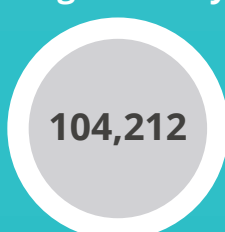


HEALTH STUDY RESULTS

Every dog has two small sacs inside the anus producing a liquid that is normally squeezed naturally onto the faeces. Sometimes these sacs become blocked and can fill with liquid causing discomfort to these dogs. This is called anal sac impaction.

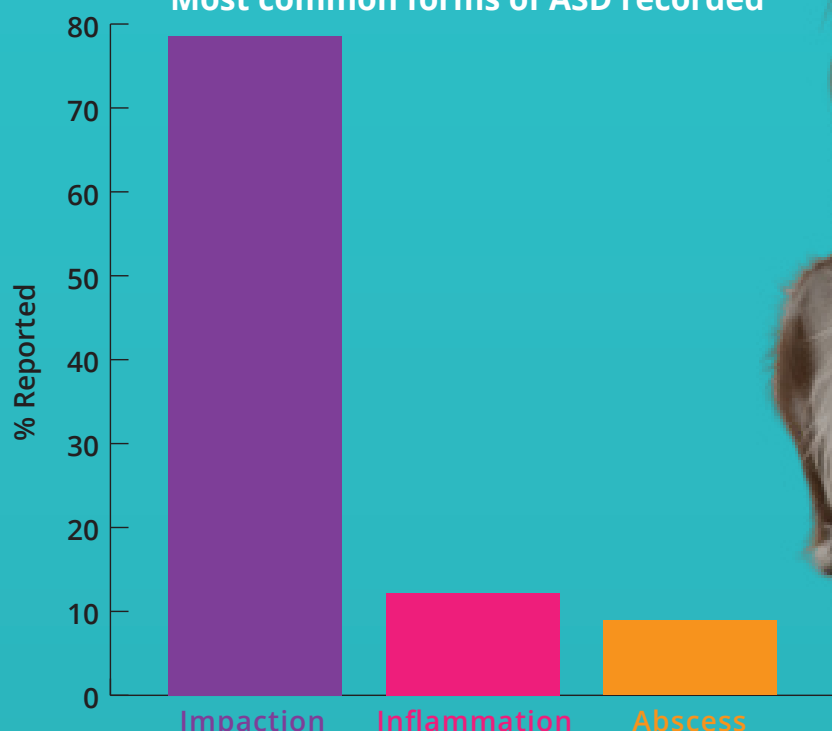
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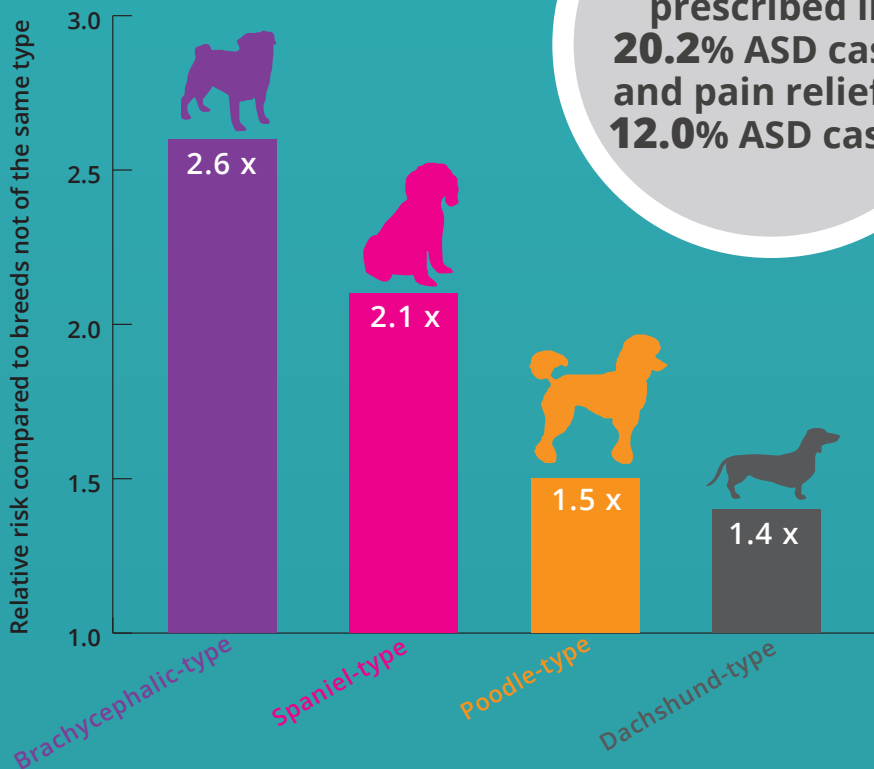
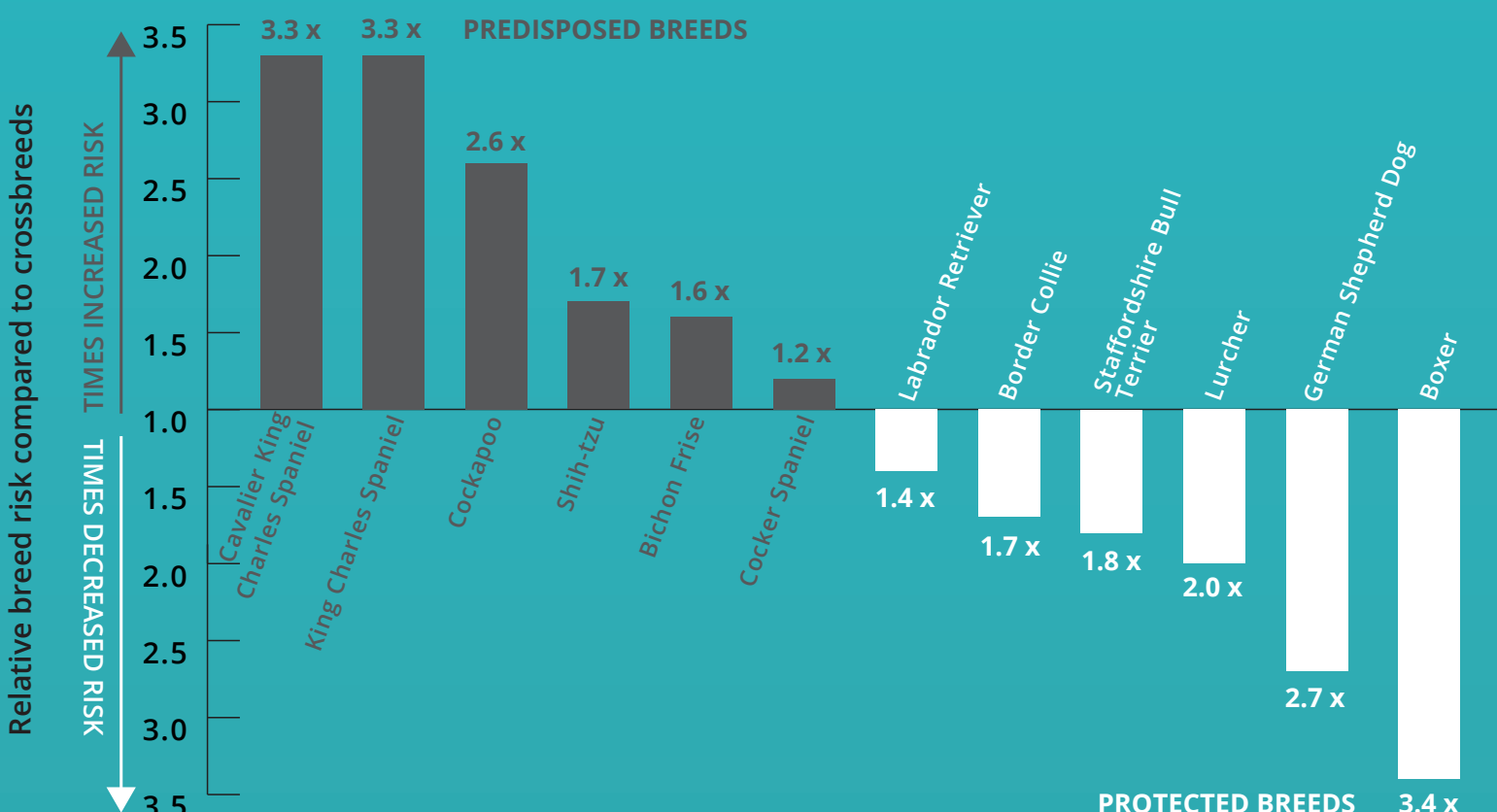
Percentage of dogs with ASD



Most common forms of ASD recorded



Which breeds are most at-risk of ASD?



Veterinary Management
Antibiotics were prescribed in **20.2%** ASD cases and pain relief in **12.0%** ASD cases.

Veterinary Management
The anal sacs were surgically removed in **0.9%** of affected dogs.

CONCLUSIONS:

ASD is a common problem in dogs, affecting over 4% of dogs in the UK.

ASD is an important welfare condition in dogs, with more than 1 in 10 cases requiring pain relief for the condition.

Owners of high-risk breeds should be alert to the signs of ASD in their dog, such as scooting and paying extra attention to their rear end. Please discuss further with your veterinarian.

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O'Neill et al. (2021) "Non-neoplastic anal sac disorders in UK dogs: epidemiology and management aspects of a research-neglected syndrome" Veterinary Record

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