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Outlawing Dog Breeds to Extinction

By John Mays, ACCA

In our last issue, we featured a dog breed that has a special place in my life, the Boston Terrier. As you know, the BT is a brachycephalic breed, which can lead to several physical issues, to include brachycephalic airway syndrome (BAS). BAS refers to a particular set of upper airway abnormalities that affect brachycephalic dogs. Per VCAhospitals.com, this syndrome is also called brachycephalic respiratory syndrome, brachycephalic syndrome, or congenital obstructive upper airway disease. The upper airway abnormalities that occur in this syndrome include:

* Stenotic nares. Dogs with stenotic nares have abnormally narrowed or small nostrils; the narrowing restricts the amount of air that can flow into the nostrils.

* Extended nasopharyngeal turbinates. Nasopharyngeal turbinates are ridges of bone covered by tissue that help humidify and warm air that is inhaled. When these

extend past the nose into the pharynx (the area behind the nose and mouth), they cause variable amounts of airflow obstruction.

* Elongated soft palate. A dog with an elongated soft palate (the soft part of the roof of the mouth) has a soft palate that is too long for the length of the mouth; the excess length partially blocks the entrance to the trachea (windpipe) at the back of the throat.

* Laryngeal collapse. Laryngeal collapse is caused by the chronic stress placed on the cartilage of the larynx by other features of brachycephalic airway syndrome. Eventually, the larynx (voice box) is not able to open as wide as normal, causing further restriction in airflow.

* Everted laryngeal sacculles. The laryngeal sacculles are small sacs or pouches that are located just inside the larynx; these sacculles evert (turn outwards) or are sucked into the airway by pressure associated with

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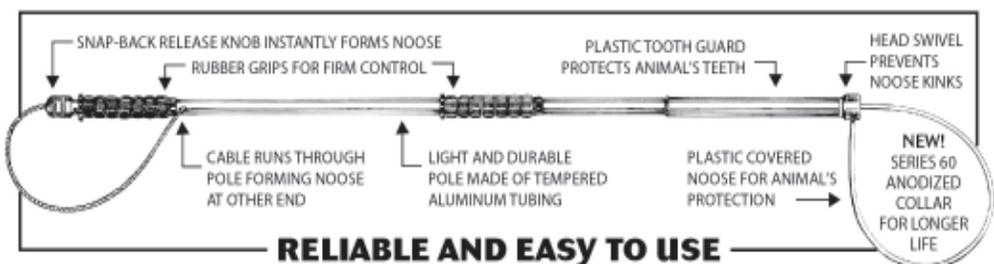
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the increased respiratory effort caused by the stenotic nares and/or the elongated soft palate. Everted laryngeal sacculles will further obstruct airway flow.

* Hypoplastic trachea. A hypoplastic trachea means that the trachea has a smaller diameter than normal.

An individual dog with brachycephalic syndrome may be affected by a combination of one or more of these abnormalities. In addition, brachycephalic airway syndrome has been linked to changes in the lungs, as well as in the gastrointestinal tract, including bronchial collapse, gastroesophageal reflux, and chronic gastritis. In bronchial collapse, the bronchi (the airways that connect the trachea to deeper airways of the lungs) weaken and collapse, causing further obstruction. Gastroesophageal reflux occurs when intestinal fluids flow back into the esophagus (the tube that connects the throat to the stomach).

Because of these concerns, the future of some short-muzzled dog breeds may be in jeopardy. Several countries have started to look at ways to reduce the numbers of breeds that we have - more specifically, enact anti-brachycephalic laws.

Norway and the Netherlands have recently led the way. The Dutch Kennel Club became the first such organization in the world to end the registration for 12 brachycephalic breeds. These breeds include English and French bulldogs, pugs, cavalier King Charles spaniels (CKCS), and Boston Terriers. The reproduction of English bulldogs and the CKCS is now banned in Norway, with courts ruling that it breaches existing animal welfare legislation. The ruling's implication for imports also is being considered. The Norwegian government has been willing in the past to ban importation of certain breeds.

