



Sussex Spaniel

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 28 living dogs & 9 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 9 deaths were reported, representing 0.16% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Sussex Spaniel was 3 years to 12 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

Table 1 The most common causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N = 9 deceased dogs).

Cause of death
Mammary tumour
Aggression
Cardiac heart Failure
Hip dysplasia
Lung tumour
Splenic tumour
Surgical complications

Morbidity results

The 28 live Sussex Spaniels represented 0.06% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 3.5 years (Table 2). Of the 28 Sussex Spaniels which the survey covers, 15 had reported no conditions and 13 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 5 conditions), giving a total of 27 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Sussex Spaniels are shown in Table 3. There were 25 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= 12 years). Table 5 shows the reported disease conditions for the Sussex Spaniel.

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

Number of Dogs	Mean age (years)	Median age (years)	Min age (years)	Max age (years)
28	4.57	3.5	0	15

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	11	2.64	2	0	10
Female	Not neutered	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	3	0	0	0	0
Male	Not neutered	No	4	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

Body condition	Count	Mean age (years)	Median age (years)	Min age (years)	Max age (years)
No comment was made by vet	2	1.00	1	0	2
Normal	23	3.91	4	0	12

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 28 live dogs)

Condition
Umbilical hernia
Hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder
Skin cancer/tumour
Arthritis
Skin lump
Acute moist dermatitis
Deafness - complete
Hip dysplasia
Lipoma
Lung tumour/cancer
Otitis externa
Otitis media
Patellar luxation/Slipping kneecap
Pseudopregnancy (phantom pregnancy)
Pyometra
Splenic lump
Tick infestation
Traumatic bone fracture

Summary

From the dogs surveyed most Sussex Spaniels were not affected by a disease condition (53.57 %). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was umbilical hernia. The most commonly reported cause of death was mammary tumour.