



**THE KENNEL CLUB
DOG HEALTH**

Australian Cattle Dog

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 28 living dogs & 3 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 3 deaths were reported, representing 0.05% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for Australian Cattle Dogs was 9 years to 13 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

Table 1 The causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N = 3 deceased dogs)

| Cause of death |
|-------------------------|
| Infection - unspecified |
| Liver Failure |
| Pancreatitis |

Morbidity results

The 28 live Australian Cattle Dogs represented 0.06% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 4 years (Table 2). Of the 28 Australian Cattle Dog which the survey covers, 20 had reported no conditions and 8 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 3 conditions), giving a total of 13 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Australian Cattle Dogs are shown in Table 3. There were 28 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 8 years (min = 2 years, max= 14 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Australian Cattle Dog.

Table 2: The summary statistics for the dogs' current age when survey was completed

| Number of Dogs | Mean age (years) | Median age (years) | Min age (years) | Max age (years) |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 28 | 5.46 | 4 | 0 | 15 |

Table 3: Gender, neuter status and age summary statistics for dogs where gender and neuter status was reported

| Sex | Neuter status | Age known | Count | Mean age neutered (years) | Median age neutered (years) | Min age neutered (years) | Max age neutered (years) |
|--------|---------------|-----------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Female | Neutered | Yes | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Female | Not neutered | No | 7 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Female | Unknown | No | 1 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Male | Neutered | Yes | 6 | 1.33 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Male | Not neutered | No | 6 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Male | Unknown | No | 1 | NA | NA | NA | NA |

Table 4: The body condition comment and the age of the dog when this comment was made

| Body condition | Count | Mean age (years) | Median age (years) | Min age (years) | Max age (years) |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Normal | 26 | 5.42 | 4.5 | 0 | 14 |
| Somewhat overweight | 2 | 2.50 | 2.5 | 2 | 3 |

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 28 live dogs)

| Condition |
|------------------------------------|
| Arthritis |
| Butterfly vertebrae |
| Cataract - age related |
| Chronic (long-term) kidney failure |
| Cruciate disease |
| Lipoma |
| Mammary lump |
| Pancreatitis |
| Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) |
| Spondylosis |
| Unspecified Muscle, Bone or Joint |
| Urinary incontinence |

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Australian Cattle Dogs were not affected by a disease condition (71.43%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was arthritis. There were only three reported causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths; these causes were infection (unspecified), liver failure, and pancreatitis.