

Report from the Kennel Club/  
British Small Animal Veterinary Association  
Scientific Committee

Summary results of the  
Purebred Dog Health Survey  
for the Hamiltonstovare breed

Warning: The results of this survey and particularly the breed-specific analyses should be interpreted with caution. The overall response rate was only 24% with breed-specific response rates from 4.5% to 64.7%.

## The Hamiltonstovare breed

A total of 60 forms were sent out and 15 were returned, representing 56 live dogs. This breed had a 25.0% response rate (15/60) and it represented 0.11% of all returns (15/13,741).

### Mortality data

A total of 6 deaths were reported and this represents 0.04% of all deaths reported in the survey (6/15,881). The median age at death for the Hamiltonstovare breed was 10 years and 2 months (min = 3 years and 8 months, max = 16 years and 1 month) and this was lower than the overall median of 11 years and 3 months (Figure 1). Table 1 shows the causes of death for the Hamiltonstovare breed. Age at death is presented for the most common causes of death (Figure 2).

Table 1. Causes of death by organ system/category for the Hamiltonstovare breed.

Cause of death	N	%	Most common specific causes in descending order
1 Old age	3	50.0	Old age
2 Cancer	2	33.3	Type unspecified (liver, lung)
3 Trauma	1	16.7	Road traffic accident
Total	6	100.0	

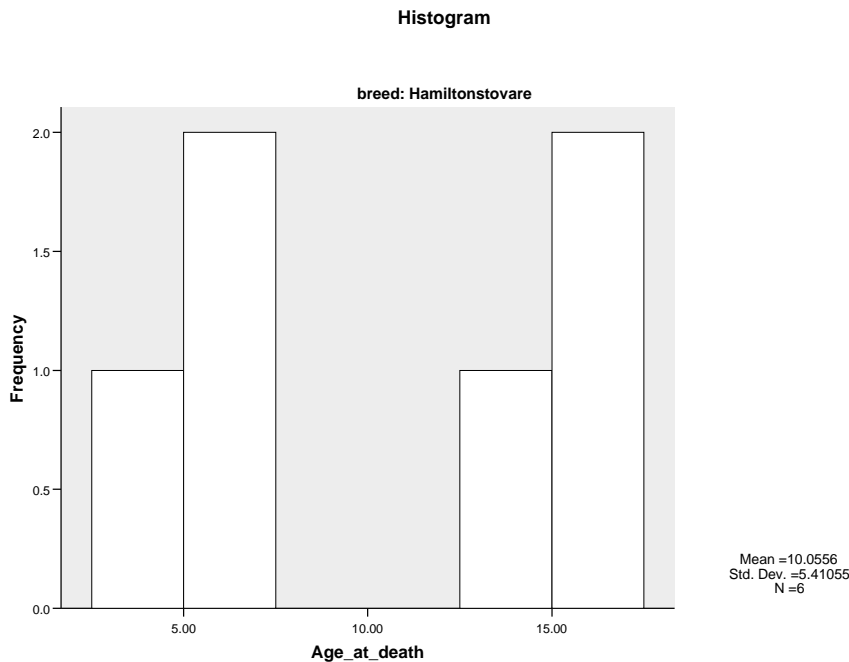


Figure 1. Histogram showing the frequency (as number of dogs) of age at death (in years) for the 6 Hamiltonstovare deaths with age at death reported.

