



Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois)

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 27 living dogs & 5 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 5 deaths were reported, representing 0.09% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Malinois) was 0 years to 12 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

Table 1 The causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N = 5 deceased dogs)

Cause of death
Old Age
Osteopathy
Senile dementia/ cognitive dysfunction
Splenic tumour
Stroke

Morbidity results

The 27 live Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Malinois) represented 0.06% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 3 years (Table 2). Of the 27 Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Malinois) which the survey covers, 23 had reported no conditions and 4 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 1 condition(s)), giving a total of 4 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Malinois) are shown in Table 3. There were 23 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 4.5 years (min = 1 years, max= 12 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois).

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)
27	4.33	3	0	14

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)
Female	Neutered	Yes	3	4.33	4	1
Female	Not neutered	No	6	NA	NA	NA
Female	Unknown	No	1	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	6	2.33	2.5	0
Male	Not neutered	No	10	NA	NA	NA
Male	Unknown	No	1	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 comment made (years)	Median age comment made (years)	Min age comment made (years)	Max age comment made (years)
No comment was made by vet	4	2.00	0	0	8
Normal	17	3.76	4	0	8
Somewhat overweight	1	12.00	12	12	12
Somewhat underweight	1	2.00	2	2	2

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 27 live dogs)

Condition
Arthritis
Epilepsy
Mammary lump
Pyometra

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Belgian Shepherd Dogs (Malinois) were not affected by a disease condition (85.19%). All reported disease conditions in live dogs represented an equal proportion of the breed. There were five causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths; these causes were old age, osteopathy, senile dementia, splenic tumour and stroke.