

# Flat-faced (brachycephalic) dogs

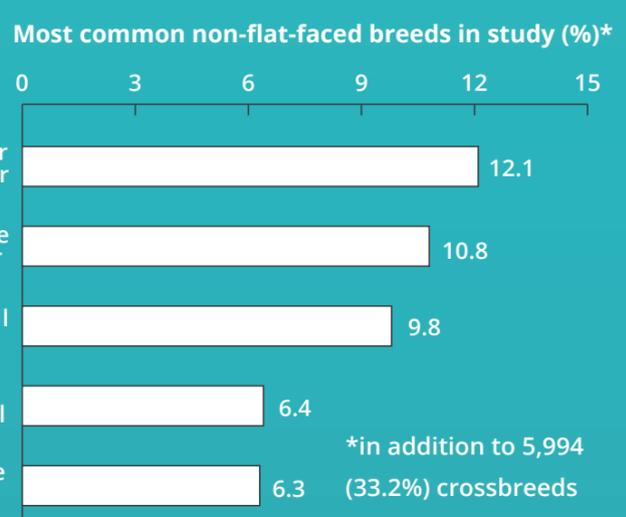
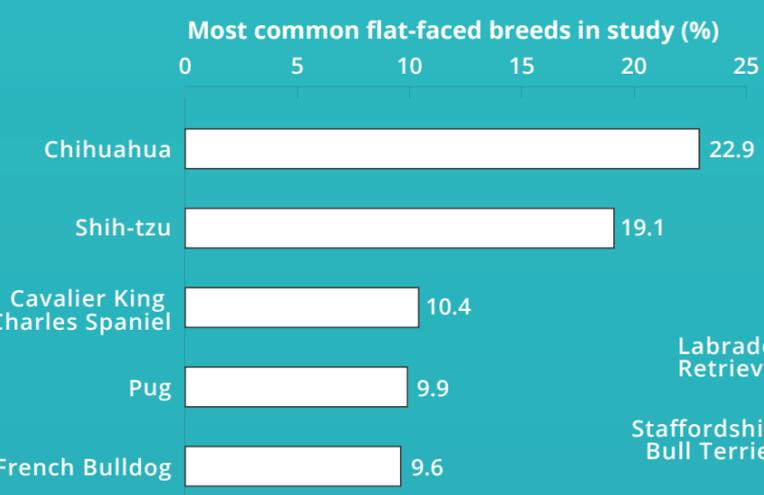
## HEALTH STUDY RESULTS



