



Lancashire Heeler

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 27 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 Lancashire Heeler was 15 to 23 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
Brain tumour
Cancer - unspecified
Reproductive disorder - unspecified
Traumatic Injury

Morbidity results

The 27 live Lancashire Heelers represented 0.06% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 4 years (Table 2). Of the 27 Lancashire Heelers which the survey covers, 21 had reported no conditions and 6 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 5 conditions), giving a total of 15 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Lancashire Heelers are shown in Table 3. There were 24 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 4 years (min = 0 years, max = 11 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Lancashire Heeler.

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	4.63	4	1	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	7	1.43	1	0	4
Female	Not neutered	No	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Unknown	No	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	5	0.00	0	0	0
Male	Not neutered	No	7	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)
Normal	22	4.36	4	0	12
Somewhat overweight	2	2.50	2.5	2	3

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

Condition
Campylobacter infection
Patellar luxation/Slipping kneecap
Alopecia/Baldness
Arthritis
Cataract - age related
Chronic difficulty in breathing
Cruciate disease
Elbow dysplasia
Enlarged heart
Persistent diarrhoea
Polycystic ovaries
Primary Lens luxation (PLL)
Sebaceous adenitis

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Lancashire Heelers were not affected by a disease condition (77.78%). There were two reported disease conditions that represented an equal proportion of affected live dogs; these conditions were campylobacter infection and patellar luxation/slipping kneecap. There were only four reported causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths.