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Catahoula Pit Bull Dog



Not to be confused with the Catahoula Bullterrier, the Catahoula Pit Bull Dog was originally developed in the late 1800's from Irish, English and American fighting and hunting dogs, but it became virtually extinct until it was revived in the 1980's by a number of enthusiasts in Louisiana who crossed their working Catahoula Leopard Dogs with the early American Pit Bull Terrier. It can be argued that the Catahoula Pit Bull is much closer to the original Catahoula Bull Terrier than the modern breed bearing this name. Very powerful and agile, this bulldogge also makes an excellent all-around hunting dog, owing its hound skills to the Catahoula Leopard Dog blood and its terrier tenacity and prey drive to its bully heritage. However, due to the common matings between this breed and the APBT, as well as the American Bulldog and the Catahoula leopard Dog, there are only a handful of true Catahoula Pit Bull Dogs left in existence today.

A capable property guardian, the Catahoula Pit Bull can also make an agreeable family dog, gentle with children and devoted to its master, but its main role is that of a hunting dog, primarily used for hog hunting. Because of its extreme dog-aggression and strong-headed nature, it requires careful handling and proper socialization. Its short, flat coat comes in many colours, but various types of brindles and merles are preferred. The average height is around 22 inches.



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Tracing its ancestry back to the guarding, baiting and cattle controlling dogs of the 1800's, today's incarnation of the Catahoula Bulldog is a result of crossing the American Bulldog and the Catahoula Leopard Dog. Quite rare, it is slowly gaining popularity as a hard worker, used for hunting and guarding duties. Not to be confused with the slimmer and more stubborn Catahoula Pit Bull, this bulldogge is fairly easy to train, but it still needs early socialization due to its somewhat dog-aggressive nature. This impressive working dog has a powerful body, wide head and a short, smooth coat which comes in a great variety of colours, including the merles commonly found in Catahoula Leopard Dogs. Average height is around 22 inches.



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01-25-2010, 01:42 AM

#1 (permalink)



Join Date: Apr 2009

Location: NM

Posts: 12,378



**CATAHOULA BULLDOGS????**

I was looking for Bandog pictures for my clients since I am sure that is what they have. I ran across this web site that is breeding American Bulldogs with Catahoulas and saying they are registered. If this a new breed or someones fake creation??

Has anyone ever heard of this?

[Wilson's Kennel Catahoula Bulldogs, American Bulldogs and American Bandogs : Our Cat/Bulls](#)

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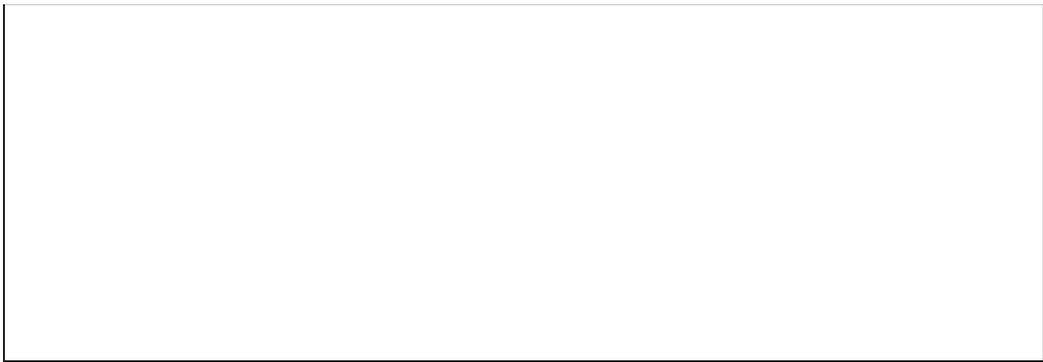
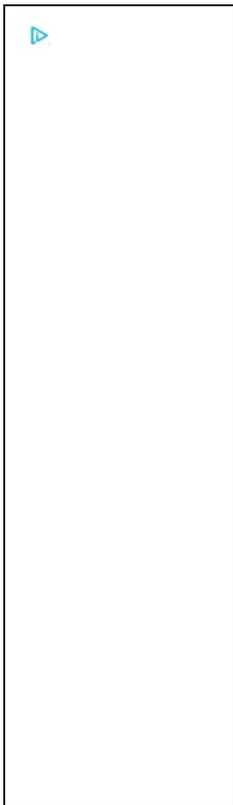
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01-25-2010, 01:46 AM #2 (permlink)

