

Update on Respiratory Function Grading Scheme – Breed Eligibility Information

Following updated advice from Dr Arthur House, Chief Assessor (Australia) for the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme, an updated list of breeds eligible for assessment has been received from the Royal Kennel Club.

The Scheme continues to support improved understanding and management of breathing health across a range of breeds, particularly those known to be at higher risk of BOAS (Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome).

Breeds eligible under the Scheme

High risk (approximately 10% grade 0):

- Bulldog / British Bulldog
- French Bulldog
- Pug
- Japanese Chin
- Pekingese

Moderate risk (approximately 25–50% grade 0):

- Griffon Bruxellois
- Boston Terrier
- Dogue de Bordeaux
- King Charles Spaniel
- Shih Tzu

Lower risk (approximately 50% grade 0 and 75% grade 0 or 1):

- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- Chihuahua
- Boxer
- Affenpinscher
- Pomeranian
- Maltese

This updated classification helps guide prioritisation of breeds within the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme and supports breeders, owners, and breed clubs in promoting improved respiratory health outcomes.

Breed clubs and members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these updates and consider how they may apply within their breeding and health screening practices.

More information about the scheme is available from Dogs Australia at the link below.

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