



**THE KENNEL CLUB
DOG HEALTH**

Norwegian Elkhound

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 37 living dogs & 17 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 17 deaths were reported, representing 0.30% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for Norwegian Elkhound was 8 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 = 17 deceased dogs).

Cause of death
Old Age
Cancer - unspecified
Blood vessel tumour Hemangiosarcoma
Bone tumour
Cardiac heart Failure
Gastric tumour
Hepatic liver tumour
Hepatopathy liver disorder
Kidney Failure
Liver tumour
Old Age combinations
Splenic tumour

Morbidity results

The 37 live Norwegian Elkhounds represented 0.09% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 6 years (Table 2). Of the 37 Norwegian Elkhounds which the survey covers, 16 had reported no conditions and 21 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 4 conditions), giving a total of 37 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Norwegian Elkhounds are shown in Table 3. There were 35 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 = 0 years, max= 14 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Norwegian Elkhound.

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)
37	6.08	6	0	18

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	15	3.27	4	0	7
Female	Not neutered	No	8	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	6	1.67	0	0	8
Male	Not neutered	No	8	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	2	4.50	4.5	3	6
Normal	26	4.54	3	0	14
Somewhat overweight	7	6.00	6	1	10

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 37 live dogs)

Condition
Skin (cutaneous) cyst
Epilepsy
Food Allergy
Lipoma
Umbilical hernia
Chronic Itching
Glaucoma
Hypermobility
Hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder
Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anaemia (IMHA)
Malformed digit
Pemphigus
Perineal hernia
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)
Skin lump
Unspecified Autoimmune

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Norwegian Elkhounds were affected by a disease condition (56.76 %). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was skin (cutaneous) cyst. The most commonly reported cause of death was old age.