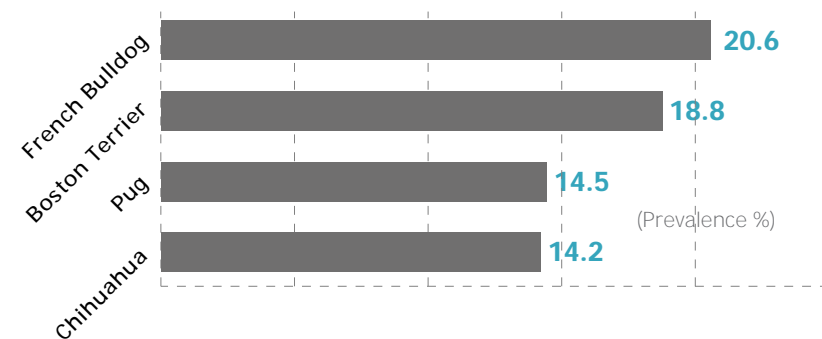


Difficulty giving birth in dogs

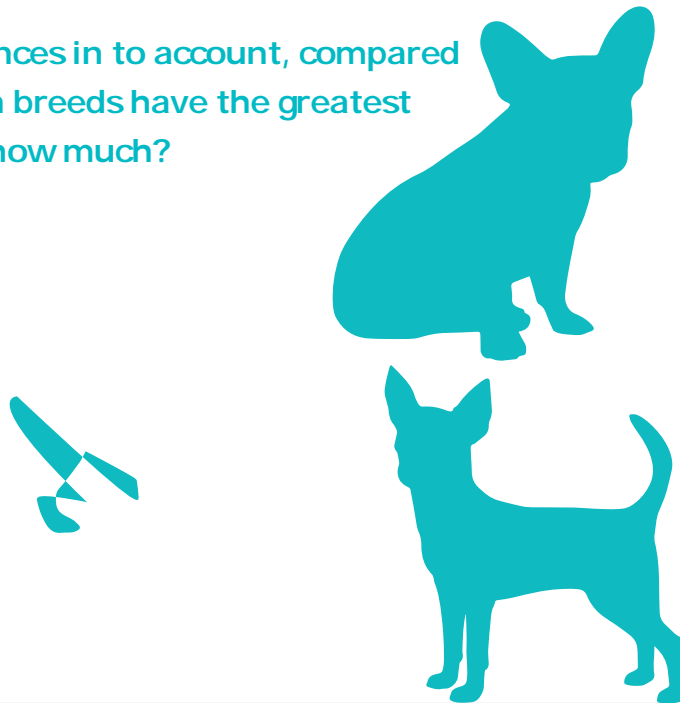
This study evaluated the frequency and risk factors for dystocia (difficulty giving birth) in bitches in the UK.

Which breeds have the highest prevalence of dystocia?



Overall, dystocia affected 3.7% of entire bitches presenting to emergency clinics in the UK

After taking age differences in to account, compared with crossbreeds, which breeds have the greatest risk of dystocia and by how much?



OTHER RISK FACTORS

Older bitches are at greatest risk. Bitches aged 3.0 to 5.9 years were 3 times more likely to present with dystocia than bitches under 3 years.

CONCLUSION

This study included 701 dystocia cases from 18,758 bitches attending 50 Vets Now emergency veterinary clinics in the UK. O'Neill, D.G. et al. (2017) "[Canine dystocia in 50 UK first-opinion emergency-care veterinary practices: prevalence and risk factors](#)" [Veterinary Record \(RVC repository\)](#)