

Signs and Symptoms of BOAS



Snoring



Noisy breathing



Gagging while swallowing



Fainting



Coughing up foamy saliva



Difficulty sleeping or propping their head up while resting



Exercise intolerance



Heavy breathing including chest and stomach heaving



Blue tinge to the tongue and gums



Diagnosing Your Pet

If your pet is exhibiting signs of BOAS we'll examine them to determine how to best treat it. Sedation may be necessary to take a closer look inside their mouth and nose. Chest and neck x-rays are also recommended to evaluate the health of your pet's lungs and lower airways.

Why do pets get BOAS?

The term brachycephalic means "short headed". These breeds have abnormally short heads and muzzles, making them prone to BOAS and breathing problems.

Proactive Care is the Best Care

If your pet has BOAS, addressing it early and keeping them at a healthy weight will help them live a much happier and more comfortable life.

Treatment Options

Surgery is often the most effective way to help your pet breathe easier. The surgery is fast and simple and your pet will normally breathe easier immediately following the procedure. Based on your pet's needs we will address up to three areas during surgery:

Nostrils

We'll expand your pet's nostrils to allow them to get more air flow.

Soft Palate

The abnormally elongated soft palate will be shortened to alleviate obstruction of air into the lungs.

Larynx

Everted laryngeal sacculles sometimes develop in BOAS patients. If excessive they may further obstruct air flow. These will be addressed during surgery.



This procedure is well tolerated by pets and they can usually breathe easier immediately post surgery. There is no long recovery time associated with this simple procedure.

What is Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome?

Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (**BOAS**) is a medical condition that commonly affects breeds with short noses and flat faces. BOAS is characterized by breathing difficulties, snoring, and other respiratory problems due to the anatomical characteristics of these breeds.

Talk to your veterinarian today

if you believe your pet is at risk for Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome.



Commonly Affected Breeds:

- French Bulldog
- English Bulldog
- Pug
- Pekingese
- Boston Terrier
- Persian
- Himalayan
- Burmese
- British Shorthair
- Exotic Shorthair



Help Your Pet Breathe Easier

Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome
and Your Pet

