

## Correct muzzle length in a French Bulldog & CFR:

FCI Breed Standard:

### Important proportions:

**The length of muzzle is about 1/6 of the total length of the head.**

When comparing that to the new regulations in Holland we have to make a few things clear:  
The breed standard states "... length of the muzzle ..." and "1/6 of the total length of the head"

Two things in the definitions are different from the new regulations:

1. The breed standard says: "muzzle", the new regulations say: "tip of the nose to the stop". That seems to be a small difference, however; it makes a lot of difference. Fig. 1 illustrates that clearly.
2. The breed standard compares the muzzle (including the nose) to: "the total length of the head", the new regulations say that the length of the nose should be compared to the cranial region. That is only *part* of the head. Again; big difference. Fig. 1 also illustrates this.

The breed standard is pretty clear; 1/6 and 5/6 make up the total length of the head (i.e. 6/6).

The new regulations demand a calculation and a more difficult way of measurement; they demand a CFR, meaning **CranioFacial Ratio**.

A ratio between the length from the tip of the nose divided by the cranial length.

The cranial length should be measured following the dome of the skull, from the stop to the occiput, also see Fig. 1.

So for a French Bulldog with a correct head according to the standard that means:

**CFR = 1 (length from the tip of the nose to the stop) / 10 (cranial length) = 0.1**

a typical French Bulldog will have a CFR somewhere close to 0.1. Give or take a little bit depending on the layback of the nose.

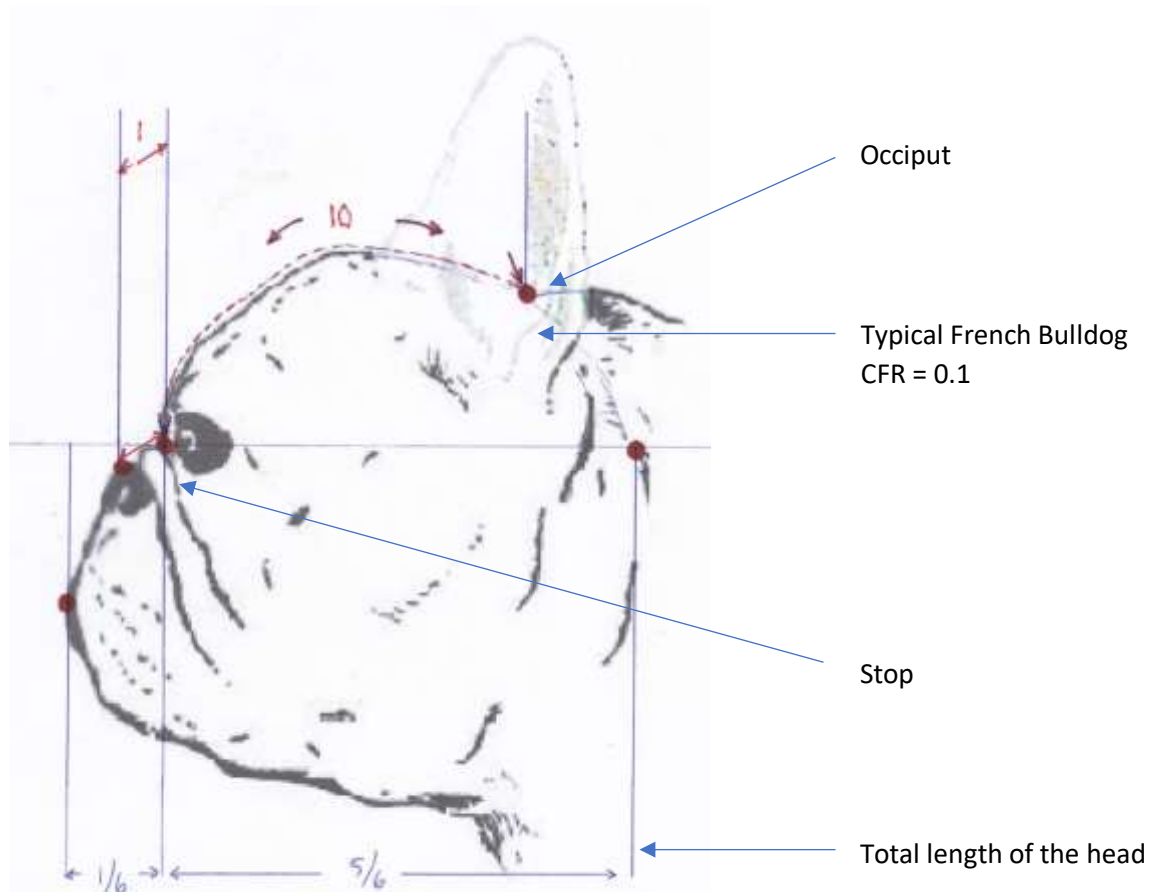
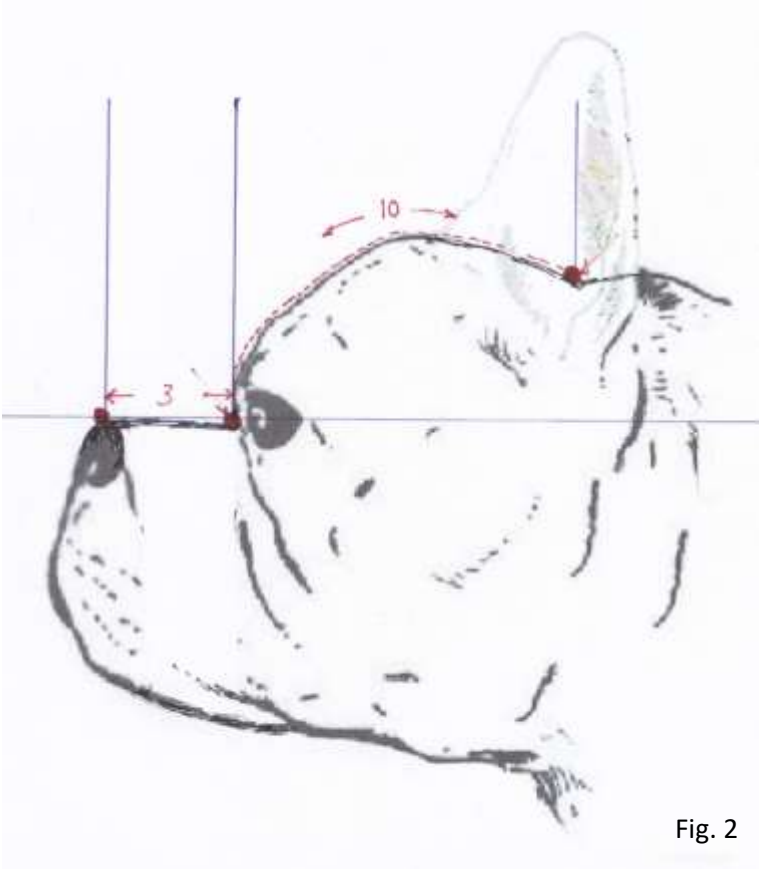


