



## Australian Terrier

### Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 12 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 the Australian Terriers was 6 years to 15 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
Cushing's Disease
Hepatic liver tumour
Old Age

#### Morbidity results

The 12 live Australian Terriers represented 0.03% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 5.5 years (Table 2). Of the 12 Australian Terrier which the survey covers, 8 had reported no conditions and 4 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 4 conditions), giving a total of 11 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Australian Terriers are shown in Table 3. There were 12 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= 10 years, Figure 3). The ages for the most common conditions is displayed in Figure 4. Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Australian Terrier.

**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)
12	5.42	5.5	1	10

**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)
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Female	Neutered	Yes	4	2.75	3.5	0	4
Female	Not neutered	No	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	3	0.67	0	0	2

**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)
No comment was made by vet	2	4.50	4.5	2	7
Normal	9	4.78	3	0	10
Somewhat overweight	1	3.00	3	3	3

**Table 5:** The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 12 live dogs)

Condition
Arthritis
Blindness
Cataract - age related
Cruciate disease
Epilepsy
Heart (cardiac) murmur
Lipoma
Oral (mouth) lump
Patellar luxation/Slipping kneecap
Skin lump
Unspecified Muscle, Bone or Joint

### **Summary**

From the dogs surveyed, most Australian Terriers were not affected by a disease condition (66.67%). All conditions that affected live dogs had an equal number of cases. There were only three reported causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths; these causes were Cushing's disease, hepatic liver tumour, and old age.