



**Shorty Bulls Canada Breed Standard**  
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Shorty Bulls"@" as they are often referred to, are a compact and muscular bulldog of small stature.

They are athletically inclined and incredibly agile. Shorty Bulls"@" have a strong desire to please, are highly intelligent and good natured. Shorties make excellent family dogs and are very tolerant of children and other animals. They are bred to be well rounded family companions. Shorties have a zest for life and are little comics.

They can easily adapt to different lifestyles from living in an apartment to life on a farm. Grooming is minimal. Shorty Bulldogs should never be extremely shy or aggressive.

**EXPLANATION OF THE SHORTY STANDARD:** Any Standard is essentially a measuring stick which allows a judge to determine that one thing is greater or smaller than another. The breed Standard does not define a single ideal dog, but has to do rather with the ideal of the breed. The Standard for the one-dog owner is only secondarily a breed Standard. His standard is a n individual one, determined by his personal prejudices and special needs. The genuine dog breeder is primarily interested in the breed and only secondarily in a single dog.

The breeder wants to produce not one champion great dog but an entire bloodline of great dogs. The breed Standard helps him to do this by setting the limit within which the ideal of the breed is to be produced. Therefore, the breed Standard must be precise enough to say what shall not be considered ideal and it must be vague enough not to disqualify because of merely individual differences. Thus, the Standard to meet the demand for precision must list everything considered a fault, particularly disqualifying ones. It should be a stimulated and a guide to serious breeders and to conscientious judges.

**Height:** 15" and under

**Weight:** 40 pounds and under

**Head:** Round head with typical bulldog features. Eyes set far apart and should not protrude. Jaw should be curved, not straight. Nose should be turned up slightly and may be black or liver colored. *Dudley noses are a cosmetic fault.*

**Bite:** Undershot, but not excessively undershot

**Eyes:** May be any color although brown is the preferred eye color

**Ears:** Cropped or dropped (rose or erect ears are a fault).

**Body:** Should be short from back of the neck to the tail. **Chest** should be broad for height and have depth reaching to the elbow. A compact look is desired, width of front quarters and hindquarters should be proportionate, not lending to a narrow rear, and the chest may be broader that the rear, *but very narrow hindquarters are a fault.*

**Shoulders and Rumps:** Well rounded and well muscled, lending to an appearance of strength. There may be a slight rise over the loins.

**Legs:** Heavy boned and in direct proportion to the body. *Long legs in proportion to the body or fine bones are a fault. Cow hocked or pigeon toed is a fault.*

**Feet:** Tight feet and straight pasterns. Splayed feet are a fault.

**Tail:** Tail must be short, either docked or screwed.

**Color:** All coat colors accepted except merle or black and tan.

**Temperament:** Good natured and even tempered. *Extreme shyness or undue aggression unacceptable.*