



**THE KENNEL CLUB
DOG HEALTH**

Tibetan Terrier

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 402 living dogs & 29 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 29 deaths were reported, representing 0.52% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Tibetan Terrier was 0 years 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 = 29 deceased dogs).

Cause of death
Cancer - unspecified
Hepatic liver tumour
Kidney Failure
Old Age
Pancreatitis
Road Traffic Accident
Addison's disease (primary hypoadrenocorticism)
Blood vessel tumour (Hemangiosarcoma)
Cardiac heart Failure
Cardiomyopathy
Diabetes
Immune mediated Haemolytic anaemia
Liver tumour
Lung tumour
Lymphoma
Nasal tumour
Neurological condtion - unspecified
Old Age combinations
Seizure
Splenic tumour

Morbidity results

The 402 live Tibetan Terriers represented 0.93% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 4 years (Table 2). Of the 402 Tibetan Terriers which the survey covers, 257 had reported no conditions and 145 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 8 conditions), giving a total of 276 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Tibetan Terriers are shown in Table 3. There were 334 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= 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 Tibetan Terrier.

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)
402	4.45	4	0	17

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	122	0.99	0	0	10
Female	Neutered	No	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Not neutered	No	72	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Unknown	No	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	138	0.62	0	0	8
Male	Neutered	No	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Not neutered	No	61	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Unknown	No	4	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	38	4.58	4.5	0	14
Normal	256	3.67	3	0	14
Somewhat overweight	34	4.71	4	2	10
Somewhat underweight	6	4.17	2.5	1	9

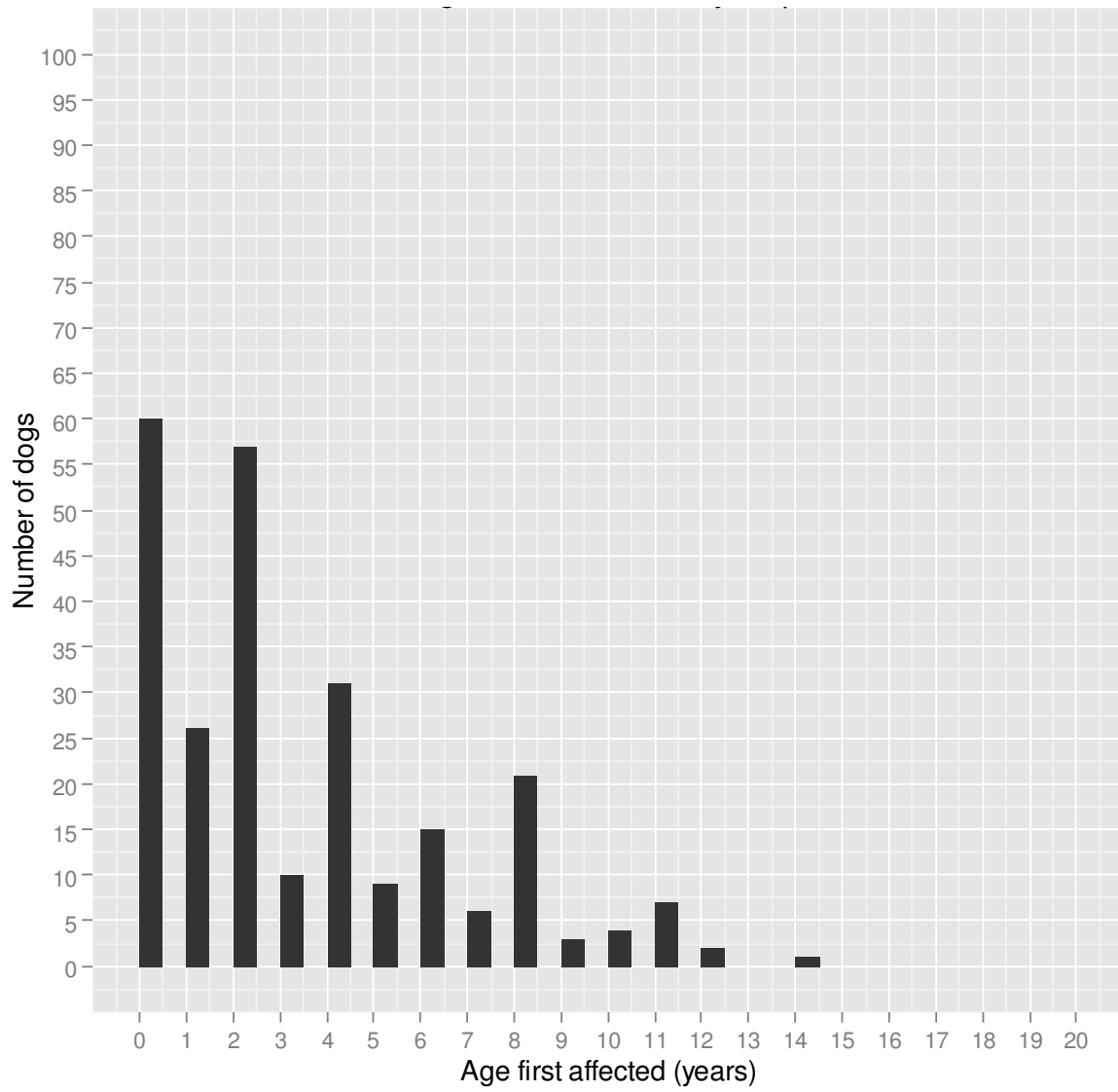


Figure 3: Histogram showing frequency of known age at diagnosis for the disease conditions reported

