



Maremma Sheepdog

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 11 living dogs & 1 deceased dog.

Mortality results

A total of 1 death was reported, representing 0.02% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The age for the deceased Maremma Sheepdog was 13 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

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

Cause of death
Gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome (GDV/Bloat)

Morbidity results

The 11 live Maremma Sheepdogs represented 0.03% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 3 years (Table 2). Of the 11 Maremma Sheepdogs which the survey covers, 7 had reported no conditions and 4 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 2 conditions), giving a total of 6 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Maremma Sheepdogs are shown in Table 3. There were 11 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 3 years (min = 2 years, max = 13 years, Figure 3). The ages for the most common conditions is displayed in Figure 4. Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Maremma Sheepdog.

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)
11	5.18	3	1	14

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	2	4.00	4	2	6
Female	Not neutered	No	2	NA	NA	NA	NA

Male	Neutered	Yes	4	0.75	0.5	0	2
Male	Not neutered	No	3	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	10	5.10	2.5	0	14
Somewhat overweight	1	3.00	3	3	3

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 11 live dogs)

Condition
Dermatitis
Arthritis
Hypothyroidism/Under-active thyroid
Otitis externa
Pyoderma

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Maremma Sheepdogs were not affected by a disease condition (63.64%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was dermatitis. The only reported cause of death was gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome (GDV/Bloat).