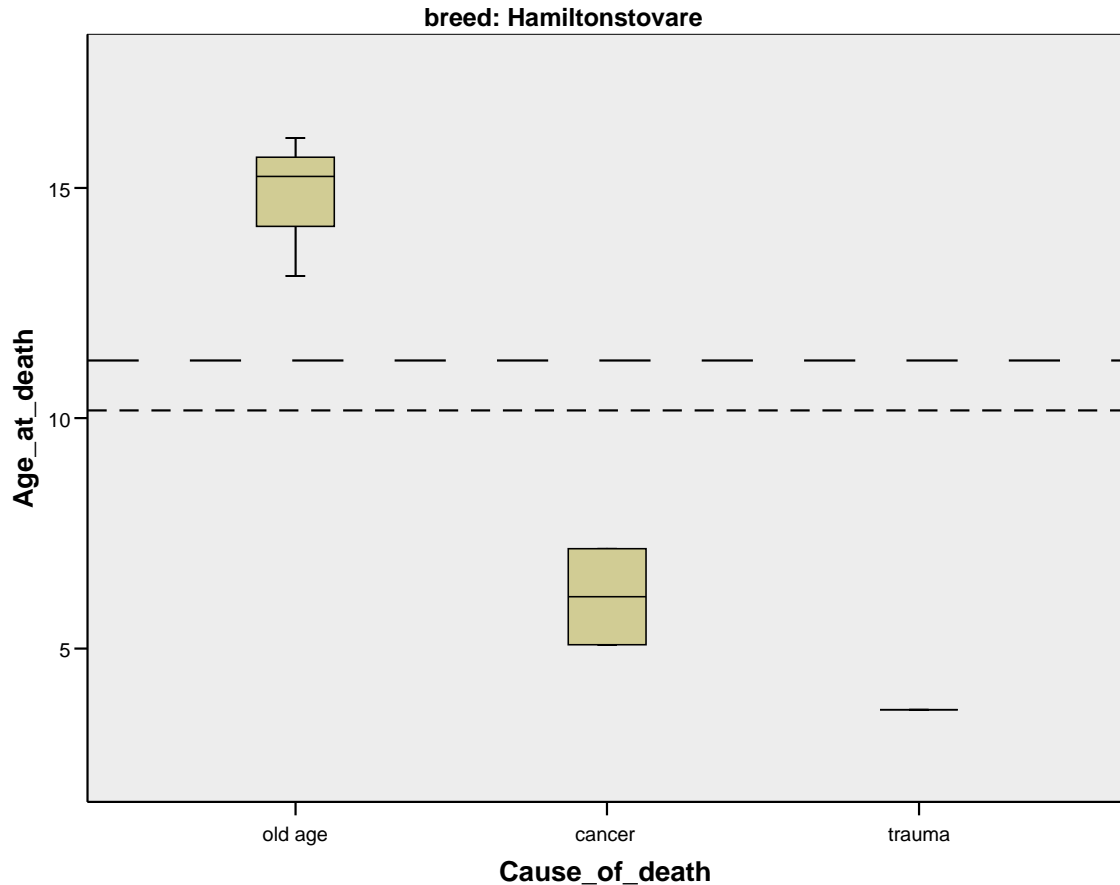


Figure 2. Box and whisker plot of age at death in years for the most common causes of death in the Hamiltonstovare breed (N=6). The dashed line (---) is the overall median age at death for all dogs in the survey and the dotted line (----) is the overall median age of death for the Hamiltonstovare breed. The solid line within each grey box represents the median age at death from the condition.

### Morbidity data

The median current age of the 56 live dogs with a reported age was 4 years and 9 months (min=3 months, max=15 years and 6 months, Figure 3). Health information was reported for 56 live dogs of which 47 (84%) were healthy and 9 (16%) had at least one reported health condition, resulting in a total of 13 reported conditions with a median of 1 condition/dog (min=1, max=3).

The median current age of all healthy dogs with a reported age (N=47) was 4 years and 8 months (min=3 months, max=15 years and 6 months). The distribution of gender and neuter status is shown in Table 2.

The median current age of all dogs with one or more disease conditions and a reported age (N=9) was 6 years and 10 months (min=1 year and 11 months, max=12 years and 1 month). The median age at diagnosis for all disease occurrences with a reported age at diagnosis (N=13) was 3 years (min= 5 months, max= 11 years, Figure 4). Table 3 shows the disease conditions for the Hamiltonstovare breed. Age at diagnosis is presented for the most common disease conditions (Figure 5).

Table 2. Distribution of gender and neuter status for the 56 Hamiltonstovare breed with reported gender and neuter status.

Gender	Neuter status		Totals
	Intact	Neutered	
Female	24	5	29 (52%)
Male	27	0	27 (48%)
Totals	51 (91%)	5 (9%)	56 (100%)

Significantly more females were neutered (P=0.0238).

