Butler Blue II

AKC Registered Name: Butler Blue II

Nickname: Blue

Twitter: @ButlerBlue2

Breed: English bulldog–Male

Birthdate: March 27, 2004

Weight: 58 lbs.

Fur Color: Fawn and White

First Day as Mascot: May 20, 2004

Butler Blue II has served as the mascot of Butler University since 2004. He is the second in a young lineage of English bulldogs bred by Frank and Jeane King of Kong King Kennel in Lizton, Ind., which have served as the mascot of Butler University since 2000. Blue is owned by Michael Kaltenmark, a 2002 Butler graduate and director of the University's Office of Web Marketing, his wife, Tiffany, and their human son, Everett.

An American Kennel Club (AKC)-registered dog, Blue became known as "America's Dog" in 2010 and 2011 when Butler men's basketball team played for the NCAA® National Championship. Blue has appeared on the floor of every Butler men's home and Final Four® basketball game, as well as some away games. Butler players touch him before each game for good luck as they are introduced.

Butler Blue III

AKC Registered Name: Butler Blue III
Nickname: Trip
Twitter: @ButlerBlue3
Breed: English bulldog–Male
Birthdate: Dec. 23, 2011
Weight: 62 lbs.
Fur Color: Red Brindle and White
First Day as Mascot: Feb. 18, 2012

Aptly nicknamed "Trip" (short for "Triple" as he is the third mascot in succession), this red brindled, AKC-registered English bulldog is also a product of Kong King Kennel and resides with the Kaltenmark family and older adopted brother, Blue II. Trip was born on Dec. 23, 2011 and made his debut before a sellout crowd in Hinkle Fieldhouse prior to a men's basketball game on Feb. 18, 2012.

Also of note, Trip is the great grandson of Ch. Cherokee Legend Rock, one of the nation's winningest and most decorated English bulldogs of the last decade and of all time. Fitting lineage, since Trip is working closely with Blue II to learn the true art of being "America's Dog" on and off the campus of Butler University.