

Dear colleagues,

We would greatly appreciate your participation in our **online survey** on brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS) and brachycephalic dog management which should take **less than 10 minutes** of your time.

The aim of this study is *to assess general practitioner veterinarians understanding and perceptions of BOAS, the recommendations they make based on their understanding and perceptions of the disease and the unique challenges they face managing brachycephalic dogs over their lifetime.*

- Establish existing knowledge & knowledge gaps
- Identify extrinsic factors influencing knowledge, attitudes & perceptions
- Identify veterinary barriers to patient treatment access

Please click on the following link to begin the survey. You can save your progress and return if needed.

https://murdochuni.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9TrxTDoy8FdDeT4

Details of the study are as follows:

“A breath of fresh air” exploring veterinary-based barriers to Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) treatment.

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Limits to withdrawal: Your participation is entirely voluntary, however, if you change your mind about participating and wish to withdraw simply close your browser to exit the survey. Note, though, once you give consent to participate at the end of the survey your responses will be uploaded and it will not be possible to withdraw or amend them because we cannot tie responses to you as an individual. You will be prompted at the completion of the survey to provide consent to participate and for your answers to be recorded.

Possible Risks: This survey will ask about your experiences in managing the health of brachycephalic dogs. If this triggers feelings of distress for you, please do not hesitate to reach out. The following services offer 24/7 advice.

- beyondblue (1300 22 4636)
- Lifeline Australia (13 11 14)
- Black Dog Institute (accessible via www.mycompass.org.au)

Benefits of the study: While there is no guarantee that you will personally benefit, the knowledge gained from your participation may help others in the future as the industry responds to the knowledge gaps identified in this study.

Privacy: all responses are anonymous and strictly confidential.

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This study has been approved by the Murdoch University Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval 2022/046). If you have any reservation or complaint about the ethical conduct of this research, and wish to talk with an independent person, you may contact Murdoch University's Research Ethics & Integrity on Tel. 08 9360 6677 (+61 8 9360 6677 for overseas studies) or e-mail ethics@murdoch.edu.au. Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.