



Respiratory Function Grading (RFG) Scheme Entry Criteria for Crufts 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the RFG Scheme, and why is it required for Crufts 2026?

The RFG Scheme is a health screening assessment designed to evaluate the respiratory function of Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, and Pugs. This requirement aims to ensure that dog shows remain an effective platform to monitor and improve dog health.

2. Which dogs are required to have a valid RFG Scheme certificate?

All Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, and Pugs exceeding 14 calendar months on the first day of the show must have a valid RFG Scheme certificate to attend. Dogs under 14 calendar months on the first day of the show are exempt from this requirement. Dogs 7 years or older on the first day of the show are not required to have a certificate dated within the last 24 months. However, they must have undergone at least one RFG Scheme assessment in their lifetime. If no prior assessment has been completed, the dog must obtain one before entering the show.

3. What does “valid” mean for an RFG Scheme certificate?

A valid RFG Scheme certificate must be dated within 24 months of the first day of the show.

4. Are there any entry restriction for Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, and Pugs?

Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, and Pugs with a Grade 2 or 3 assessment will not be permitted to enter the show.

5. How do exhibitors submit their RFG Scheme certificates?

Exhibitors must upload their RFG Scheme certificate to their Fosse Data account and complete the requested information. The Kennel Club will validate the certificate, and exhibitors will be notified if it has been approved or rejected. Certificates that have already been approved and are still in date do not need to be re-uploaded.

To upload a certificate, navigate to the **‘My Account’** section on the Fosse Data website and select **‘Upload RFG Certificate.’** Follow the on-screen instructions, an example is shown below for your reference.

Upload RFG Certificate

[Back To My Account](#)
[Back to Owners & Dogs](#)

You are uploading a new RFG certificate for your dog. To continue, check that the correct dog's details show below and upload your certificate and enter the certificate's expiry date - or [find out more about RFG Certification](#).

Kennel Club Registered Name of Dog	Flashpan Tiern Runal Clift
Kennel Club Registration Number	XX12345678
Sex	Dog
Date Of Birth	20 November 2018
Breed	Bulldog
RFG Certificate Status	Uploaded RFG Certificate pending approval (since 12 Nov 2024)

Upload New RFG Certificate

Note #1: The file you upload must be a .JPG, .JPEG, .PNG format image or a .PDF file of the certificate.

Note #2: Please ensure the image/file is clear and also that the certificate's details match your dog's details above.

 No file chosen

When Does The Certificate Expire

6. How long does it take to validate an uploaded certificate?

Certificates will typically be reviewed and validated within 48 working hours. However, exhibitors uploading certificates close to the entry deadline may experience longer processing times due to high demand.

7. How do I obtain a copy of my dogs RFG Scheme certificate?

A copy of the RFG Scheme assessment certificate should have been given or emailed to you at the time of your assessment. If you have misplaced or can not locate the certificate, please contact health@thekennelclub.org.uk for a free digital copy.

8. What happens if a certificate is not uploaded or approved in time for the entry deadline?

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to upload their certificates as early as possible to allow sufficient time for validation. Delays in uploading certificates close to the entry deadline may result in missed opportunities to complete the entry process.

9. Can exhibitors proceed with entry if their certificate is still under review?

No. Exhibitors can only proceed with their entry once their certificate has been validated and approved by The Kennel Club.

10. Are overseas exhibitors subject to the same requirements?

Yes, international exhibitors must meet the same standards and upload a certificate prior to making an entry. Assessments conducted in RFG Scheme licensed countries by approved assessors will be accepted. For a list of licensed countries, visit: [Respiratory Function Grading Scheme | Health | The Kennel Club](#) or email: health@thekennelclub.org.uk.

11. What if my dog receives a Grade 2 or 3 assessment?

Dogs graded as Grade 2 or 3 will not be permitted to attend or compete in the show. If this occurs during an assessment after entry or at the event, the exhibitor must withdraw their entry.

12. Are other international assessments or a letter signed by my vet accepted?

No, only assessments conducted under the Kennel Club/University of Cambridge Respiratory Function Grading (RFG) Scheme will be accepted. These assessments must be carried out by an approved assessor either in the UK or in a licensed country. A letter or other international assessment signed by a veterinarian, regardless of assessment type or location, will not meet the entry criteria.

For a list of RFG Scheme licensed countries and UK approved assessors, please visit the [Respiratory Function Grading Scheme](#) webpage or contact health@thekennelclub.org.uk for further assistance.

13. Are dogs aged 12–14 months required to have an RFG Scheme assessment?

No, dogs aged 12–14 months are exempt from the mandatory requirement. However, exhibitors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the testing facilities at Crufts.

14. Do Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, and Pugs not competing in breed showing still require an RFG Scheme assessment?

Yes, all Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, and Pugs exceeding 14 calendar months on the first day of the show, whether competing in breed showing, participating in other disciplines, or simply present at the event, will require a valid RFG Scheme assessment.

15. Where can I find the complete entry criteria?

The full entry criteria are included in the official Crufts 2026 schedule and can be provided by The Kennel Club's health team upon request.

16. Who can I contact for more information or assistance?

For questions or support, please email the Kennel Club's health and breeding team at health@thekennelclub.org.uk