


What is VetCompass?

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/vetcompass>




VetCompass is a research programme that uses large-scale collection and analysis of anonymised electronic patient records to generate the robust evidence necessary to improve companion animal health and welfare.

Research outputs are used to:

- Support evidence-based vet medicine
- Identify welfare and research priorities
 - Tailor veterinary education
 - Benchmark disorder prevalence

Evidence-Based Prioritisation of Disorders within Dog Breeds.



VetCompass and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust (KCCT) are collaboratively identifying breed health related priorities. Brachycephalic breeds are special focus.

The results fill existing data gaps to assist the KC's 'Breed Health and Conservation Plan' project which covers several brachycephalic breeds including French Bulldog, Bulldogs, Pug, Boxer and Boston terrier.

RVC Brachycephalic Research Team

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/research/focus/brachycephaly>

The RVC views the brachycephalic issue as a highly complex system that needs a holistic research approach. In consequence, the RVC has formed a dedicated **Brachycephalic Research Team** to optimise collaborative focus on the priority issues. VetCompass research is a key research platform in this work.

Team Mission
"Drive multi-disciplinary cutting-edge research of the highest global quality through clinical and academic collaboration and leadership across the RVC and with outside partners"



Brachycephalic Working Group

<http://www.ukbwg.org.uk/>

The UK Brachycephalic Working Group (BWG) aims to improve the welfare of brachycephalic dogs. VetCompass is a key evidence resource.

Members include:


- Animal charities – Dogs Trust, PDSA, RSPCA
- Breed Clubs – Bulldog, French Bulldog, Pug
- Owners, Breeders, Veterinary surgeons
- Veterinary profession – BVA & BSAVA
- Academia – RVC & Cambridge
- The Kennel Club



VetCompass Breed-specific Publications

VetCompass research has led to peer-reviewed publication on key brachycephalic breeds including:

- ✘ Bulldog¹
- ✘ French Bulldog²
- ✘ Pug³
- ✘ Chihuahua¹³
- ✘ Cavalier King Charles Spaniel⁴
- ✘ Rottweiler⁵
- ✘ Persian cats⁶



DogWellNet.Com International Partnership For Dogs

<https://dogwellnet.com/>

IPFD is a non-profit organization initiated by a diverse group of stakeholders in the international dog world.

Vision
An enduring global collaboration enhancing dog health, well-being and welfare, and human-dog interactions.

IPFD has run 4 **International Dog Health Workshops**.


VetCompass is proud to be a formal IPFD Collaborator Partner.



VetCompass Disease-specific Publications

VetCompass research has led to peer-reviewed publication on key brachycephalic disorders including:

- ✘ Dystocia⁷
- ✘ Corneal ulceration⁸
- ✘ BOAS⁹
- ✘ Mitral valve disease¹⁰
- ✘ Patellar luxation¹¹
- ✘ Demodicosis¹²




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