are also major allergens to our pets.

By-products such as chicken heads, duck bills, fish heads, chicken and turkey feet, bones and diseased & contaminated slaughterhouse meat can also be included in our pet foods! BHA, BHT, which harms our dog's liver and kidneys and are known carcinogens. As well as Ethoxyquin, which is used to stabilize rubber can also be used. All these chemicals are added to provide a longer shelf life, for months, even possibly a couple of years.



We are now feeding our dogs Life's Abundance Nutritional System and Agility Formula and raising the puppies on this food supplements to ensure a long and healthy life, as well as provide our puppies a healthy start.

Circle B Ranch believes SO strongly in Life's Abundance Dog Food & Supplements, that we offer a Lifetime Free Replacement Puppy on all of our Labrador Retriever Puppies that are kept on Life's Abundance Nutritional System & Agility Formula when they don't reach their life expectancy of 10 years (life expectancy for Golden Retrievers 10-12 years). We may soon do this with our Olde English Bulldogges as well.

While this dog food "seems" more expensive up front, the cost is about \$1.88 a day for a 70 pound adult dog. Americans spend more than that on their Starbucks coffee every morning! You feed less dog food, but they receive more nutrition! They are able to digest and utilize the dog food more. And you are ensuring a long and healthy life for your pet when you feed them quality nutrition! Isn't your precious puppy worth it?