



Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS)

Occurs in short nosed, squashed face dogs like pugs, French bull dogs and English bull dogs. Other breeds can be affected, like English Staffordshire bull terriers or Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

Dogs usually have a combination of problems including:

- a long, thick, soft palate with oversized tongue
- laryngeal collapse
- stenotic nares (narrowed nostrils)
- a hypoplastic (narrowed) trachea

Dogs often have snoring and noisy breathing, exercise intolerance and are prone to heatstroke and collapse. BOAS surgery improves airflow usually with a combination of nasal and palate resection and other techniques.

Careful pre-operative assessment with CT of the head and chest and endoscopy of the nasopharynx allows for the best decisions on treatments.

BOAS dogs require careful hospital management. Our integrated team of specialists can work through treatment options and our hospital vets and nursing team provide expert 24-hour care to these patients after surgery.

