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| Name of Veterinarian: | Country/State: |
| Registration/License #: | Vet Phone contact: |

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| Name of Owner: | | | Owner Phone contact: | | |
| Name of Pet |  | Breed: | | | Age: |
| Microchip #: | | Weight: \_\_\_\_ kg | | Colour: | Male / Female |

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| **Travel Plan** | Anticipated Date of Travel: | | Total Flight duration: |
| Departure Airport: | | Destination Airport: | Transit? Y /N Transit Airport: |

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| Medical History  Are there any pre-existing medical conditions?  No    Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Current medications? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Physical examination   * Cardiovascular system: Any abnormalities? No Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * Respiratory system: Any abnormalities? No Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * Central nervous system: Any abnormalities? No Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * Musculoskeletal system: Any abnormalities? No Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_      * Body condition: Thin (BCS 1/9 – 3/9) Normal (BCS 4/9 - 6/9) Obese BCS 7/9 – 9/9) * Nostrils: Open Mild Stenosis Moderate Stenosis Severe Stenosis * Temperament: Calm   Excited, but settles quickly.  Extremely excitable or anxiety.       |  | | --- | | **BOAS ASSESSMENT:**    • Inspiratory effort¹: Not present Mild Moderate Severe  **---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  • Stertor²: (Low pitch noise): Not audible Mild Moderate Severe  **---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**   * Stridor²: (High pitch noise): Not audible Mild Moderate Severe   **----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**    • Cyanosis or Syncope\* No Yes | | **¹Inspiratory effort**: characterized by evidence of increased effort to inhale the air in with the use of diaphragm and /or accessory muscles of respiration and/or nasal flaring with an increase in breathing rate. | | **²Respiratory noise** (Stertor and/or stridor) is diagnosed by pharyngolaryngeal auscultation.  **Mild**: only audible under stethoscope auscultation.  **Moderate**: Intermittent audible noise that can be heard without a stethoscope.  **Severe**: Loud, constant audible noise that can be heard without a stethoscope |   **Assessment:**   * Dogs with no or mild BOAS symptoms and no other risk factors are considered Fit-To-Fly. * Dogs with moderate BOAS symptoms especially with other risk factors (Obesity, other pre-existing medical conditions and anxious/excitable temperament warrant careful assessment of Fitness-To-Fly. * Dogs with severe BOAS symptoms (Inspiratory effort, severe stridor/stertor, cyanosis/syncope are considered not Fit-To-Fly.   **This dog has been evaluated and, at the time of this examination, IS FIT TO FLY**  **This dog has been evaluated and, at the time of this examination, IS NOT FIT TO FLY**    **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Signature Veterinary Surgeon Date:** |

**Guidance Notes for the Veterinary Surgeon**

1. **Initial examination:** The dog should be kept as calm as possible with gentle restraint. If the dog is stressed, allow some time for the dog to settle. Auscultation is performed directly over the larynx from the side, avoiding any upward pressure on the pharynx and larynx. Head should be in a neutral position, not flexed.
2. **BOAS assessment:** In consideration of the brachycephalic breed list, there are three stand out “Red flag” breeds that warrant special BOAS evaluation (The Pug, French Bulldog and English Bulldog) Please find the following video links to assist with identifying the various respiratory noises:

(headphones required to listen to stethoscope auscultation)

**Not Audible**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emY7zQxUGhw>

**Mild**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMk5szo54Io>

**Moderate**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R10CKlqfxQc>

**Severe**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP7bXy_YhsM>

Credit and thanks to Cambridge University BOAS research group

<https://www.vet.cam.ac.uk/boas/about-boas/recognition-diagnosis#respiratory-noise>

1. **Nasal stenosis grading:**

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1. **Body Condition Score (BCS)** – Please follow the AAHA 9- point scale below.
2. The presence of any other pre-existing medical conditions must be taken into consideration with any animal that is being examined in preparation for air travel. It is the responsibility of the examining Veterinarian to discuss any other risk factors with the pet owner and ensure they fully understand the outcome of the assessment.
3. **In the case of failed dogs:**

There will be dogs that fail. It is critically important that those dogs which are at a high risk are correctly identified.

Professional recommendations such as weight loss programs (for obese dogs), travel crate conditioning, referral for upper respiratory tract assessment / surgery (stenotic nares, soft palate, everted lateral ventricles, laryngeal surgery) may be recommended where indicated. All these recommendations will not only improve the dog’s safety and comfort during flight but will also improve the dog’s overall quality of life.

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