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Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS)

Under license from The Kennel Club and the University of Cambridge

Registered name:			**AKC registration number:**	**Weight:**	
				Body Condition Score:	
Breed:		**Sex:**	**Date of birth (MM/DD/YY):**		
Microchip/tattoo:			**Registration number of sire:**	**Registration number of dam:**	
Owner name:	**Co-Owner name:**		**Examining veterinary/clinic:**		**Date of evaluation (MM/DD/YY):**
Mailing address:			**Mailing address:**		
City:	**State:**	**Zip/postal code:**	**City:**	**State:**	**Zip/postal code:**
Phone:	**E-mail:**		**Phone:**	**E-mail:**	

RFGS Terms:

- The dog identified on this application is the dog being examined
- I certify that this dog has not had surgery on its respiratory tract
- Dog must be at least 12 months of age at the time of the exam to qualify for OFA Certification, all other exams are considered preliminary
- Grades 0 and 1 are considered clinically normal and will result in OFA Certification if at least 12 months of age
- The OFA will release all OFA Certifications to the public
- Grade 2 and 3 results are considered clinically affected, do not result in OFA certification, and will only be released if authorized below
- All results will be entered into the OFA database and may be used and shared with the international team of collaborators strictly for statistical purposes
- By registering for and participating in this health screening exam, I agree to hold the OFA, any sponsoring clubs, all clinic organizers and volunteers, and the examining veterinarians harmless from any claim, loss, or injury to this dog during the exam process.

Signature of owner or authorized agent: _____

Initial here to authorize release of abnormal results: _____

Veterinary Exam Results

Physical examination:

	Pre-Exercise				Post Exercise			
Respiratory patterns	☐ Normal	☐ Inspiratory effort	☐ Dyspnoea		☐ Normal	☐ Inspiratory effort	☐ Dyspnoea	
Inspiratory effort	☐ Not present	☐ Mild	☐ Moderate	☐ Severe	☐ Not present	☐ Mild	☐ Moderate	☐ Severe
Stertors (low pitch noise)	☐ Not audible	☐ Mild	☐ Moderate	☐ Severe	☐ Not audible	☐ Mild	☐ Moderate	☐ Severe
Stridors (high pitch noise)	☐ Not audible	☐ Mild	☐ Moderate	☐ Severe	☐ Not audible	☐ Mild	☐ Moderate	☐ Severe
Nostrils	☐ Open	☐ Mild Stenosis	☐ Moderate Stenosis	☐ Severe Stenosis				
Cyanosis and/or Syncope	☐ No	☐ Yes _____						
Heart/lung auscultation	☐ Normal	☐ Abnormal _____						
Respiratory Function Grade	**☐ Grade 0**	**☐ Grade I**	**☐ Grade II**	**☐ Grade III**				

❑ I certify that the standards as set forth by the OFA were carefully followed in performing this examination.

❑ **I DID** verify microchip/tattoo on this dog ❑ **I DID NOT** verify microchip/tattoo on this dog

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Veterinarian Signature Date

Fee Schedule:

OFA fee for all RFGS examinations…….$15.00
Veterinary exam fees are separate and are determined by the individual examining veterinarian

Payments can be made by Visa, Mastercard, check or money order (U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank) payable to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

Card number _____ Cardholder name _____ Exp date MM/YY _____ CVV _____

Respiratory Function Grading Scheme

Grade 0 Clinically unaffected. Free of respiratory signs; annual health check is suggested if the dog is under 2 years old.

Grade I Clinically unaffected. Mild respiratory signs of BOAS but does not affect exercise performance. Annual health check is suggested if the dog is under 2 years old.

Grade II Clinically affected. The dog has clinically relevant respiratory signs and requires management, including weight loss and/or surgical intervention.

Grade III Clinically affected, and should not be bred. Severe respiratory signs of BOAS. The dog should have a thorough veterinary examination with treatment.

Functional Grading for Bulldogs and French Bulldogs

		Respiratory noise[a]	**Inspiratory effort**[b]	**Dyspnoea/Cynanosis/Syncope**[c]
Grade 0	**Pre-ET**	Not audible	Not present	Not present
	Post-ET	Not audible	Not present	Not present
Grade I	**Pre-ET**	Not audible to mild stertor, and/or moderate intermittent nasal stertor when sniffing	Not present	Not present
	Post-ET	Mild stertor, and/or moderate intermittent nasal stertor when sniffing, and/or intermittent gentle stertor when panting	Not present to mild	Not present
Grade II	**Pre-ET**	Mild to moderate stertor *(audible without stethoscope)*	Not present to moderate	Not present
	Post-ET	Moderate to severe stertor *(audible without stethoscope)*	Moderate to severe and/or regurgitation of foam/saliva	Dyspnoea; cyanosis or syncope not present
Grade III	**Pre-ET**	Moderate to severe stertor *(audible without stethoscope)* or any stridor	Moderate to severe	Dyspnoea; may or may not present cyanosis. Inability to exercise.
	Post-ET	Severe stertor or any stridor	Severe and/or regurgitation of foam/saliva	Dyspnoea; may or may not present cyanosis or syncope.

Functional Grading for Pugs

		Respiratory noise[a]	**Inspiratory effort**[b]	**Dyspnoea/Cynanosis/Syncope**[c]
Grade 0	**Pre-ET**	Not audible	Not present	Not present
	Post-ET	Not audible	Not present	Not present
Grade I	**Pre-ET**	Not audible to mild stertor, and/or moderate intermittent nasal stertor when sniffing	Not present	Not present
	Post-ET	Mild stertor or stridor, and/or moderate intermittent nasal stertor when sniffing, and/or intermittent gentle stertor when panting	Not present to mild	Not present
Grade II	**Pre-ET**	Mild to moderate stertor or stridor	Not present to moderate	Not present
	Post-ET	Moderate to severe stertor or stridor	Moderate to severe	Dyspnoea; cyanosis or syncope not present
Grade III	**Pre-ET**	Moderate to severe stertor or stridor	Moderate to severe	Dyspnoea; may or may not present cyanosis. Inability to exercise.
	Post-ET	Severe stertor or any stridor	Severe	Dyspnoea; may or may not present cyanosis or syncope.

ET — *exercise test*

[a] Respiratory noise (stertor and/or stridor) was diagnosed by pharyngolaryngeal auscultation. Mild - only audible under auscultation. Moderate - intermittent audible noise that can be heard without stethoscope. Severe - loud, constant audible noise that can be heard without stethoscope.

[b] An abnormal respiratory cycle characterized by evidence of increased effort to inhale the air in with the use of diaphragm and/or accessory muscles of respiration and/or nasal flaring with an increase in breathing rate. Mild - minimal use of diaphragm. Moderate - evidence of use of diaphragm and accessory muscles of respiration. Severe - marked movement of diaphragm and accessory muscles of respiration.

[c] Dogs that have had episodes of syncope and/or cyanosis as documented by owner's report are classified into Grade III without the ET. Dyspnoea: irregular breathing, signs of discomfort, and labored breathing.