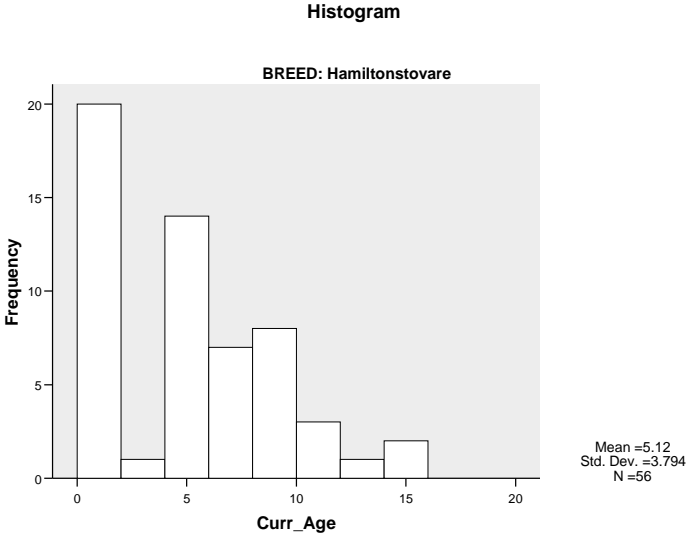


Figure 3. Histogram showing frequency of current age in years for the 56 live Hamiltonstovare breed with age reported.

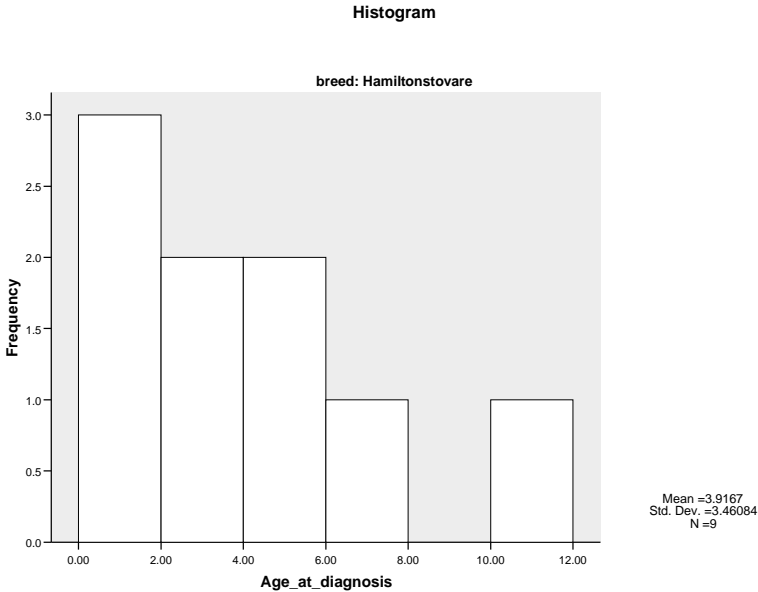


Figure 4. Histogram showing frequency of age at diagnosis for the 9 Hamiltonstovare breed with one or more disease conditions, using the youngest age at which a disease condition was first reported for those dogs with more than one disease condition or episode.