**reddoggy**  
The M.F. Problem

Join Date: Jan 2008  
Location: Phoenix, AZ  
Posts: 4,773

There are a couple registries that will take bandogges if the parents are registered. Pretty good for keeping track of hybrid levels, as some claim to have f5 when it's maybe really and f1b



QUOTE

01-25-2010, 01:51 AM #3 (permlink)

**performanceknls**

Join Date: Apr 2009  
Location: NM  
Posts: 12,378

But a Catahoula bulldog is a real breed? I know bandogs can be registered with some registries but they bred a Catahoula dog with a Am bulldog. Is that a real breed?

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **pitbullmamanatl**

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QUOTE

01-25-2010, 01:54 AM #4 (permlink)

**reddoggy**  
The M.F. Problem

I've heard it thrown around on M-D.com a few times, but had little interest, as it sounded like another bandogge or hybrid that would faze out. So, no for sure answer here. I could tell ya all about bandogges though, LOL. Swinford may have been a crazy dog fightin vet with some strange ideas about the government, but man he made some nice dogs.

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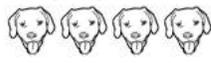
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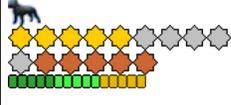
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01-25-2010, 01:59 AM #5 (permlink)

**Southern Inferno**




Join Date: Mar 2009
Posts: 276



Just a cross in my book. Its a common cross to make running catch dogs though. Didnt notice any sort of refrence to that sort of work on thier site though? Not sure what purpose they are breeding them for.

QUOTE

01-25-2010, 02:04 AM #6 (permlink)

**reddoggy**  
The M.F. Problem




Join Date: Jan 2008
Location: Phoenix, AZ
Posts: 4,773



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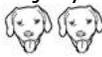
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Can you say Merle Pit Bull??? LOL

QUOTE

01-25-2010, 03:19 AM #7 (permlink)

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**Adjecyca**  
  
  
 Join Date: Jan 2010  
 Posts: 100  


someone from another forum told me they were catch dogs in hog hunting. There catahoula cur/am bulldog mix

hybrid mutts, but decent working dogs from what i understand.

**QUOTE**

01-25-2010, 03:45 AM # 8 (permlink)

**blurzredg4**  
  
  
 Join Date: Oct 2008  
 Posts: 310  


theres a guy here in tx who breed them most of them come out merle not sure the purpose of the breedin but who know too many hybrids now lol

**QUOTE**

01-25-2010, 03:46 AM # 9 (permlink)

**reddoggy**  
 The M.F. Problem  
  
  
 Join Date: Jan 2008  
 Location: Phoenix, AZ  
 Posts: 4,773  


I wouldn't go as far as calling a specific cross breed/hybrid a mutt. A mutt is a dog that wasn't intended in cross breeding or is of unknown mixing.

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**QUOTE**

01-25-2010, 04:00 AM # 10 (permlink)

**Nizmo**  
 Forum Manager  


i love bandogs.  
 I WISH DAVE WOULD POST SOME UP OF BOB \*cough cough\*

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QUOTE

09-23-2010, 12:56 PM
# 11 (permalink)

**wilsonssandhillskennel**

Join Date: Sep 2010

Posts: 1



**Just letting you know:**

I am the person you are talking about 😊 I breed Catahoula Bulldogs and American Bandogs. In answer to your question yes, my CBs are registered because my ABs are registered dogs with excellent Old Southern White(also known as White English) bloodlines dating back to the 1930s. My family has bred Old Southern White Bulldogs here in the north Florida Panhandle since then. My Catahoulas are all NALC registered with bloodlines dating back to Tophand Catahoulas (who originally started the NALC registry[Betty Ann])

also we are hunters~if it moves in the woods and you can eat it we hunt it! many hog hunters cross catahoulas and bulldogs(Pits or ABs) to get good catch dogs -we are them only to a finer point because we ONLY breed dogs that are kid friendly- which means they KNOW the difference between what they are hunting and a child!If they doin't do kids we don't do them! 🐾

This is no 'made-up' breed it has been a utility hybrid for over 100 years especially in the south.They are certianly not 'merle pitbulls' lol but that was cute as the original Bulldog of America was 'called' a pitbull before it was branched out into the Pitbull terrier,the Scott American Bulldog and the Johnson American Bulldog.