**RESEARCH QUESTION:** How does the health of flat-faced dogs compare to the health of non-flat-faced dogs?

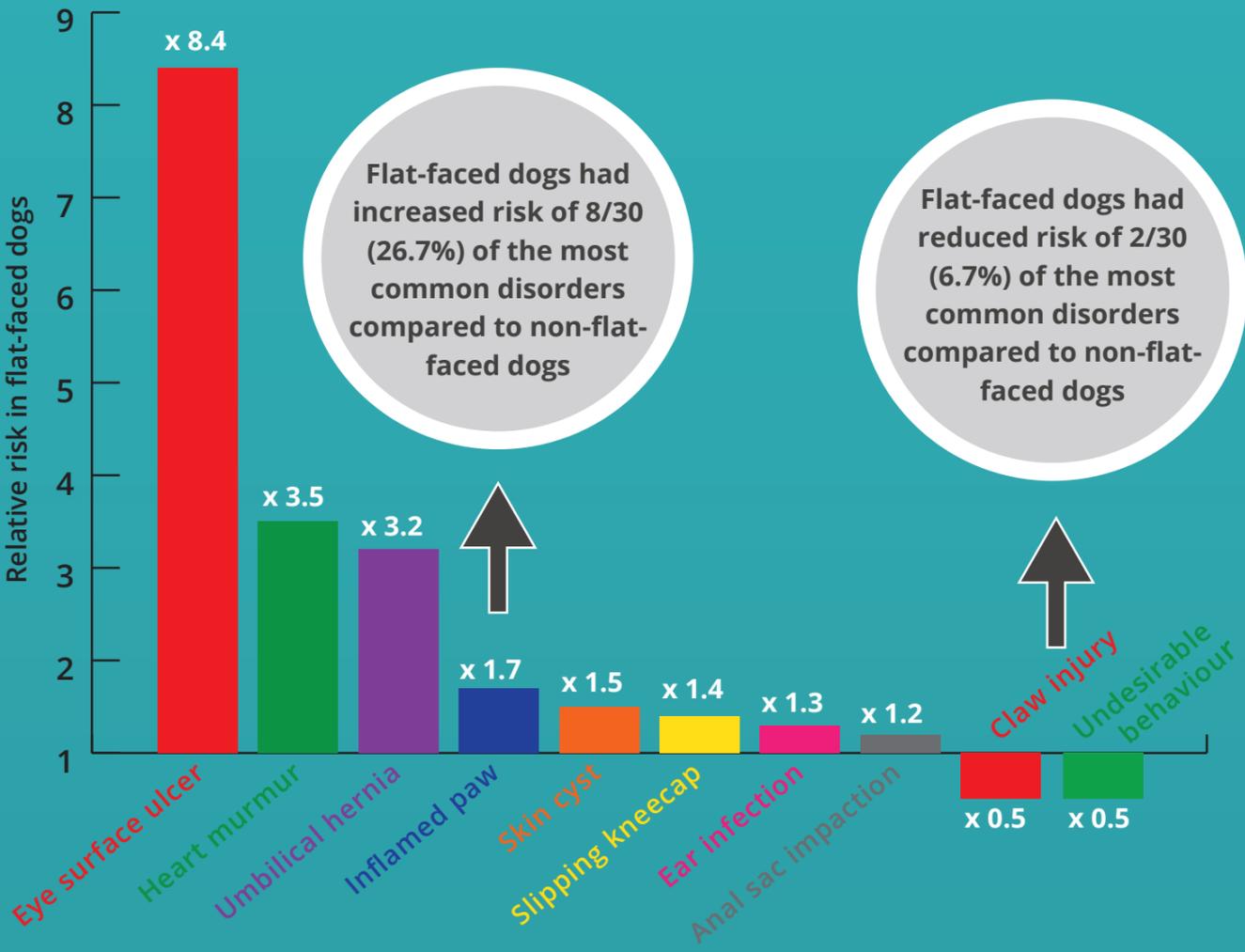
**Flat-faced dogs**  
 Number of flat-faced dogs in study: 4,169 (19%)  
 Average bodyweight: 8.8kg  
 Average age: 3.3 years  
 Count of breeds in study: 34

**Non-flat-faced dogs**  
 Number of non-flat-faced dogs in study: 18,079 (81%)  
 Average bodyweight: 18.9kg  
 Average age: 4.7 years  
 Count of breeds in study: 235



## Disorder Predispositions and Protections

A predisposition described any disorder with increased risk and a protection described any disorder with decreased risk in flat-faced dogs compared with non-flat-faced dogs



### CONCLUSIONS:

- RESEARCH ANSWER:** Flat-faced dogs are generally less healthy than non-flat-faced dogs
- Flat-faced breeds are popular in the UK: comprising of 19% of all dogs
- Flat-faced dogs overall are perceived to show less undesirable behaviours - this may partially explain their popularity
- Owners of flat-faced dogs should monitor for problems with their dogs eyes very carefully
- The public should follow the advice of breed clubs, veterinary bodies and charities by thinking twice before purchasing a flat-faced dog
- TAKE HOME MESSAGE**  
**"Stop and think before buying a flat-faced dog"**

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O'Neill et al. (2020) "Unravelling the health status of brachycephalic dogs in the UK using multivariable analysis" Nature Scientific Reports