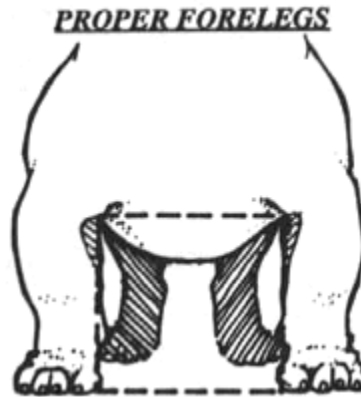


## Forequarters

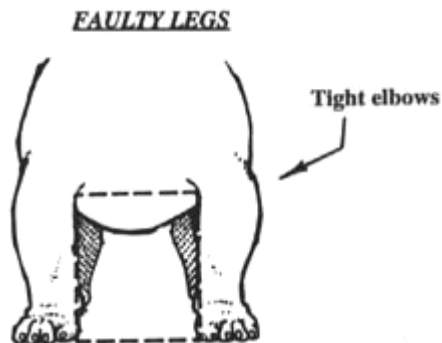
*(from An Illustrated Guide To The Official Standard Of The Bulldog published by The Bulldog Club of America)*

**Shoulders** -- Should be muscular, very heavy, widespread and slanting outward, giving stability and great power.

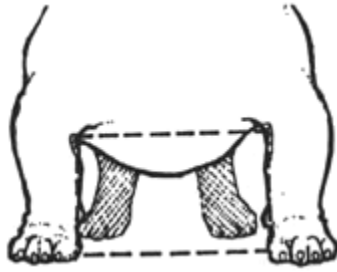
**Forelegs** -- The forelegs should be short, very stout, straight and muscular, set wide apart, with well-developed calves, presenting a bowed outline, but the bones of the legs should not be curved or bandy, nor the feet brought too close together.



*Correct turn of shoulder with proper front legs showing straight perpendicular inner forelegs will form a near square from the top of the legs and across.*

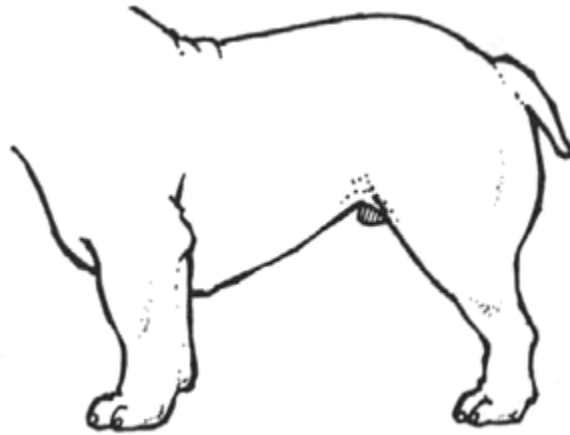


*Narrow-fronted showing a vertical rectangle between the front legs.  
Undesirable.*



*An obvious rectangle between the front legs, indicating legs that are too short, of shoulders that are too wide or both.  
Undesirable.*

**Elbows** -- The elbows should be low and stand well out and loose from the body.

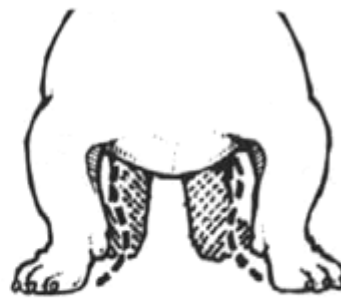


*Well constructed Bulldogs from ground to elbow should be about 50% of the distance from ground to height at the withers.*

**FAULTY ELBOWS** -- "Loose from the body" does NOT mean overly loose elbows. It means that they should not be directed towards the ribs (tight elbows). Neither should they be directed outward away from the ribs (overly loose elbows). Overly loose elbows is a VERY serious structural fault.



*Overly loose elbows  
feet tend to  
turn inwards*



*Chippendale or  
fiddle-front.  
Bowed front legs.*

**Feet** -- The feet should be moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well-split-up, with high knuckles and very short stubby nails. The front feet may be straight or slightly out-turned.

