



Hovawart

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 18 living dogs & 4 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 4 deaths were reported, representing 0.07% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Hovawart was 12 years to 15 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

Table 1 The most common causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N = 4 deceased dogs).

Cause of death
Old Age
Cancer - unspecified

Morbidity results

The 18 live Hovawarts represented 0.07% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 5 years (Table 2). Of the 18 Hovawarts which the survey covers, 8 had reported no conditions and 10 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 3 conditions), giving a total of 16 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Hovawarts are shown in Table 3. There were 16 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 2 years (min = 0 years, max= 8 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Hovawart.

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)
18	4.94	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	4	1.25	1	0	3
Female	Not neutered	No	4	NA	NA	NA	NA

Male	Neutered	Yes	4	2.75	3	1	4
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	3	2.67	3	0	5
Normal	12	5.92	6.5	0	12
Somewhat underweight	1	3.00	3	3	3

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 18 live dogs)

Condition
Cruciate disease
Gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome (GDV) / Bloat
Anal gland/sac infection
Aural (ear) haematoma
Chronic Itching
Flea allergic dermatitis
Food Allergy
Hypothyroidism/Under-active thyroid
Osteochondritis dissecans (OCD)
Otitis externa
Skin (cutaneous) cyst
Umbilical hernia
Unspecified Skin, Ear or Coat
Unspecified tumour/cancer

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Hovawarts were affected by a disease condition (55.56%). There were two most commonly reported disease condition which represented an equal proportion of the live dogs; these were cruciate disease and gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome (GDV)/Bloat. The most commonly reported cause of death was old age.