Yes I also breed an 'American Bandog Mastiff' which is a Cane Corso X American Bulldog. This also is a very old hybrid as you know I am sure. Although my choice of Mastiff (CC) and my choice of bulldog(AB) are a twist on the breed ,because I have not chosen to add pitbull to my line as yet, [my dogs](#) are awesome and besides the normal self-protection -family protection my dogs also 'catch' hogs. I plan to add some pitbull in my American Bandogs eventually but it will have to be some awesome bloodlines and kid proof dogs and I just haven't found the right match for my kennel yet.I LOVE pitbulls and have several friends and acquaintances with this breed who have wonderful dogs😊 I hope to find a good match for my kennel in the future. Hope this clears up the questions and if there are anymore questions about my kennel or my dogs please don't hesitate to ask.



QUOTE

09-23-2010, 02:35 PM
# 12 (permalink)

**JayHawk**




Join Date: Apr 2010

Posts: 188



Quote:

Originally Posted by . **In answer to your question yes, my CBs are registered because my ABs are registered dogs with excellent Old Southern White(also known as White English) bloodlines dating back to the 1930s. . My Catahoulas are all NALC registered with bloodlines dating back to Tophand Catahoulas (who originally started the NALC registry[Betty Ann]**

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Preacher is registered with ADBA and I have a friend who has Shih Tzus registered with AKC.

So if I put them together I would have some Bull-Shitz I could probably get \$1500-\$2000 a pup for this rare breed (maybe more if they came out blue)

*Last edited by JayHawk; 09-23-2010 at 02:38 PM.*

QUOTE

09-23-2010, 03:19 PM
# 13 (permalink)

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**Aireal**  
my crazy little mutt pack




Join Date: Jul 2010  
Location: Jacksonville, fl  
Posts: 3,015



Quote:  
Originally Posted by **JayHawk**   
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Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

I notice people are alot less scary after being poked in the eye ~Bones

QUOTE

09-23-2010, 03:30 PM #14 (permlink)

**FamilyLinePits**




Join Date: May 2010  
Posts: 126



Ok, Here is my personal opinion on these cross-breeds. (please feel free to yell, shout, scream, insult, or flame my personal opinion, As it will obviously do no good )

I am truly tired of many of these "designer" breeds, Which is really just a nice name for a mutt, Due to the fact that both parents are of known breeds. Chorkies, Chomeranians, Shi-Chis, Chachund, labradoodle (although this one benefits those with allergies), etc...

Many of these breeders of these "breeds", are only in it for the money...  
Do we really need more cross-breed dogs in shelters? Are there already not enough?

WilsonsandHills, Please don't take personal offense to my opinion, as you may not be one of these money greeder BYB's.

Although your catahoula/bulldogs are being bred for working purposes, Other breeders can claim that their \$500 chorkies, shi-chi's, etc, are "comfort dogs"...

Where do we draw the line?

The most common argument about this topic is "Well, All dogs are mixed with something else if you track it back far enough"....  
That is very true, However 100+ years ago, They were not creating breeds to increase their cash flow, They were mixed dogs to better the job they were intended for.

Molosi (sp?) dogs were the original Mastiff, Bulldog, and several other medium to large breed dogs, They began mixing them for such daily tasks as home guardian, personal protection, bullbaiting, ratting, fighting (ugggh!), etc.  
They did NOT mix them to try and make stupid amounts of money. Not to mention that the homeless pet population was not nearly as bad as it is now. They were not killing thousands of dogs daily because of the lack of room.

As long as thousands of dogs are being euthanized daily, I don't think we should be crossing dog breeds, ESPECIALLY not for money or "comfort dogs".

I can partially understand that your dogs are working class dogs, But are you aware that even the most responsible breeders and the best background checks cannot guarantee that all the dogs you've rehomed are still in the same homes. I try to keep up with ALL my dogs that I rehome, But I am only able to honestly claim communication with 80% of the homes I have adopted dogs too...

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This is one of the reasons I will only have a litter every 3-4 heat. My females never have more than 2 litters in their lifetime. And ALL prospective owners of my dogs go through a strict adoption process.

