



## **Bloodhound**

### **Pedigree Breed Health Survey**

Forms were received representing 24 living dogs & 8 deceased dogs.

#### **Mortality results**

A total of 8 deaths were reported, representing 0.14% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for Bloodhound was 3 years to 11 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

**Table 1** The most common causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N = 8 deceased dogs)

<b>Cause of death</b>
Cancer - unspecified
Enlarged heart
Gastroenteritis
Lymphoma
Old Age
Peritonitis
Poison
Spinal disorder

#### **Morbidity results**

The 24 live Bloodhounds represented 0.06% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 6.5 years (Table 2). Of the 24 Bloodhound which the survey covers, 15 had reported no conditions and 9 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 3 conditions), giving a total of 21 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Bloodhound's 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 4.5 years (min = 0 years, max= 8 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Bloodhound.

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

<b>Number of Dogs</b>	<b>Mean age (years)</b>	<b>Median age (years)</b>	<b>Min age (years)</b>	<b>Max age (years)</b>
24	6.67	6.5	0	17

**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	4	1.50	2	0
Female	Not neutered	No	2	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	2	4.00	4	0
Male	Not neutered	No	16	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	1	1.00	1	1	1
Normal	9	4.56	4	0	10
Somewhat overweight	1	2.00	2	2	2
Somewhat underweight	1	8.00	8	8	8

**Table 5:** The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 24 live dogs)

Condition
Gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome (GDV) / Bloat
Skin lump
Unspecified Skin, Ear or Coat
Calouses
Chronic Itching
Corneal Ulcer
Entropion
Haemorrhagic gastroenteritis (HGE)
Heart (cardiac) failure
Hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder
Lung tumour/cancer
Otitis externa
Otitis media
Skin (cutaneous) cyst
Skin cancer/tumour
Testicular cancer/tumour

## **Summary**

From the dogs surveyed, most Bloodhounds were not affected by a disease condition (62.50%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome. All eight reported causes of death represented an equal proportion of the reported deaths.