

# Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog Dog Breed

## Ratings :

### Ease of Training

7/10

### Intelligence

8/10

### Shedding

5/10

### Watchdog

7/10

### Guard Dog

7/10

### Popularity

2/10

### Size

10/10

### Agility

6/10

### Good with Kids

10/10

## Attributes

### Life Expectancy

12-15 years

### Litter Size

4-8 puppies, average 6 puppies

### Group

Not Akc Recognized

### Color

All colors and pattern acceptable with red and blue merle with white, chocolate or liver and white or any parti-color acceptable.

### Hair Length

Short

### Shedding

Moderate Shed

### Size

Large, Extra Large : - **Male Height:** 24 inches (61 cm) - **Male Weight:** 100 pounds (47 kg) - **Female Height:** 22 inches (61 cm) - **Female Weight:** often less than 60 pounds

### Required Living Area

The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is an inactive dog indoors so can adjust to both apartment and house life. They do need regular outside exercise and a large, securely fenced yard is the best possible option for the breed.

## Breed Details

### Overview

The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is one of the last remaining breeds that are typical of the original bulldogs from England that were used as "plantation dogs", guarding and watching these large tracts of land in the southern United States. While a descendent of bulldogs the [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is different and separate from English Bulldogs and is not just a physical variation of another breed. These dogs exhibit all the [bulldog](#) features except

are taller and leggier than most [bulldog](#) breeds and are also more athletic and energetic than many of the traditional [bulldog](#) breeds. Despite the ongoing debate about this breed that has been developed by one family and from one particular stud dog, [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) lovers staunchly support the breed. They have been regularly infused with [bulldog](#) blood throughout the breed development although they are unique in both physical description as well as temperament. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is a tall breed often measuring 24 inches at the shoulders. They have a good leg length and are powerful yet also lean and athletic in appearance. The hips are slightly narrower than the broad and deep chest giving the streamlined appearance. The legs are well boned and muscled and should be straight and parallel on the front and well bent at the hocks on the rear. The feet are large, cat like and well arched. The dewclaws on the front and back legs are always left on unless they become injured or there is some complication. The males and females of the [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) are very different with males much larger, often up to twice as heavy as the females. Both tend to have the muscular bodies and broad [bulldog](#) heads but the females have a more feminine appearance that should be evident. The head is broad and typically [bulldog](#) in shape with a noticeable stop, short muzzle and prominent, large eyes. The eyes may be blue or brown or may be mismatched or spotted, with blue spotting in brown or vice versa. Many will have a merle or blue spot over the eye that is common in the breed. The coat is very short and thick with various colors and patterns seen within the breed. Merles are very common but solid colors are considered a fault. The lips are loose and rather long which makes the breed somewhat prone to drooling. The ears and tail of the [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) are left natural and long, never docked. The ears are moderately long and triangular, set to the side of the head and folding over to approximately the lower jaw. The tail is long and tapered and carried parallel to the ground when the dog is in motion.

## History

eye. Deafness may also be a problem in the breed and with the decreasing number of registered Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldogs there is likely to be more genetic conditions found within future litters. Many breeders are now working with other rare [bulldog](#) type breeds to try to expand the genetic pool while keeping the physical characteristics and temperament that define the breed.

## Grooming

Grooming the [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is very simple as their short, dense and rather coarse coat is easy to care for. All that is required is regular twice a week grooming with a stiff bristle brush or a rubberized grooming mitt. Grooming mitts are very easy to use as they slip on the hand and you simply stroke the dog's hair in the direction of hair growth. The texturized, rubber surface grips the dead hair and removes it from the coat. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is an average shedder throughout the year. Regular grooming will help prevent the build-up of shed hair on the carpet and furniture. The breed can also benefit from regular full baths once or twice a month to help cut down on the "doggy" smell that may be noticeable with the breed. Full bathing with a good quality dog shampoo and using a good quality dog hair conditioner will help prevent the skin from drying out. While grooming watch for any signs of ear infections that are usually first discovered by the foul smelling smell coming from the ear area. Treatment usually involves washing the outer areas of the ear with warm water and a wax removal ointment that can be purchased from the vet. More cleaning may be required for severe infections and the vet may clean the ear and require antibiotics in the form of ear drops to completely cure the infection in the inner ear. Nails are usually very hard and durable with the breed and usually will require little care if the dog is exercised on a hard surface on a regular basis. For those dogs on soft surfaces the nails should be clipped whenever they become long enough to cause any type of pressure against the pads. Clipping with a guillotine style special dog nail trimmer is recommended. Never use human nail care products, as this will cause the nail to shatter and cause the dog pain. Always be sure not to accidentally nick or cut the quick of the nail, as this will cause profuse bleeding and pain. Always have some Quickstop or other clotting agent incase of accidental injury when clipping the nails.

## Training

Training the [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is very easy since the dog is so intelligent and willing. They are naturally very protective so training should focus on enhancing obedience to allow the owner to be able to call off the dog when required. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is not a problem barker but if bored and unattended too may resort to barking. Since they have a very deep and loud bark, this can quickly become a problem. Obedience training from the youngest possible age is a must for this breed. Socialization should be a key part of training and should include introducing the puppy to different dogs, new environments and various people. The more socialized these dogs are the less likely they will be to demonstrate any type of aggression unless they are protecting the residence. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is not a highly dominant breed but they can be somewhat stubborn and independent in training. A trainer or owner should never be harsh or aggressive in training with the breed, rather using positive training rewards and using the dog's natural love of human interaction is the most effective training method.

## Activity and Exercise

The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is a dog that has a history of being outside and being very active in patrolling the property as a protective dog. They are normally very inactive indoors and do need regular, structured exercise or long periods of time outside per day to stay healthy and prevent excessive weight gain and obesity from becoming a problem. They are good at self-exercising so are not a huge demand on the owner for exercise with the outside time option. The breed is very protective and will need to be kept within a secure, strong and tall fence at all times. Since they are athletic they can jump and climb, although with enough space to explore in the yard they are very content. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) prefers to have some exercise time with the family as well as just being outside in the yard. They love to play with the kids and will romp and play for hours chasing the ball or just running and jogging alongside the kids. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) makes a good jogging companion and has excellent stamina. They will, of course, need to be well trained and kept on a leash or lead at all times when out of the fenced yard. Since many people have a fear of any type of dog that resembles the [bulldog](#) type do to irresponsible owners, it is always important to have the [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) under control at all times. The [Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog](#) is a good dog for camping and hiking and they can also make good hunting companions and may even be used in obedience