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09-23-2010, 04:03 PM # 15 (permlink)

**JayHawk**




Join Date: Apr 2010  
Posts: 188



[QUOTE](#)

Ok you convinced me I wont breed blue bull-shitz for money . but I have another friend who has a Chihuahua and the extreamly rare Am. Chiapit has been used to hunt realy small hogs for years.

Pups due soon!!!

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#16 (permalink)

**MISSAPBT**

+ Young buck human puppy



Join Date: May 2009

Location: New Zealand

Posts: 1,840



NO.

Just mutt/hybrid someone if trying to pull off.

Crossbredd written all over it, and if someone is regging those things there is something seriously wrong. What are people trying to do to these breeds ie: apbt, amstaff, ambully (take that back i should read the site before assuming there using pitbulls to X LOL)



They can call them bulldogs when the dam is an actual bulldog, wtf is that LOL  
 Why would someone want a merle pitbull, if im right thats a disqualification

I have to say those puppies are so cute though

**Fact of the matter is, I trust dogs more than I trust Humans, not just any dog, gotta be a Pitbull - DMX**

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Quote:

The coat can come in an array of beautiful colors the most famous being the merle or leopard colors blue, red, tan, gray and silver. There are no two Catahoula Bulldogs alike in coat or eye color. Eyes can be brown , blue, aqua, green, gold or a combination of any of these colors in one eye which

\*sigh\* its like shopping for a car

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09-23-2010, 07:59 PM
# 18 (permlink)

**Hagen**




Join Date: Nov 2009
Location: Germany
Posts: 54

I have internet contact to some hoghunters who use American Bulldogs, Black Mouth Curs, Mountain Curs, APBTs and/or Catahoulas. But they cross them extremely rare, and don't sell them to be [pets](#).  
A real hunter give his dogs to an other hunter for peanuts, ...or they swap the [dogs](#) sometimes.

QUOTE

09-27-2010, 01:17 PM
# 19 (permlink)

**performanceknls**



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*I am the person you are talking about 😊 I breed Catahoula Bulldogs and American Bandogs. In answer to your question yes, my CBs are registered because my ABs are registered dogs with excellent Old Southern White(also known as White English) bloodlines dating back to the 1930s. My family has bred Old Southern White Bulldogs here in the north Florida Panhandle since then. My Catahoulas are all NALC registered with bloodlines dating back to Tophand Catahoulas (who originally started the NALC registry[Betty Ann]) also we are hunters~if it moves in the woods and you can eat it we hunt it! many hog hunters cross catahoulas and bulldogs(Pits or ABs) to get good catch dogs -we are them only to a finer point because we ONLY breed dogs that are kid friendly- which means they KNOW the difference between what they are hunting and a child!If they don't do kids we don't do them! 🐻*

*This is no 'made-up' breed it has been a utility hybrid for over 100 years especially in the south.They are certainly not 'merle pitbulls' lol but that was cute as the original Bulldog of America was 'called' a pitbull before it was branched out into the Pitbull terrier,the Scott American Bulldog and the Johnson American Bulldog.*

*Yes I also breed an 'American Bandog Mastiff' which is a Cane Corso X American Bulldog. This also is a very old hybrid as you know I am sure. Although my choice of Mastiff (CC) and my choice of bulldog(AB) are a twist on the breed ,because I have not chosen to add pitbull to my line as yet, my dogs are awesome and besides the normal self-protection -family protection my dogs also 'catch' hogs. I plan to add some pitbull in my American Bandogs eventually but it will have to be some awesome bloodlines and kid proof dogs and I just haven't found the right match for my kennel yet.I LOVE pitbulls and have several friends and acquaintances with this breed who have wonderful dogs😊 I hope to find a good match for my kennel in the future. Hope this clears up the questions and if there are anymore questions about my kennel or my dogs please don't hesitate to ask. 🙏*

I can understand the cross of the two breeds for working dogs but that dies not make them purebred dogs nor do they have legit paperwork. I have nothing personally against you but hybrid is just a [fancy](#) word for Mutt. Sorry

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **pitbullmamanatl**

***I am a bitch who is never too busy to enjoy the misery of someone else,***

QUOTE

09-28-2010, 04:40 AM
# 20 (permlink)

**thomas**

Quote:

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Join Date: May 2010
Location: California Republik, Santee
Posts: 29














*\*sigh\* its like shopping for a car*

I'm just sittin' here eatin' my fush & chups wonderin' about your avatar. Is that Stage or Gracie?

