

# Pugs

## Weighing up health priorities

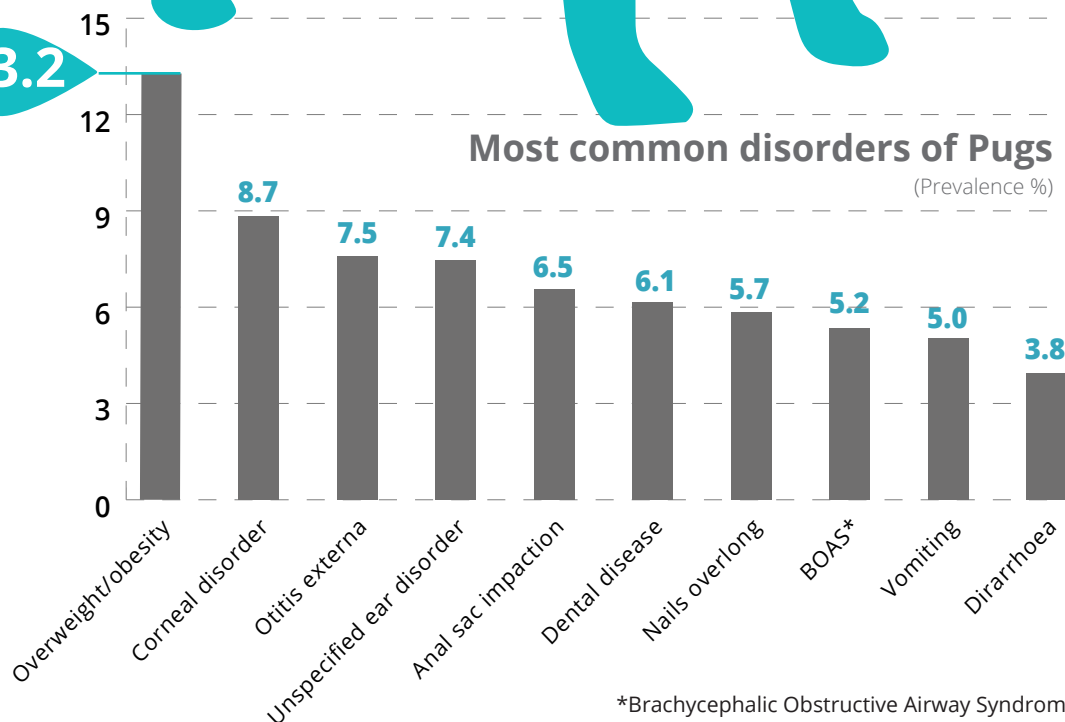
*This study evaluated the demography and common disorders of Pugs in the UK.*

**Pug ownership has risen almost three-fold from less than 1% of puppies born in 2008 to 2.8% in 2013.**

**Pugs comprised 1.03% of all dogs in the UK during 2013.**

**Average bodyweight for males (8.9kg) was higher than for females (7.3kg).**

**Most common disorders of Pugs**  
(Prevalence %)



\*Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome

### CONCLUSIONS

- This study gives evidence on the rising popularity of Pugs, which has been associated with impulse purchasing, mass puppy breeding and importation from long distances.
- Many of the top disorders identified in Pugs are associated with their brachycephalic (flat-faced) conformation.
- This information can help to move the conversation on welfare from 'what are the issues' to 'how do we deal with these issues'.

The study included 2,709 Pugs from 264,260 dogs across the UK. O'Neill et al. (2019) "[Demography and health of Pugs under primary veterinary care in England](#)" [Canine Genetics and Epidemiology \(Free Open Access\)](#)