Overall Health of French Bulldogs in the UK

The popularity of French Bulldogs has soared in recent years. However, these dogs are reported as prone to many health issues that can severely impact on their quality of life. This study aimed to explore these issues by comparing the health of French Bulldogs in the UK to dogs not of this breed.

### Number of dogs in study
- **2,781** French Bulldogs
- **21,850** non-French Bulldogs

### Average age of dogs in the study
- **1.5 years** French Bulldogs
- **4.5 years** non-French Bulldogs

### Disorder Predispositions

A predisposition describes any disorder with increased risk in French Bulldogs compared with non-French Bulldogs. Awareness of predispositions helps owners to know what key disorders to look out for.

### Disorder Protections

A protection describes any disorder with reduced risk in French Bulldogs compared with non-French Bulldogs.

### CONCLUSIONS:

*O’Neill et al. (2021) “French Bulldogs differ to other dogs in the UK in propensity for many common disorders: a VetCompass study” Canine Medicine and Genetics

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