QUOTE

09-28-2010, 04:37 PM
#21 (permlink)

### Sampsons Dad




Join Date: Jul 2008
Location: CT
Posts: 1,594















































































































































































































































































































































































































Join Date: Dec 2009
Location: North Idaho
Posts: 3,839



*But a Catahoula bulldog is a real breed? I know bandogs can be registered with some registries but they bred a Catahoula dog with a Am bulldog. Is that a real breed?*

for some its a real breed, at one time the catahoula was a bulldog mutt or some say pit bulldog/ pirah (spelling?)indigenous indian dogs right? So time goes by and Merle APBTs show up... Colby touches on AM bulldogs, Merle and influx of Catahoulas, as does Stratton and where they come from, also they touch on several APBT gamedogs in AM bulldog registration papes, just ran across a boudreaux dog thats in a lot of Am bulldog.. All this rambling is basically saying worlds once seperated now collide and what those dogs look like as adult are scatter bred APBTs... **GREAT!!!** I bet they are great hog dogs.. But IMO why try to beat the best? I do understand breeding good working dogs to each other regardless of heritage but by drive and all that what not,as the working ALaskan huskies vs Siberian Huskies (registration version), in that I could understand but still selling dogs a purebred when as Red was saying F1 compared to F5, ((Chuckles)) but the papers say...

Good topic, I agree with you.. if your leaning towards it will take a long time to get a purebred out of two purebred muts

**Keep on Bulldoggin'...**  
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**QUOTE**

01-01-2012, 06:03 PM

**mike ellis**

Join Date: Jan 2012
Posts: 1



**need too find home for old E bulldog we saved her from bad home good with people.**

she is a loveing dog.she just dont play nice with little dogs or cats.if we dont find her a [home](#) soon we will be kicked out of our home

**QUOTE**

01-01-2012, 06:08 PM

**angelbaby**




Tournaments Won: 1

Join Date: Feb 2010
Location: canada vancouver
Posts: 6,890



Quote:

Originally Posted by **mike ellis**

*she is a loveing dog.she just dont play nice with little dogs or cats.if we dont find her a home soon we will be kicked out of our home*

Message redog onthe list to the left in the blue box, he needs to approve any rehoming done on here and then it can be made into its own thread as this is a really old thread and may not get noticed here.

**Pit bulls are..... Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the Virtues of Man, without his Vices."**



**QUOTE**

01-01-2012, 08:38 PM

**KMdogs**  
Work 'em



Catahoula Bulldogs are not "purebred" in the general sense of the word however down in the southeast they are fairly popular for use of catch dogs.. There are several kennels producing consistency and straight workers.. Can make excellent hunting hounds, i've heard of some being used as PP dogs but i personally wouldn't use one.. Culling rate is higher than most due to the merle gene being present..

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Join Date: Apr 2011  
Location: The South.  
Posts: 2,087

purpose in the CB than thats what they are.. If someone is breeding strictly for the appearance or anything other than ability/function than just another BYB cross with a fancy name.

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Keep it simple or prepare for ☹️..

QUOTE

03-05-2012, 10:01 PM #28 (permalink)

**KuroOokami (Got the BAN STICK)**  
Banned (Reason)

Join Date: Mar 2012  
Posts: 20

Catahoula Bulldogs aren't pure but their concept has been around for over a hundred years.

I'd take a Cat Bull over some of the mongrel mutts you find as supposed "pure bloods" in other breeds [including bully type dogs] anyway.

Sorry but I love that mix.

QUOTE

03-06-2012, 06:17 AM #29 (permalink)

**maniacstrain**

Join Date: Jul 2010  
Posts: 5

hey sence when were apbt kid agressive u must mean bullies or am bullies cause most the folx i know with true apbts are not man biters at all or kid agressive now they might jump on kids or knock into them as the are just natrural beef cakes like that sometimes every breeding u should socialize and raise up around strangers and kids if u want them to be protective i would sugest having kids around them this breed was never ever meant for protection that is like giving a a ufc fighter a gun no need for it just my honest opinion as i have been in these dogs too long

QUOTE

03-06-2012, 06:18 AM #30 (permalink)

**maniacstrain**

Join Date: Jul 2010  
Posts: 5

by the way every breed started some were so keep that in mind every breed was crossed some were to get what u see know weather it was 5 years ago or 500

QUOTE

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## The Alapaha Bulldog . . .

is a medium size dog proven to be most effective for its task.



