



**WEAR REFERRALS**  
Small Animal Hospital



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## Respiratory Functional Grading Scheme

Your dog has been booked in to see our Royal Kennel Club approved assessor for Respiratory Functional Grading, Anna Cronin DVM GPCert(SAS) AFHEA DipECVS MRCVS RCVS and EBVS® European Specialist in Small Animal Surgery.

This is a short assessment that usually take 15-20 min and designed for dogs that are candidates for breeding. If you or your vet are concerned that your dog may be suffering from moderate to severe BOAS and potentially requires surgery, we recommend you instead book your dog in for a thorough 40 min consultation with our surgeons, which also includes Respiratory Functional Grading.

Your dog needs to be 12 months or older at the time of assessment.

For Royal Kennel Club registered dogs please provide a copy of your dogs registered name, registration number and chip number via email [info@wear-referrals.co.uk](mailto:info@wear-referrals.co.uk) prior to your visit. A copy or the original document should also be brought along to the consultation. The Royal Kennel Club recommends that the assessment is repeated every two years lifelong or at least until your dog is no longer used for breeding.

### What to expect on the day of assessment

- You and your dog will be welcomed by our client care team.
- Once it is your turn to see the assessor they will invite you into the consult room.
- Here your dog will get a bit of time to familiarise themselves with the room while a short history is taken focusing around their breathing at rest, exercise, recovery and sleeping.
- The microchip will be read and compared to the provided paperwork.
- The assessor will then examine your dogs face, listen to their chest and upper airway with a stethoscope.
- They will then bring your dog out back or outside, weather dependent, to exercise them for 3 minutes. The test will be stopped prematurely should the assessor have concerns for your dog's welfare.
- The assessor then again listens to the chest and upper airway as well as assess their breathing effort.
- The findings will result in a Respiratory Functional Grade between 0 and 3. See the attached document from the Royal Kennel Club for further information on what the grade means for your dog.
- If your dog is a Royal Kennel Club registered dog, an automatic form with the results will be sent to yourself and the Royal Kennel Club by email. For dogs not registered with the Royal Kennel Club a letter with the results will be emailed within 5 working days to yourself and your local vets.
- The assessor will inform you of the grade and should they feel further veterinary care is required they will advise you speak to your local vets. A surgical consultation is not available within the remit of the time allocated for the short Respiratory Functional Grading.

We look forward to seeing you and your dog at Wear Referrals.



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## Has their breathing been checked?

These breeds can suffer from breathing issues which can often get worse with age.

Learning about these issues now will benefit your dog.

**Don't delay, talk to  
your vet today.**

A vet at this  
practice  
can assess  
your dog's  
breathing.



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Respiratory Function Grading Scheme  
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