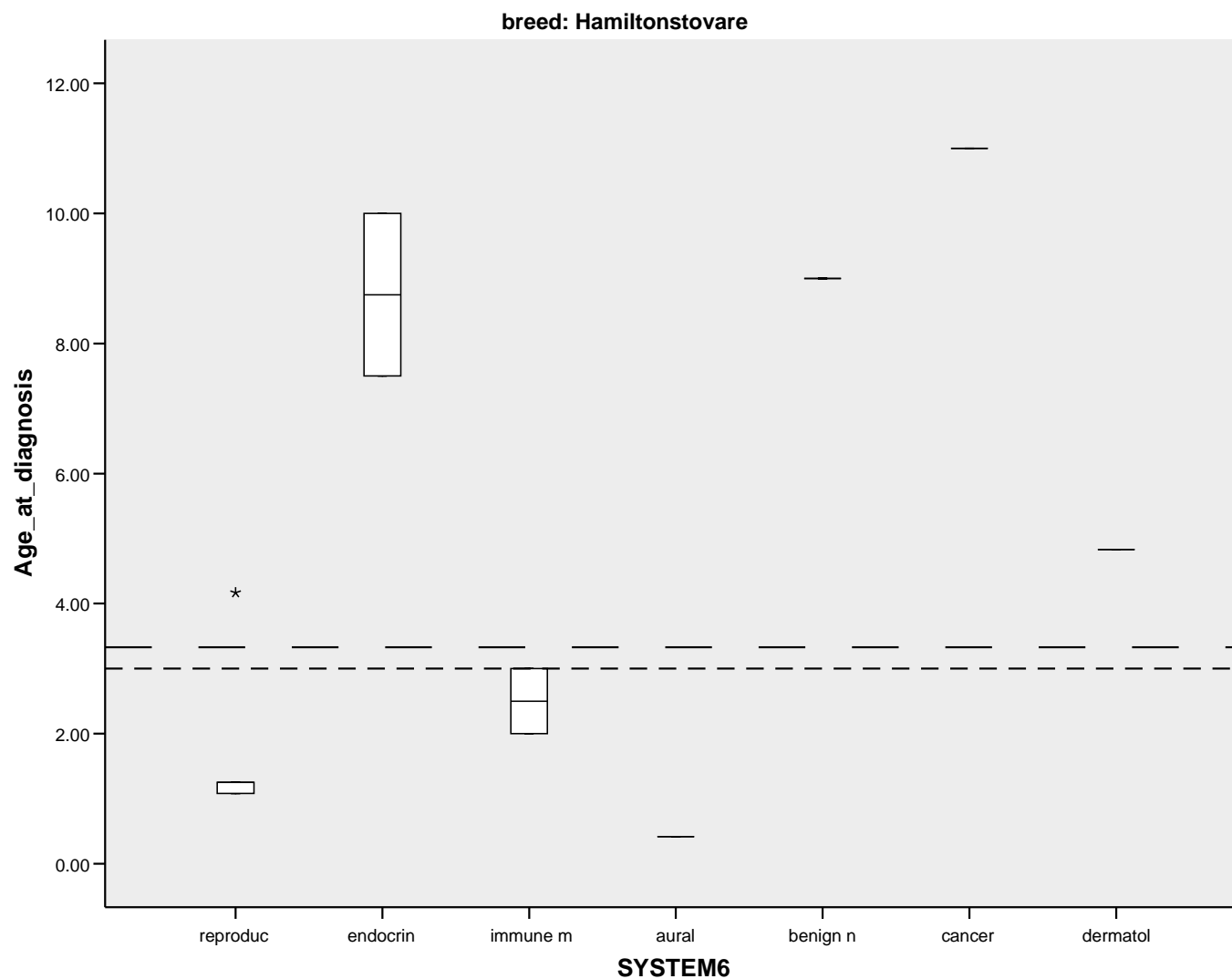


Figure 5. Box and whisker plot of age at diagnosis in years for the most common disease conditions in descending order for the Hamiltonstovare breed (N=9 dogs with 13 conditions with age reported). The dashed line (---) is the overall median age at diagnosis for all dogs in the survey and the dotted line (----) is the overall median age at diagnosis for the Hamiltonstovare breed. The solid line within each grey box represents the median age at diagnosis from the condition.

Table 3. Disease conditions by organ system/category for the Hamiltonstovare breed.

Disease condition	All conditions		Most common specific conditions in descending order
	N	%	
1 Reproductive	5	38.5	False pregnancy; vaginitis
2 Endocrine	2	15.4	Diabetes mellitus
3 Immune mediated	2	15.4	Food hypersensitivity
4 Aural	1	7.7	Excessive ear wax
5 Benign neoplasia	1	7.7	Lipoma
6 Cancer	1	7.7	Type unspecified
7 Dermatologic	1	7.7	Panniculitis
Total	13	100.0	