



**THE KENNEL CLUB  
DOG HEALTH**

**Polish Lowland Sheepdog**

**Pedigree Breed Health Survey**

Forms were received representing 23 living dogs & 7 deceased dogs.

**Mortality results**

A total of 7 deaths were reported, representing 0.12% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Polish Lowland Sheepdog was 6 years to 17 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

**Table 1** The most common causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N =7 deceased dogs).

<b>Cause of death</b>
Cancer - unspecified
Cardiomyopathy
Kidney disease
Old Age
Pancreatitis
Skin tumour

### **Morbidity results**

The 23 live Polish Lowland Sheepdogs 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 23 Polish Lowland Sheepdogs which the survey covers, 16 had reported no conditions and 7 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 2 conditions), giving a total of 10 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Polish Lowland Sheepdogs are shown in Table 3. There were 15 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 = 2 years, max= 9 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Polish Lowland Sheepdog.

**Table 2:** The summary statistics for the dogs' current age when survey was completed

<b>Number of Dogs</b>	<b>Mean age (years)</b>	<b>Median age (years)</b>	<b>Min age (years)</b>	<b>Max age (years)</b>
23	4.52	4	0	12

**Table 3:** Gender, neuter status and age summary statistics for dogs where gender and neuter status was reported

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Neuter status</b>	<b>Age known</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Mean age neutered (years)</b>	<b>Median age neutered (years)</b>	<b>Min age neutered (years)</b>	<b>Max age neutered (years)</b>
Female	Neutered	Yes	10	3.30	3.5	0	8
Female	Not neutered	No	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	1	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

<b>Body condition</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Mean age (years)</b>	<b>Median age (years)</b>	<b>Min age (years)</b>	<b>Max age (years)</b>
No comment was made by vet	1	2.00	2	2	2
Normal	12	2.33	2.5	0	4
Somewhat overweight	2	7.00	7	7	7

**Table 5:** The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 23 live dogs)

<b>Condition</b>
Dermatitis
Arthritis
Diabetes mellitus (sugar diabetes)

Hyperthyroidism
Pseudopregnancy (phantom pregnancy)
Pyometra
Skin (cutaneous) cyst
Unspecified lump

### **Summary**

From the dogs surveyed, most Polish Lowland Sheepdogs were not affected by a disease condition (64.00%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was dermatitis. The most commonly reported cause of death was cancer (unspecified).