



Portuguese Water Dog

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 35 living dogs & 2 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 2 deaths were reported, representing 0.04% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Portuguese Water Dog was 14 to 16 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

Table 1 The most common causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N = 2 deceased dogs).

Cause of death
Kidney Failure
Old Age

Morbidity results

The 35 live Portuguese Water Dogs represented 0.08% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 2 years (Table 2). Of the 35 Portuguese Water Dogs which the survey covers, 30 had reported no conditions and 5 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 2 conditions), giving a total of 7 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Portuguese Water Dogs are shown in Table 3. There were 34 dogs with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 2 years (min = 0 years, max = 8 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Portuguese Water Dog.

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)
35	2.66	2	0	9

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	6	0.17	0	0	1

Female	Not neutered	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	11	0.64	0	0	2
Male	Not neutered	No	9	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	3	0.67	1	0	1
Normal	29	2.34	2	0	9
Somewhat overweight	2	3.50	3.5	2	5

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 35 live dogs)

Condition
Acute moist dermatitis
Addison's disease (primary hypoadrenocorticism)
Arthritis
Food Allergy
Hip dysplasia
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)

Summary

From the dogs surveyed, most Portuguese Water Dogs were not affected by a disease condition (85.71 %). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was acute moist dermatitis. There were only two reported causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths; these causes were kidney failure and old age.