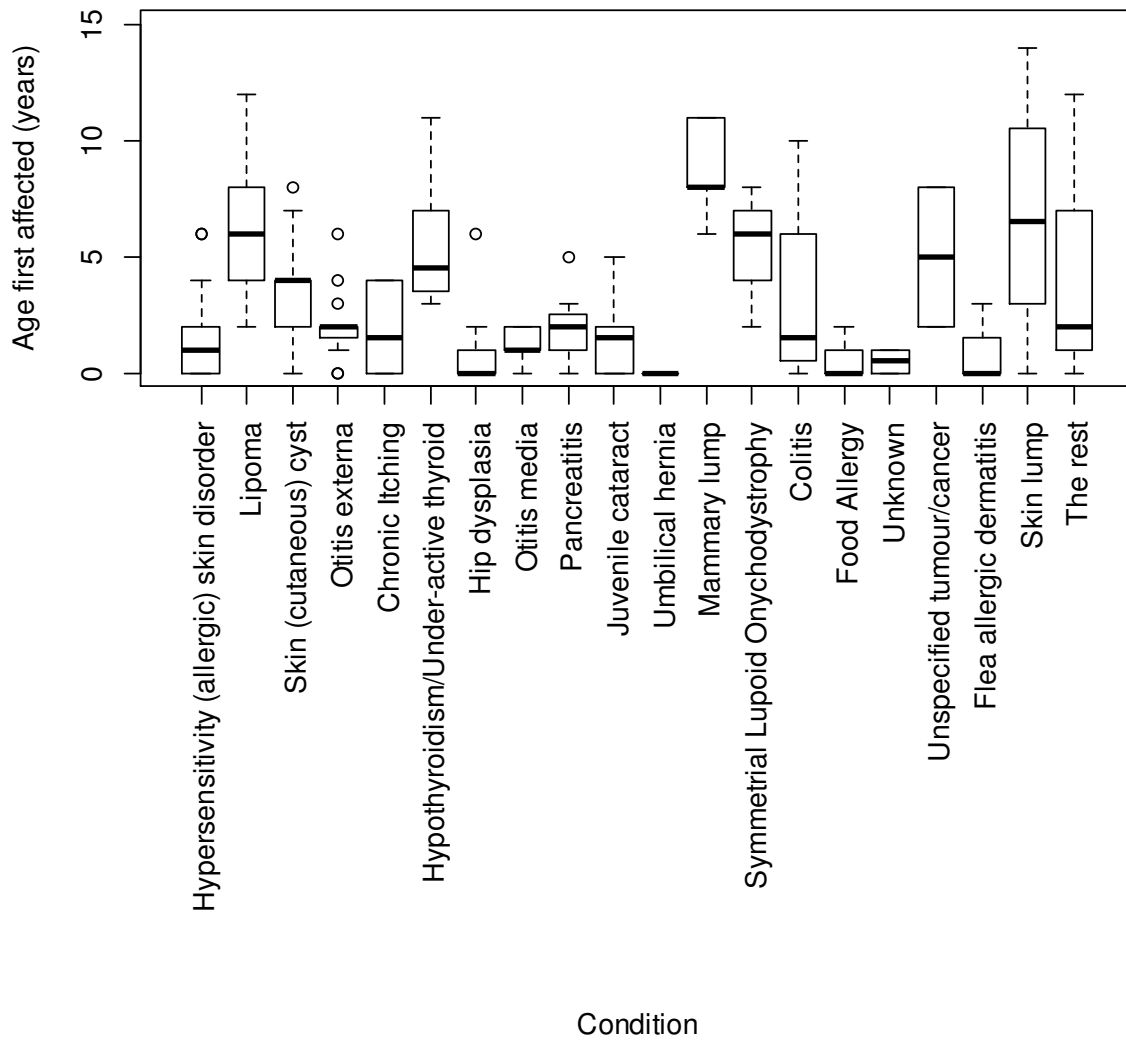


Figure 4: Box and whisker plot of age at diagnosis in years for the most common disease conditions in descending order. The solid line within each box represents the median age at diagnosis from the condition. The box represents 50% of the dogs and the whiskers represent 95% of the dogs for each condition.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

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for the breed (N = 402 live dogs)

Condition	Number of cases of disease	Proportion (%)	Prevalence (%)
Hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder	26	9.42	6.47
Lipoma	21	7.61	5.22
Skin (cutaneous) cyst	18	6.52	4.48
Otitis externa	17	6.16	4.23
Chronic Itching	14	5.07	3.48
Hypothyroidism/Under-active thyroid	10	3.62	2.49
Hip dysplasia	9	3.26	2.24
Otitis media	9	3.26	2.24
Pancreatitis	8	2.9	1.99
Juvenile cataract	6	2.17	1.49
Food Allergy	5	1.81	1.24
Mammary lump	5	1.81	1.24
Umbilical hernia	5	1.81	1.24
Colitis	4	1.45	1.00
Flea allergic dermatitis	4	1.45	1.00
Skin lump	4	1.45	1.00
Symmetrical Lupoid Onychodystrophy	4	1.45	1.00
Unknown	4	1.45	1.00
Unspecified Nervous	4	1.45	1.00
Unspecified Skin, Ear or Coat	4	1.45	1.00

Proportion of morbidity as %= N/276 disease conditions, prevalence %= N/402 live dogs

Summary

From the dogs surveyed most Tibetans were not affected by a disease condition (63.77 %). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder. The most commonly reported cause of death was cancer (unspecified).