### Breed Facts

**There are four different bloodlines within the breed:**

1. Otto
2. Cow Dog
3. Silver Dollar
4. Catahoula Bull

**Size:**

Males--20 to 24 inches at the withers and weigh from 70 to 90 lbs.  
Female--18 to 20 inches at the withers and weigh from 55 to 75 lbs.

**Head:**

The overall head is box-shaped, medium in length, and broad across the skull with pronounced muscular cheeks. The top of the skull is flat, but covered with powerful muscles; there should be a distinct furrow between the eyes. There should be an abrupt, deep stop.

**Eyes:**

Medium in size and of any color including blue, green, marbled, and brown.

**Muzzle:**

Medium length (2 to 4 inches) square and broad with a strong under jaw.

**Nose Color:**

Black or liver

**Neck:**

Muscular, medium in length, slightly arched, tapering from shoulders to head, with a slight dewlap allowed. It must be long enough to exert power and strong enough to do the job.

**Body:**

Square, robust, and powerful. The Alapaha is a broad, wide dog; but this width should not be exaggerated. The chest should be deep with a good spring of ribs. The back should be medium length, strong, broad, and powerful.

**Hindquarters:**

Very broad, well muscled, and in proportion to the shoulders.

**Coat:**

Short, close, glossy, and stiff to the touch.

**Color:**

The preferred color is white with patches in an array of colors. The colored patches may be any shade of merle or brindle, solid blue, black, chocolate, red, or fawn.

**Breed History:**

The Alapaha Blue-Blood Bulldogs' origin is somewhat undocumented and unverifiable before 1979. Authorities differ so completely about the origin of the Alapaha that the name itself is in dispute.

However, the Alapaha is one of the few breeds that are emblematic of this storied Nation and there is little doubt that a species resembling the Alapaha has existed for over two hundred years in the southern enclaves.

The Alapaha is believed to have its origin in a recently extinct species known as the Mountain Bulldog, Old Southern White, and Old Country (Big) Bulldog. These dogs were first brought to America in the early 18th century. Unlike its "English" counterpart, it was continuously bred for utility and stamina, whether it be for guard work, farm work, or as a family companion. Despite their proven worth in many areas and ability to reproduce type with reliability, these strains of bulldogs survived mainly in small pockets of the south, never being accepted into the show dog circles. In my discussions with other breeders, it is estimated that there are about 1,000 true Alapahas in existence.

These Bulldogs were extensively used in the development of many breeds like the American Pit Bull Terrier (*APBT*), Black Mouth Cur and Catahoula Leopard Dog. It would be ignorant of Alapaha and American Bulldog breeders to think only the Catahoula and Pit Bull breeders used the cross breeds they developed in their breeding programs. Remember, being mostly a European dog the original bulldog was acclimated to a much cooler climate than the rural southern United States. Because of this inherent lack of tolerance to heat, most stockmen and hunters found that the cur-type/bulldog crosses made for a better all around dog. These cur-type dogs are mostly believed to be results of crosses themselves between Spanish Mastiff-type War Dogs, Greyhounds, Beauceron, Danish Hounds (*the Great Dane*) and the generic-type Indian curs (*the Catahoula red-wolf hybrid*) that roamed the American south. The southern United States was sparsely populated with these cur-type/bulldog crosses that were used by local farmers, ranchers, and hunters. Wild cattle, feral hogs, bear, and coons were among their quarry. In short, a varied ancestry befits this multi-faceted working dog.

This established strain of dog has resulted from the generations old breeding programs of several people namely Papa Buck Lane and William Chester of Georgia and Cecil Evans and Kenny Houston of Florida. The breed has been known by a series of names such as Otto, Cowdog, Silver

Dollar, and Catahoula Bulldog. This type of dog was in danger of extinction until a small group of Southerners in 1979 in an attempt to rescue the Ol' Tyme Plantation Bulldog of the South founded the Alapaha Blue-Blood Bulldog Association® giving it the aforementioned name and dedicating them to preserving this exceptional type of dog. They set about to perpetuate the breed and to establish breeding standards.