Anti-brachycephalic laws are beginning to crop up in other countries as well. Animal welfare supporters hope the latest ruling in Norway will be a catalyst for rule changes in other countries, such as the United States and the United Kingdom. As a supporter of the breed, (I am not a breeder; in fact, three of the four Boston Terriers that I have owned in my lifetime were adopted from an animal shelter), I am outraged over this government overreach. Such legislation could mean the end of many breeds. In addition, these health concerns, which are the basis of enacting these laws, are not simply limited to brachycephalic breeds. Think about it - it is not just Boston Terriers that fall within the brachycephalic breeds, per the American Kennel Club:

* Affenpinscher - Sometimes called "monkey dogs," Affenpinschers are confident, curious, and often seem

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almost humanlike. These small dogs resemble Star Wars Ewoks and Wookies. Affenpinschers have a reputation for being both loyal and entertaining.

* Boxer - Active and loyal, Boxers are naturally protective of their home and families and need positive socialization with lots of people and other animals early in life. Boxers are often known to be a bit silly, but are also alert and energetic.

* Bulldog - This is one of the most easily identified breeds. The Bulldog's rolling gait, wrinkled head, pushed-in nose, flat face, and undershot jaw make them an endearing companion.

* Brussels Griffon - Weighing in at 5-15 pounds, the Brussels Griffon is a tiny but fun dog. Known for its big personality that's also very humanlike, this breed is alert, social, energetic, and very trainable.

* Bullmastiff - One of the largest breeds, the Bullmastiff is a strong guardian that is highly protective of their home and family. Bullmastiffs were developed by crossing Bulldogs and Mastiffs. This intelligent and alert dog is very trainable and loyal.

* Boston Terriers - Easily identified by their classic "tuxedo" coat pattern, the Boston Terrier is curious and mischievous. This people-oriented breed is a lively and active companion that boasts the nickname "The American Gentleman."

* Cane Corso - Assertive and confident are two words often used to describe the Cane Corso. This breed is a natural protector that dates back to the Roman empire. Alert and powerful, Cane Corsos are loyal and extremely trainable. This large guardian breed will naturally be very protective of its home and family, making early training and socialization important.

* Chow Chow - Originating in ancient China, the Chow Chow is a distinctive breed known for its blue-black tongue and lion-like mane and coat. Chow Chows are clean and fastidious dogs that are aloof with strangers and loyal and devoted to their families.

* Dogue de Bordeaux - This giant breed was first developed in France and has the proportionately largest head of all dog breeds. Known as sensitive and yet stubborn, the Dogue de Bordeaux is loyal and protective and excels with training.

* English Toy Spaniel - In England, the English Toy Spaniel is called the King Charles Spaniel, not to be confused with the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, a separate breed. English Toy Spaniels have a flatter face than their Cavalier cousins.

* French Bulldog - One of the most popular breeds, the charismatic French Bulldog has a distinctive appear-

ance. With large, bat-shaped ears and a sweet temperament, the French Bulldog is alert, affectionate, playful, and adaptable. These dogs do well living in cities, which has only increased their popularity.

* Japanese Chin - As the name implies, this breed originated in Japan. With a silky coat and big eyes, the Japanese Chin is known for its perpetual "look of astonishment" and is an affectionate lapdog. This is a dog who loves spending time with their people and is known to be quiet, graceful, and easy to live with.

* Lhasa Apso - This breed dates back more than a thousand years to Tibet. The Lhasa Apsos are known for their long floor-length coat and require regular grooming. Originally, they were indoor guardians in the palaces and monasteries. Still maintaining those alert tendencies, this confident and small breed is known to be aloof with strangers but very affectionate with families.

* Pekingese - Charming and confident, this is a confident, small dog that bonds closely with family. Originally developed to live in palaces, the Pekingese is a regal dog with a lion-like mane. Pekingese are excellent watchdogs and known for being very opinionated.

* Pug - A highly recognizable breed, the Pug was originally bred to be a companion to the Chinese emperors. Pugs are extremely expressive and are known to amuse their families with their mischievous antics. These little dogs are very playful and active by nature, and bond closely with their people.

* Shih Tzu - Lively and affectionate, the Shih Tzu was also bred to live within royal palaces. A loyal companion, the breed is ideal for small homes or apartments. Friendly dogs that do well with children, Shih Tzus are ideal lapdogs and known for their loyalty and sweet expressions.

From an Animal Control Officer perspective, I can certainly accept the demise of the Chow Chow breed (you know what I am talking about). However, any dog breed, including the dreaded Chow Chow, should not be forced into oblivion simply because of government overreach. I think we all agree, especially in this day and age, we've simply had enough of government regulations and restrictions influencing our daily lives. Now our governments want to push brachycephalic laws. If you own one of the dogs on the aforementioned list, we need to be strong advocates for our best friends - our profession needs to stand-up and protect these breeds from extinction.

