



German Spitz (Mittel)

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 the German Spitz (Mittel) was 1 year to 16 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

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

Cause of death
Arthritis
Cardiac heart Failure
Pyometra

Morbidity results

The 28 live German Spitz (Mittel) represented 0.06% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 6 years (Table 2). Of the 28 German Spitz (Mittel) which the survey covers, 23 had reported no conditions and 5 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 3 conditions), giving a total of 9 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for German Spitz (Mittel) are shown in Table 3. There were 17 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 7 years (min = 0 years, max= 12 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the German Spitz (Mittel).

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	6.39	6	1	13

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	4	3.25	1	1	10

Female	Not neutered	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	4	3.50	1.5	0	11
Male	Not neutered	No	10	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)
No comment was made by vet	1	1.00	1	1	1
Normal	15	5.53	6	0	13
Somewhat overweight	1	0.00	0	0	0

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

Condition
Food Allergy
Unspecified Eye Condition
Cataract - age related
Deafness - partial
Otitis externa
Trachea/Windpipe disorder
Unspecified Skin, Ear or Coat Condition

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most German Spitz (Mittel) were not affected by a disease condition (82.14%). There were two most commonly reported disease conditions representing an equal proportion of the live dogs; these were food allergies and unspecified eye conditions. The three reported cause of death represented an equal proportion of the reported deaths.