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Report from the Kennel Club/British Small Animal  
Veterinary Association Scientific Committee  
on the Purebred Dog Health Survey:

Results for  
Australian Silky Terriers

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### Australian Silky Terriers

A total of 37 forms were sent out and 7 were returned, representing 22 live dogs. This breed had a 18.9 % response rate (7/37) and it represented 0.05% of all returns (7/13,741).

#### **Mortality data**

A total of 3 deaths were reported and this represents 0.02 % of all deaths reported in the survey (3/15,881). The median age at death for Australian Silky Terriers was 14 years and 3 months (min = 11 years and 1 month, max = 15 years and 4 months) and this was higher than the overall median of 11 years and 3 months. Table 1 shows the causes of death and age at death for Australian Silky Terriers.

Table 1. Causes of death by organ system/category for Australian Silky Terriers.

Cause of death	No. of deaths	% of deaths	Age at death
1 Cancer	1	33.3	15 years and 4 months
2 Old age	1	33.3	14 years and 3 months
3 Trauma – attacked by dog	1	33.3	11 years and 1 month
Total	3	100.0	

#### **Morbidity data**

The median current age of the 22 live dogs with a reported age was 4 years and 3 months (min=7 months, max=13 years and 7 months, Figure 1). Health information was reported for 22 live dogs of which 21 (95%) were healthy and 1 (5%) had at least one reported health condition, resulting in a total of 2 reported conditions with a median of 2 conditions/dog (min=2, max=2).

The median current age of all healthy dogs with a reported age (N=21) was 4 years and 3 months (min=7 months, max=13 years and 7 months). The distribution of gender and neuter status is shown in Table 2.

The current age of the one Australian Silky Terrier with one or more disease conditions and a reported age was 4 years and 8 months and the age at diagnosis for the one disease occurrence with a reported age at diagnosis was 3 years and 4 months. Table 3 shows the disease conditions for Australian Silky Terriers.

Table 2. Distribution of gender and neuter status for 22 Australian Silky Terriers with reported gender and neuter status.

Gender	Neuter status		Totals
	Intact	Neutered	
Female	10	4	14 (64%)
Male	7	1	8 (36%)
Totals	17 (77%)	5 (23%)	22 (100%)

There was no association between gender and neuter status (P=0.4).

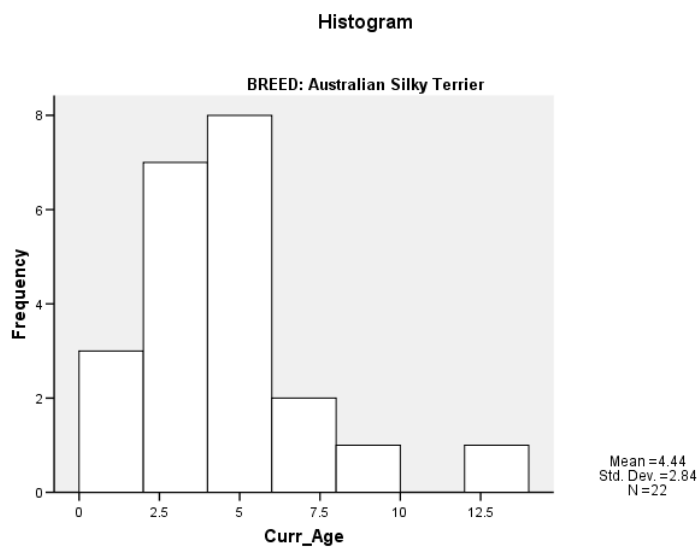


Figure 1. Histogram showing frequency of current age in years for the 22 live Australian Silky Terriers with age reported.

Table 3. Disease conditions by organ system/category for Australian Silky Terriers.

Disease condition	All conditions		Prevalence	Age at diagnosis
	N	%	%	
1 Ocular - epiphora	1	50.0	4.55	
2 Respiratory – kennel cough	1	50.0	4.55	3 years and 4 months
Total	2	100.0	9.09	