



**THE KENNEL CLUB
DOG HEALTH**

Basenji

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 17 living dogs & 1 deceased dog.

Mortality results

A total of 1 death was reported, representing 0.02% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The longevity for the Basenji was 4 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

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

Cause of death
Hemivertebrae

Morbidity results

The 17 live Basenjis represented 0.04% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 5 years (Table 2). Of the 17 Basenji which the survey covers, 8 had reported no conditions and 9 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 0 condition(s), max = 6 conditions), giving a total of 22 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Basenji's are shown in Table 3. There were 13 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 0 years (min = 0 years, max= 6 years). Table 5 shows the disease conditions for the Basenji.

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)
17	5.41	5	0	12

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	6	3.83	4	0	8
Female	Not neutered	No	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	3	0.00	0	0	0
Male	Not neutered	No	6	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)
No comment was made by vet	8	5.63	6	1	10
Normal	4	0.75	0	0	3
Somewhat overweight	1	10.00	10	10	10

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 17 live dogs)

Condition
Persistent pupillary membrane (PPM)
Unspecified Eye
Umbilical hernia
Pseudopregnancy
Anterior segment dysgenesis
Corneal Dystrophy
Distichiasis
Epilepsy
Food Allergy
Juvenile cataract
Microphthalmia
Skin (cutaneous) cyst
Whelping/birthing difficulties

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Basenjis were affected by a disease condition (52.94%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was persistent pupillary membrane (PPM). The only reported cause of death was hemivertebrae.