



Female	Neutered	Yes	8	2.00	0	0	6
Female	Not neutered	No	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	6	0.17	0	0	1
Male	Not neutered	No	10	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)
Normal	20	2.95	2	0	10
Somewhat overweight	6	5.00	4.5	2	10

**Table 5:** The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 30 live dogs)

Condition
Skin (cutaneous) cyst
Enlarged heart
Intervertebral disc disorder
Lipoma
Blocked tear ducts
Food Allergy
Mitral valve disease (MVD)
Patellar luxation/Slipping kneecap

### **Summary**

From the dogs surveyed, most Japanese Spitz were not affected by a disease condition (66.67%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was skin (cutaneous) cyst. There were only four reported causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths; these causes were muscular dystrophy (X-linked), nasal tumour, old age, and unknown conditions.