



**THE KENNEL CLUB  
DOG HEALTH**

**Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier**

**Pedigree Breed Health Survey**

Forms were received representing 147 living dogs & 12 deceased dogs.

**Mortality results**

A total of 12 deaths were reported, representing 0.21% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier was 1 year 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 = 12 deceased dogs).

<b>Cause of death</b>
Old Age
Splenic tumour
Aggression
Anaphylactic shock
Cancer - unspecified
Hepatic liver tumour
Kidney tumour
Myelopathy
Seizure

**Morbidity results**

The 147 live Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers represented 0.34% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 4 years (Table 2). Of the 147 Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers which the survey covers, 83 had reported no conditions and 64 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 4 conditions), giving a total of 94 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers are shown in Table 3. There were 125 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 = 14 years, Figure 3). The ages for the most common conditions is displayed in Figure 4. Table 5 shows the frequency of occurrence of all reported disease conditions for the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier.

**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>
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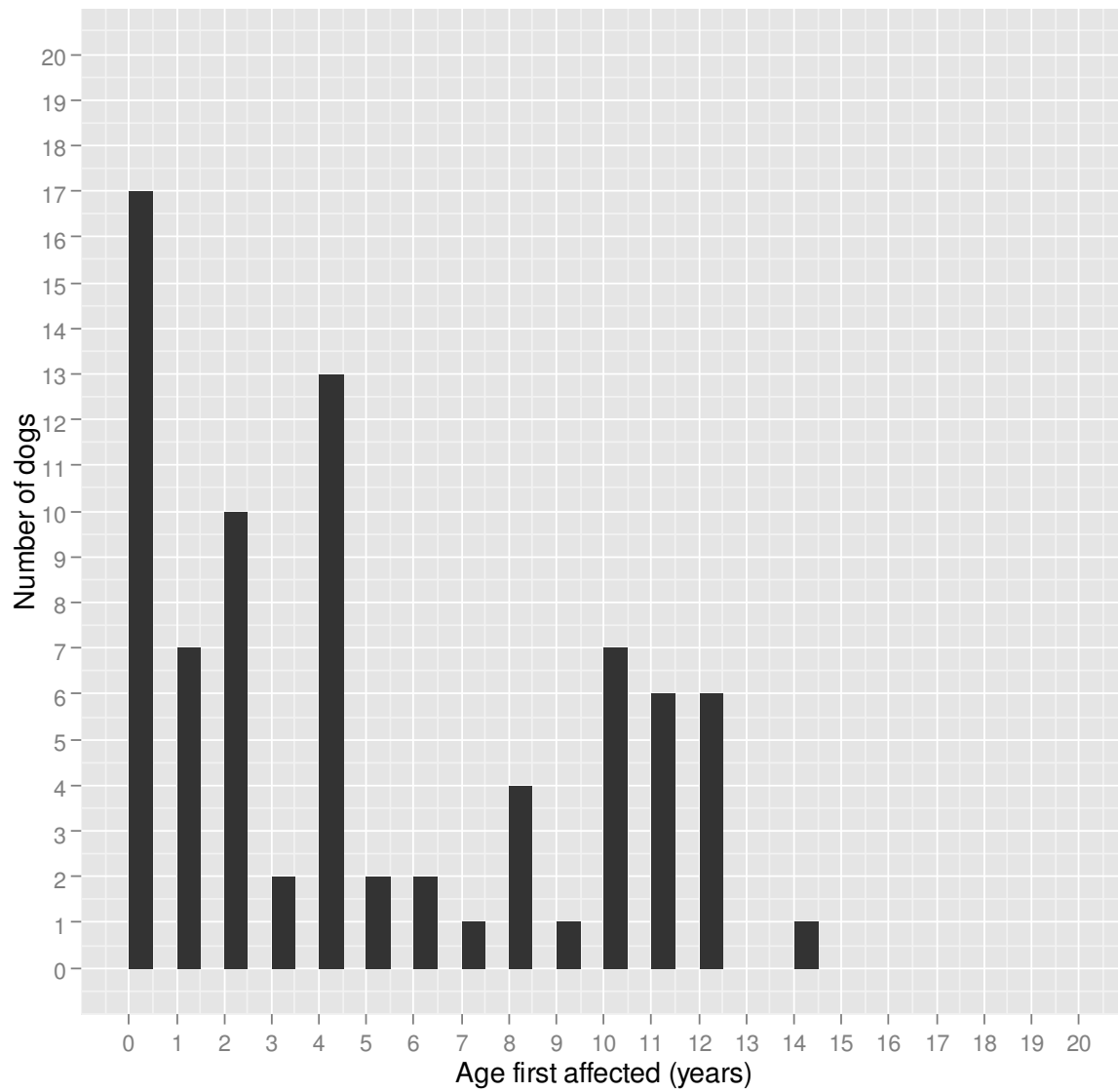
147	4.95	4	0	14
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**Table 3:** Gender, neuter status and age summary statistics for dogs where gender and neuter status was reported

