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The OFA is pleased to announce the first official BOAS Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS) Screening Clinic

Under license from The Kennel Club and the University of Cambridge

After a successful pilot phase the OFA is pleased to announce the first official BOAS RFGS Screening Clinic:

**Friday and Saturday, January 20-21, 2023
Portland Expo Center
Portland, OR
In conjunction with the Rose City Classic Dog Show Cluster**

Anticipated clinic hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 20th and 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, January 21st.

The screening clinic is limited to Bulldogs, French Bulldogs and Pugs.

All veterinarians conducting RFGS exams have undergone specialized training on the examination and grading protocol.

Specific location of the clinic within the show venue will be available at the show.

As this is the first official RFGS Clinic, the OFA will underwrite BOTH the OFA registration fees and the veterinary exam fees! There is no charge to the owners to include their dogs at this event. At future events the standard OFA registration will be \$15 and the veterinary exam fees will be set by each veterinarian.

Detailed information regarding the exam protocol is available in the RFGS Overview Document, but in summary, exams are expected to last approximately 15 minutes and include a baseline physical exam and respiratory auscultation, a brisk 3 minute walk, and a post exercise respiratory auscultation. The exam is non-invasive and non-stressful.

The registration and exam process is paperless and requires owners to establish an account with OFA Online at: <https://online.ofa.org> where you can pre-register the dog and owner information.

Since this is the first RFGS Screening Clinic, it is difficult to estimate turnout and interest. Because clinic hours are limited, pre-registration using OFA Online is required. Online registration will open on January 3rd, 2023. Initial registrations will be limited to 2 dogs per owner and will be accepted in the order they are received. Owners will be advised if their registrations have been accepted and will be contacted with an estimated time window for their exams. If limits are not reached, additional walk ups will be accepted on the clinic days.

Prior to registration, owners planning on attending the clinic are encouraged to email Eddie Dziuk with the OFA at: edziuk@offa.org and provide information to assist in the upfront planning and scheduling (breed, number of dogs, preferred day, preferred time of day).

Experience from the past pilot events and this first official screening event will be used to schedule additional regional events going forward.

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BOAS Respiratory Function Grade Scheme (RFGS) Registration Process

(Registrations will open the first week of January, 2023)

- Log in to your OFA Online account, or if a new user, register for an OFA Online Account at: <https://online.ofa.org>
- From the owner dashboard, select CREATE NEW APPLICATION
- Enter the dog's information
 - If the dog has an existing OFA record, you may be able to pre-populate many of the fields by entering the registration or microchip numbers and hitting the search icon
- After entering the dog's info, scroll down and select Online Exams
- Select BOAS Respiratory Function Grading Scheme OR the January 20-21 Portland, OR BOAS RFGS Clinic in the Upcoming Health Clinics list
- Complete the brief pre-clinic breathing related health survey for this dog
- Type your name to agree to the BOAS RFGS Terms
- All fees associated with the Portland clinic are being underwritten by the OFA, you will not be required to enter any payment information for this clinic event
- This completes the pre-registration process, you will receive an email confirming registration with a .pdf attachment of the BOAS RFGS exam form
- The OFA will contact you prior to the clinic to confirm participation and to discuss scheduling during the available clinic hours

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