Sources for this article include: VCAhospitals.com; Today's Veterinary Practices, Simon R. Platt; The American Kennel Club, Brachycephalic Breeds.



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Re: Anti-Brachycephalic Breed Legislation

The Officers, Board of Directors and Membership of the Boston Terrier Club of America are extremely concerned about the spread of anti-brachycephalic breed legislation in several countries. The effect of this legislation would put an end to the purebred Boston Terrier where enacted. There appears to be an opinion that Boston Terriers are incapable of leading normal, productive lives. We, as the Boston Terrier Club of America completely reject this notion. Boston Terriers, bred to the standards of the Boston Terrier Club of America and the American Kennel Club, consistently excel in dog sports requiring speed, agility and endurance. As evidence of this fact we ask you to watch the following short video presentation:

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This video shows eight wonderful Boston Terriers competing at the highest levels of American dog sports. We could show you hundreds more of our breed running at speed and for considerable distance. The typical, well-bred Boston Terrier is truly a versatile, athletic dog.

We ask you to consider these facts in your future actions regarding our breed, the Boston Terrier.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L (Charlie) Leavitt III

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Membership

Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc

Remembering Darlene Larson

Darlene Anne (Wohler) Larson, 78, died on October 17, 2022.

“She had entered hospice after extended hospital care following surgery,” longtime friend Bob Marotto announced via Facebook.

On October 3, 1944 in Lewistown, Montana, Darlene was born 55 minutes after her twin brother David Allen, the sixth of seven children born to Leo and Gladys Wohler Sr. The family moved to Billings in 1945 and the seventh child John was born. A larger home was now a necessity, so the clan moved into the fabled historic home at 301 Clark Avenue.

Unfortunately, the family met tragedy on June 23, 1950 as father Leo's commercial flight from New York went missing over Lake Michigan and was never located. Darlene's father, Leo Wohler, had managed the Vaughn & Ragsdale clothing store in Billings since May 1934. Having attended a buyer's event in New York City, Leo, then 43, boarded Northwest Airlines Flight 2501 bound for Seattle.

The Douglas DC-4 aircraft, a converted military C-54 converted to civilian use after World War II, built in 1943, was then the biggest civilian airliner in use at that time. The flight was to make a stopover in Minneapolis. Reaching the edge of Lake Michigan, pilot Robert C. Lind, 35, radioed for permission to drop from his cruising altitude of 3,500 feet to 2,500, due to approaching thunderstorms and turbulence. His request was denied because another flight was already in the area.

The storm had knocked out the electricity serving a restaurant and gas station in Glenn, Michigan. Owner William Bowie and his wife, along with two customers, testified that they saw the DC-4 descending with apparently malfunctioning engines, then a bright flash of light.

Six months of extensive searching by the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, and volunteers failed to discover anything but palm-sized fragments of the DC-4 and the 58 occupants, whose remains were buried in at least two separate

mass graves.

Darlene served as the Public Information Director for the National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy, and was an instructor with the NACA Level I Academy. While serving as president of the National Animal Control Association (she was elected in May 1993 in Fort Worth, Texas), she was instrumental in setting curriculum and partnering with the Law Enforcement Training Institute with the University of Missouri to establish the NACA training academies. Teaching and education had always been a focus in her work. She taught clinical pathology to veterinary technician students at

North Dakota State University and science classes in junior and senior high schools before becoming the Superintendent of Animal Control for the Billings Police Department.

Darlene graduated from the University of Montana - Billings, with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and was honored by that institution in 1992 as Alumni of the Year for exceptional contribution to the community. Darlene also has national certification in medical technology and cytotechnology.

She was a founder of the Montana Animal Control Association and the training academy associated with the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. She made presentations at NACA, the National Dog Wardens' Association

(United Kingdom), American Humane Association Leadership Training, Montana Animal Control Association and the Washington Animal Control Association.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Bobi and brother-law Dwight Galloway, her first husband James Cann and sister-in-law Margaret Larson. She is survived by her husband Gary Larson of New London, MN, her son Bryan Cann of Missoula, MT, and daughter Tiffany (Tom) (Larson) Smith of Seattle, WA, her siblings Leona (Charles) Barnes and Dorothy (Sidney) Sutherland both of Calder, ID, Leo (Diana) Wohler of Billings, MT, David Wohler of Carmel, IN, John (Linda) Wohler of San Antonio, TX.



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