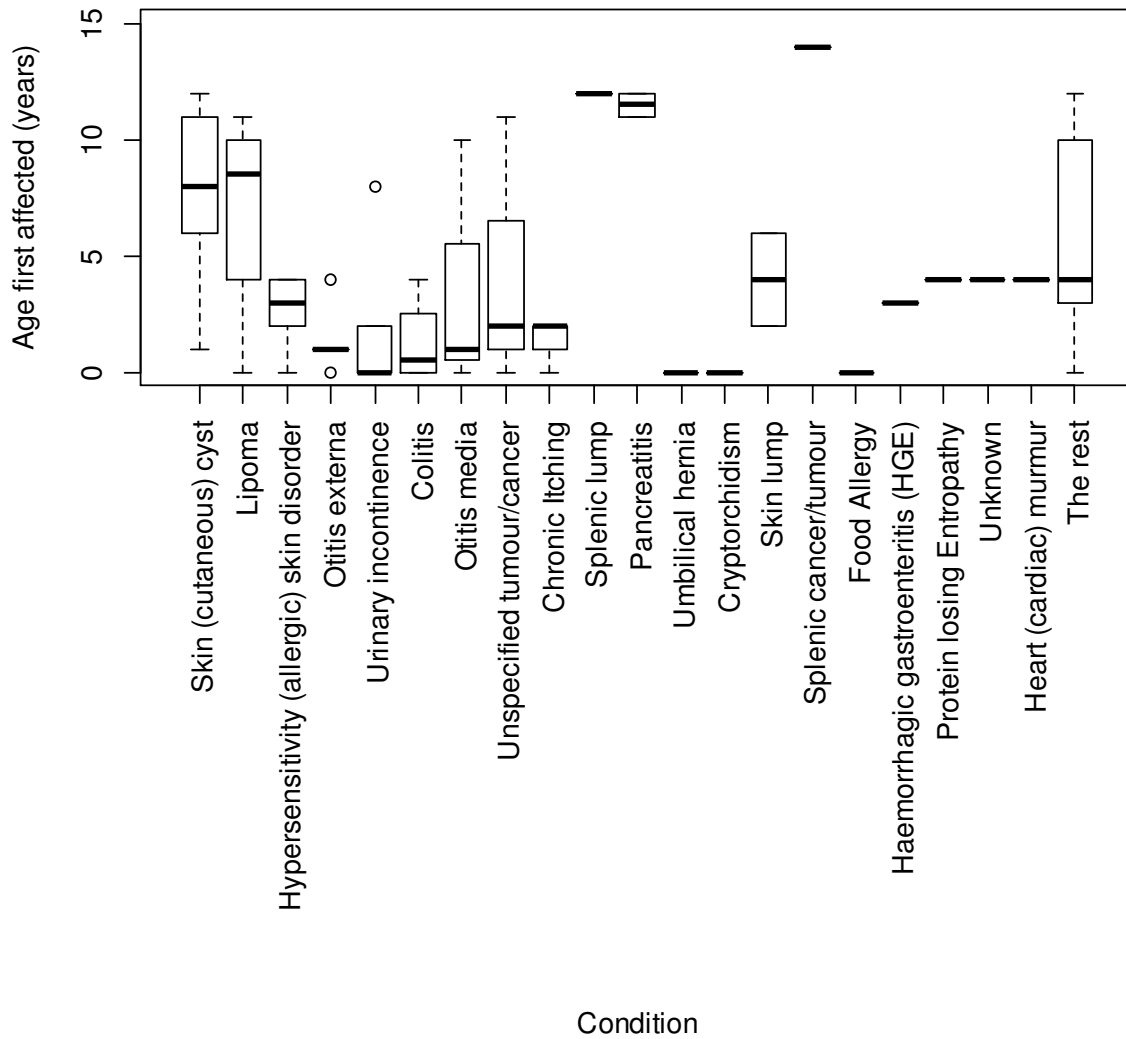
Sex	Neuter status	Age known	Count	Mean age neutered (years)	Median age neutered (years)	Min age neutered (years)	Max age neutered (years)
Female	Neutered	Yes	49	1.88	1	0	7
Female	Neutered	No	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Not neutered	No	27	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Unknown	No	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	39	0.74	0	0	8
Male	Neutered	No	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Not neutered	No	23	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Unknown	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)
No comment was made by vet	5	2.80	3	0	8
Normal	107	4.63	3	0	13
Somewhat overweight	7	6.43	8	2	9
Somewhat underweight	5	4.80	4	2	12
Very underweight	1	0.00	0	0	0



**Figure 3:** Histogram showing frequency of known age at diagnosis for the disease conditions reported



**Figure 4:** Box and whisker plot of age at diagnosis in years for the most common disease conditions in descending order. The solid line within each box represents the median age at diagnosis from the condition. The box represents 50% of the dogs and the whiskers represent 95% of the dogs for each condition. The circles (o) represent possible outliers

**Table 5:** The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 147 live dogs)

Condition	Number of cases of disease	Proportion (%)	Prevalence (%)
Skin (cutaneous) cyst	16	17.02	10.88
Lipoma	11	11.70	7.48
Hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder	5	5.32	3.40
Otitis externa	5	5.32	3.40
Urinary incontinence	5	5.32	3.40
Colitis	4	4.26	2.72
Otitis media	4	4.26	2.72
Chronic Itching	3	3.19	2.04
Unspecified tumour/cancer	3	3.19	2.04
Cryptorchidism	2	2.13	1.36
Food Allergy	2	2.13	1.36
Pancreatitis	2	2.13	1.36
Skin lump	2	2.13	1.36
Splenic lump	2	2.13	1.36
Umbilical hernia	2	2.13	1.36
Arthritis	1	1.06	0.68
Colic	1	1.06	0.68
Cruciate disease	1	1.06	0.68
Dermatitis	1	1.06	0.68
Haemorrhagic gastroenteritis (HGE)	1	1.06	0.68

Proportion of morbidity as %= N/94 disease conditions, prevalence %= N/147 live dogs

### **Summary**

From the dogs surveyed, most Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers were not affected by a disease condition (56.46 %). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was skin (cutaneous) cyst. The most commonly reported cause of death was old age.