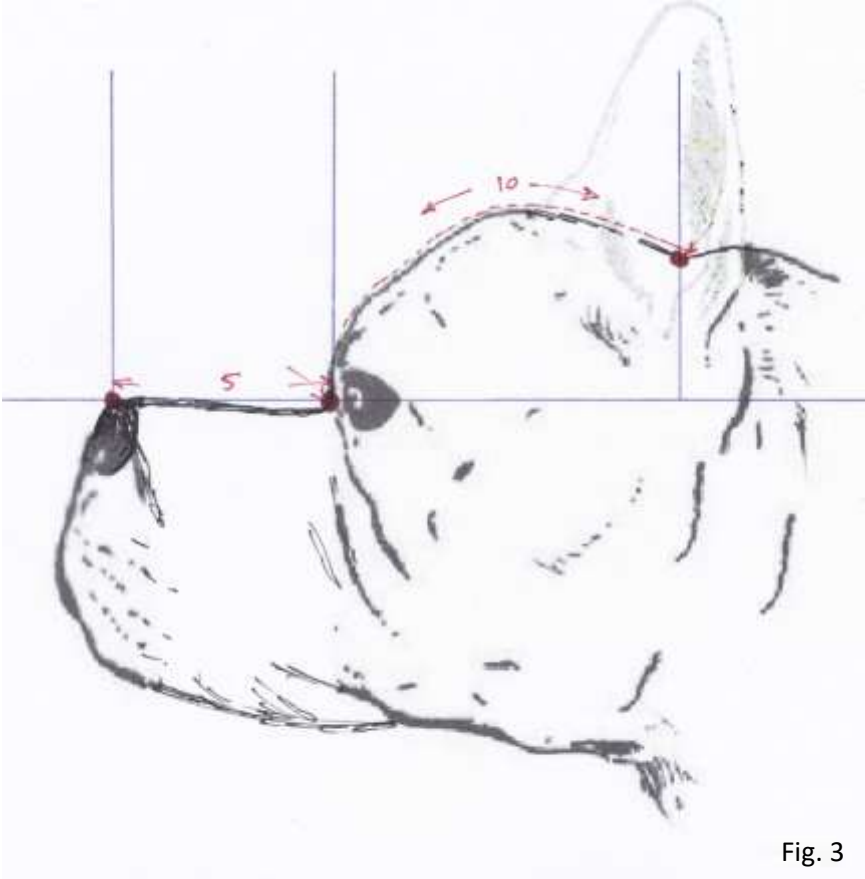
Fig. 1

So, what does that mean when you look at a French Bulldog with a CFR of 0,3 and 0,5?

Fig. 2 represents a French Bulldog with a CFR of 0,3, Fig. 3 represents 0,5.



$$CFR = 3/10 = 0.3$$



$$CFR = 5/10 = 0.5$$

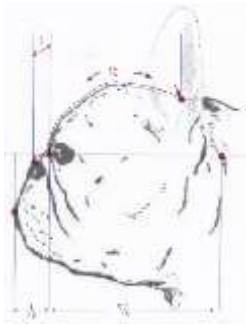
## Issuing pedigrees in Holland from 18-05-2020

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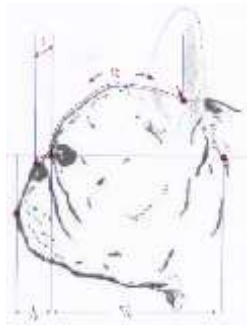
When will our national kennel club (Raad van Beheer) issue pedigrees?

AND remember:

there is NO law that states our kennel club has to do this, they did this by their own decision.

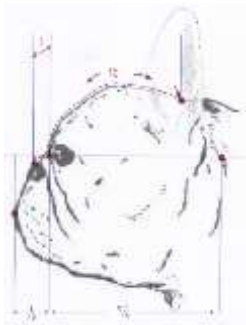


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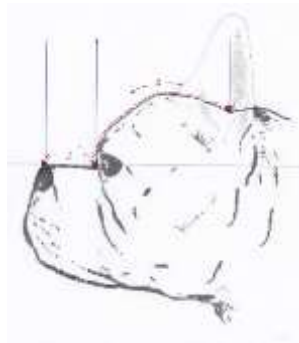


**CFR of parents:  $< 0.3 \times < 0.3$ : not allowed**

**No FCI pedigree, maybe a parental certificate (that is still under debate)**

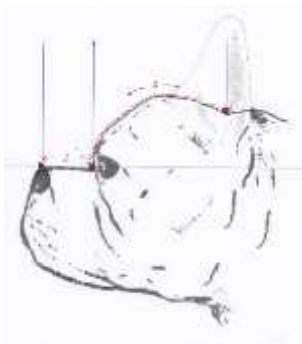


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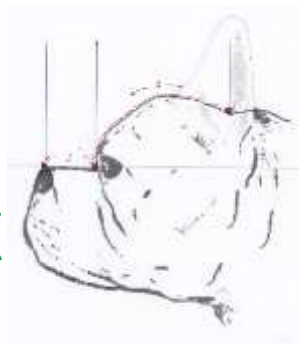


**CFR of parents:  $< 0.3 \times > 0.3$ : allowed**

**(temporarily; +/- 2 generations)  
Full pedigrees issued**



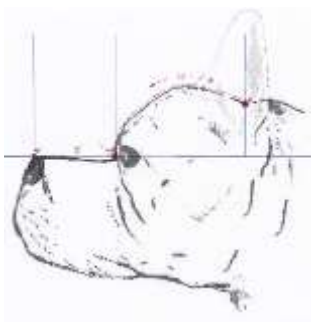
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**CFR of parents:  $> 0.3 \times > 0.3$ : allowed**

**Full pedigrees issued**

And even the last combination ( $0.3 \times 0.3$ ) by law is only temporarily allowed. For approximately 2 or 3 generations. In the end only this will be allowed:



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