



Frenchie Challenges

We can all agree, Frenchies are stinkin' cute! But, did you know that these short-snout sweeties also exhibit unique neurological issues due to several factors? Here are a few key things to keep in mind:

- If a Frenchie **acts like it has back pain** (decreased activity, not wanting to jump or play, etc.) put it in a crate and get to the vet ASAP.
- **Paralysis** is a surgical emergency in a Frenchie!
- Frenchie's back issues tend to accelerate/worsen much more rapidly than other breeds. If your Frenchie has been diagnosed with a **suspected disc issue**, referral to a neurologist ASAP is indicated.
- **Seizures** in a dog greater than 6 years of age is likely not epilepsy. Consider referral to a neurologist for advice.
- **Change in behavior** (circling, decreased vision, loss of balance, falling, etc) may be indicative of encephalitis or other serious brain issue in a Frenchie. Consider referral to a neurologist ASAP.

Tips to keep in mind:

- **Get Pet Insurance** - Trust us, it will come in handy with your Frenchie friend!
- **Crate train/playpen train starting at an early age**, this way they will be comfortable in an enclosed environment if medical issues arise that require them to be crated in the future.

If you notice any of these issues, or other neurological indicators present in your patients, SCAN is here to help! Please don't hesitate to contact our team of neurological experts at any time.

