BOAS surgery: BRisk worksheet

For brachycephalic dogs having BOAS surgery. Leave unknowns blank.

Patient: _____ Breed: _____ Recorded by: _____ Date: _____

1 CIRCLE ONE ANSWER IN EACH BOX

1 Breed	Points
○ English or French Bulldog	0.5
○ Other brachycephalic breed	0

2 Previous airway surgery?	Points
○ No	0
○ Yes	1.5

3 Other surgery in the same anaesthetic?	Points
○ No	0
○ Yes - a non-airway procedure	1.5

4 Body condition score (BCS)	Points
○ 2.5 or below /5 OR 4 or below /9	1
○ Above 2.5 to 3.5 /5 OR above 4 to 6 /9	0
○ Above 3.5 /5 OR above 6 /9	1

5 Airway at admission	Points
○ No snoring noise (stertor), or only with exercise	0
○ Snoring noise (stertor) at rest	1.5
○ Oxygen AND sedation required	2
○ Intubated; cannot extubate before surgery	4

Oxygen only or sedation only: record support; leave airway points unconfirmed.

6 First admission rectal temperature	Points
○ 37.7°C or below | 100°F or below	1.5
○ 37.8-38.3°C | above 100 to 101°F	1
○ 38.4-39.4°C | above 101 to 103°F	0.5
○ 39.5°C or above | above 103°F	0

°C bands: readings recorded to 0.1°C. Finer reading? Use the online guide for exact °F conversion.

2 ALL SIX ANSWERED? ADD THE POINTS

TOTAL: _____ / 10

Major complications during hospitalization: circle the group

0-3: LOWER complication group | Above 3: HIGHER

Anything unknown? Mark INCOMPLETE; send what you have. Use the online calculator for a range; a blank is not zero.

3 SEND THIS SHEET + records, medicines/doses, existing CBC/chemistry and chest images/reports.

BCS: ____ /5 or /9 Temp: ____ °C / °F (circle scale/unit) Taken (date/time): _____ Clinic: _____

Airway support / drugs / doses / time: _____

There is no validated medium category. Lower does not mean safe.
Provisional; OAESH confirms admission findings. Not a personal risk %. Less reliable in French Bulldogs. Guide: smallanimalsurgeon.com/brisk-score.

Breathing distress? Seek emergency care now. Do not delay to complete this sheet.

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