Even though the Alapaha's job is harsh and their lives are sometimes shortened by performing their duties, they remain extremely loving and loyal family pets. They really love children and are sensitive to their owner's demands. They are affectionate and loyal, and they thrive best when treated as members of the family. The Alapaha is a very confident dog and has no fear of people. They are very easy to train. If socialized and raised properly they will be very protective of their home and master.

Unfortunately, the Alapaha has fallen into the hands of those who thought they could use a shortcut to creating an "Exotic Breed." A variety of different breeds were used to give the Alapaha a certain 'color,' little did they know that these qualities were already running in the genetic make up of the Alapaha. Recently introduced breeds were, for example, "Blue-merle" Catahoula Cur Dog mixes, "Blue" Amstaffs, "Harlequin" Great Danes and contemporary American Bulldogs. This is very evident when you observe the overall conformation and inconsistencies in temperament of the dogs registered with the open registries (*Create-A-Breed Registries like the ARF, ACA, NKC, CKC, IOEBA, OREBA, URBA, FIC, DRA and WWKC*). Great damage has been done to the Alapaha as a breed with this influx of cross breeding. These mixed bred curs have maligned the overall idea (*to the unknowing general public*) in conformation and temperament. The Alapaha was never intended to be a "Blue-Eyed High Belly, Birddog Looking, Beefed up Terrier."

Today, the Alapaha is not only bred in the Southern enclaves of the United States but all over the world from South Africa to the Philippines, from China to New Zealand, as well as Europe and the Americas, strictly following standards set by the Alapaha Blue-Blood Bulldog Association® (ABBA). The Alapaha found in these countries all originate from the southeastern United States.

Breeders who breed purely for the love of breed, not the love of money, who follow the same main breeding criteria, being: #1 Health, #2 Temperament, and #3 Conformation.

## **Early Bulldog Men and Bloodlines:**

### **Otto**

The pre-registration strain of Alapaha, like the pre-1970's American Bulldog were mostly descendants of the Southeastern Mountainous stock dog. As far as the Alapaha is concerned its Otto foundation was permeated by a handful of breeders like Papa Buck Lane, Alas Kittles, J. M. Cel Ashley, Louis Hedgewood, Walter Nations, and David Clark. This type of dog was little known to the general public. Its primary use was as a stock dog or varmint eradicator. The Mountain stockman didn't tolerate cowardly, shy, or noise-sensitive dogs; physical soundness was a prerequisite in this bulldog. To this day, this type dog persists in its purest state of usage in the more isolated enclaves of the rural south, where the mountaineers even today don't lock their doors or pen their livestock.

### **Silver Dollar**

William Chester was another one of the early pioneers of the pre-registration Alapaha Blue-Blood Bulldogs. Although never numerically large, his breeding program had the deepest impact on the foundation of the Alapaha. The infamous Chester's Black Jack an outstanding 82 pound bulldog (*sire: BINGO × dam: Missy*) named after Bill's favorite card game, laid the biggest contribution to the Alapaha's foundation. The dogs sired by "Jack" that figured prominently in the Alapaha were,

Chester's BOSS, Blue Boy Lane (*sire of Lana's Marcelle*) and Waldron's Samantha. Mr. Chester being an Ol' Pit-Bull Man himself believed in game testing his dogs on live-stock vigorously. Though his dogs were often man-aggressive this was a quality he didn't personally care for. The Silver Dollar concoction (*Catahoula × Catch-weight APBT × Mountain Bulldog*) was deadly.

