



# Young Pug

*Pugs are an outgoing, even-tempered and animated breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.*

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## Respiratory Disease Syndrome (Brachycephalic Syndrome)

### Description

Dogs with short nosed face shapes (called brachycephalic dogs) can have nostrils that are too small and a trachea (windpipe) that is narrow and undersized. This can lead to a narrow and obstructed airway.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** any brachycephalic breed is predisposed to this condition. Many brachycephalic breeds benefit from a prophylactic surgical procedure, usually while still very young, that corrects many of these anatomical abnormalities. Your veterinarian can help determine the severity of the symptoms and if corrective measure are recommended.

### Why Needed

Respiratory Disease Syndrome can contribute to:

- Dyspnea (difficulty breathing)
- Sleep apnea
- Repeated respiratory infections
- Being prone to heat stroke

## Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca (KCS)

### Description

KCS is an inflammatory disease of the eye where the tear glands no longer produce enough tears to keep the eyes moist. This can progress to excessive discharge, dry eyes, and recurrent eye infections.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** starting at age 2, an annual Schirmer Tear Test to determine tear production.

### Why Needed

KCS can contribute to:

- Pain
- Eye infection
- Eye ulcers
- Vision loss

## Dystocia

### Description

Dystocia means difficulty giving birth. In dogs like Pugs, this usually means C-sections are required for giving birth, which can be dangerous for your dog.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** spaying your Pug. We do not recommend casually breeding these dogs because there is a much higher risk of death to the puppies and mother than in other breeds, and it is likely to be very costly.

### Why Needed

Dystocia can contribute to:

- The need for C-section birth
- Increased risk of death to mother and puppies

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