### **Cowdog**

Cecil Evans was a rugged Cracker Cowboy down from traditional ranch families that bred and trained catch/herding dogs in Merritt Island, Florida. In the late 1940's after several failed attempts at creating the "Ultimate" working stock dog, he realized that the local bulldog blood (*namely the now extinct Ol' Southern White*) he was using was too watered down (*compared to their English counterpart*) by the apparent previous cross breeding it had endured since being brought over by the settlers. His breeding program needed some more potent bulldog blood to produce the durable working catch dog he was looking for. Mr. Evans set out to find a line of bulldogs known for maintaining its original bull baiting power and tenacity; something he felt the local bulldog strains were lacking and didn't produce in their progeny when crossed with his cattle coursing cur dogs. He came upon an article detailing the breeding practices of a Mr. Clifford Derwent of London, England, who was trying to preserve in his bulldogs the true-grit qualities of the *Blood Sport* era. After acquiring a few of Mr. Derwent's bulldogs Mr. Evans along with his brother-in-law Bob Williams developed what we know today as the Cowdog strain, a working English Bulldog coursing Cur cross. My Granddaddy used to say that "*unless one got a crank tail in a litter, there were no good heads amongst the puppies,*" and to some extent he was correct. Any time a bull or cow would attempt to escape a herd, the Cowdogs were trained to scamper alongside it barking and nipping until it turned back or to catch and hold the wild cattle until the cowboys responded with a signal. This Cowdog became as important to the local cattlemen as their mount, whips, and tin coffee cups which hung from a string on their horse's saddle.

### **Catahoula Bull**

Kenny Houston was the owner of a Big Game Hunting outfit outside of Marianna, Florida. He also bred a strain of catch dogs for his business interest. His strain was primarily down from Ol' Southern Whites crossed with Catahoula Leopard Dogs. He liked large athletic dogs in the 90 to 100 lbs range because of their ability to run with big game and maintain enough strength to handle themselves once the prey was bayed. Houston's most famous dog was Blue Muskee (*sire: DUDE × dam: Silver*). Blue Muskee sired Miller's Blue Ox, the unknown sire of Lana's Sylvia Lane and Quinlan's Hank and countless other Lana Lou Lane bred dogs. Ms. Lane was always interested in that elusive blue-merle color, in which this dog threw in his progeny time and time again. Mr. Houston got his first dogs and breeding practices from a little known cowboy and sportsman named Howard Carnathan; who in the 1960's did a lot of early work in developing this type of dog. Mr. Carnathan is said to have liked the intelligence, quickness, endurance and high spirited nature of the Catahoula Leopard Dog but was not satisfied with its sometimes aloofness to people and soft bite. Using some of his Bulldogs, he infused a little Catahoula to spice things up. This cross was said to be the perfect fit for what he was looking for saying "*I needed a dog that would be a companion and protector to my children and home yet I also was in need of a dog that would help with the farming duties. The Catahoula Bulldog fit my purpose exactly.*" Many breeders since have made unsuccessful attempts to replicate this practices over the years.

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## Yes, we have a Catahoula

I was at a little used bookstore in Michigan a few weeks ago and picked up [The Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog](#) by Don Abney. First, it was only \$9.50 and it's currently going for \$350 on the internet (found out it will be re-released this fall due to new interest in the Catahoula)...

Second - I know for certain that Chico is a catahoula. The pictures in this book show a different body style and fur style than I've seen in other catahoula descriptions. Abney even describes the fur type as ranging from as short as a Lab to shorter and shortest - almost like it's painted on (he refers to it as wash-and-wear coat), which is SO Chico. I honestly wouldn't even be surprised if he's from some of Abney's lines - I'll try to get to a scanner and do some side-by-side pictures of Chico and the dogs in the book ([these](#) are ok examples, but not quite as exact).

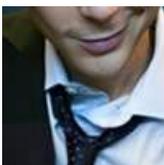
When we try to apply pit bull temperament traits to him he falls very, very short - to the point where we pretty much thought we had a high-strung-ish, nervous energy kind-of-defective pit bull. But in the chapter on "Traits" in this book our boy fits every single sentence. And physically he matches the exact proportions for body, head, muzzle, ears, foreleg, chest, body, rear, feet, and tail.

We've been calling him both pit bull and catahoula since we didn't know what he really was (the Houston Humane Society vet just put "catahoula leopard dog" when he was rescued). But our old trainer and our current vet just put "pit bull mix" and "staffordshire terrier mix" on his paperwork. We have an awesome new very respected behaviorist (due to some issues that we are fine with working on but would have made a lot more sense if we had read this book first) and I'm going to show this to him next week and see if we can get him re-classified as a cat (or if we should, I guess).

In the meantime, I [may have gotten a little carried away](#) by the moment. A little.

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Chico could very easily be a dog from Fairbanks lines. Bunny is McMillin lines.

The book you got is awesome. I found my copy at Goodwill of all places. I love Don and he's areally nice guy who knows his