



**THE KENNEL CLUB  
DOG HEALTH**

**Welsh Terrier**

**Pedigree Breed Health Survey**

Forms were received representing 135 living dogs & 11 deceased dogs.

**Mortality results**

A total of 11 deaths were reported, representing 0.20% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Welsh Terrier was 4 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 = 11 deceased dogs).

<b>Cause of death</b>
Old Age
Aggression
Gastric tumour
Kidney Failure
Lymphoma
Old Age combinations
Oral mouth tumour
Pancreatitis
Stroke

**Morbidity results**

The 135 live Welsh Terriers represented 0.31% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 4 years (Table 2). Of the 135 Welsh Terriers which the survey covers, 83 had reported no conditions and 52 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition(s), max = 6 conditions), giving a total of 104 incidents of conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering summary statistics for Welsh Terriers are shown in Table 3. There were 123 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 Welsh Terrier.

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

<b>Number of Dogs</b>	<b>Mean age</b>	<b>Median age</b>	<b>Min age</b>	<b>Max age</b>
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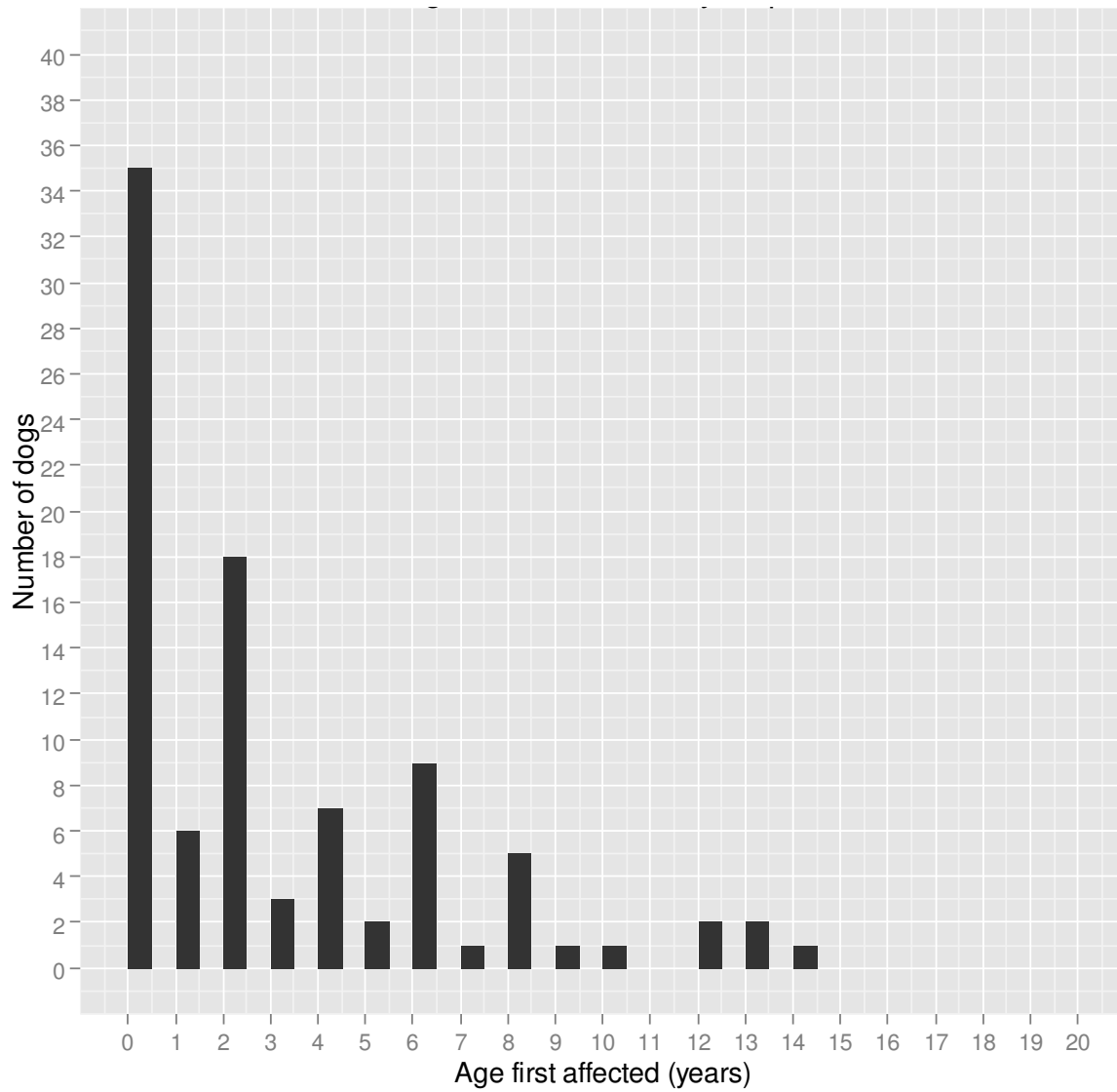
	(years)	(years)	(years)	(years)
83	6.602	5	0	20
135	4.519	4	0	17

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

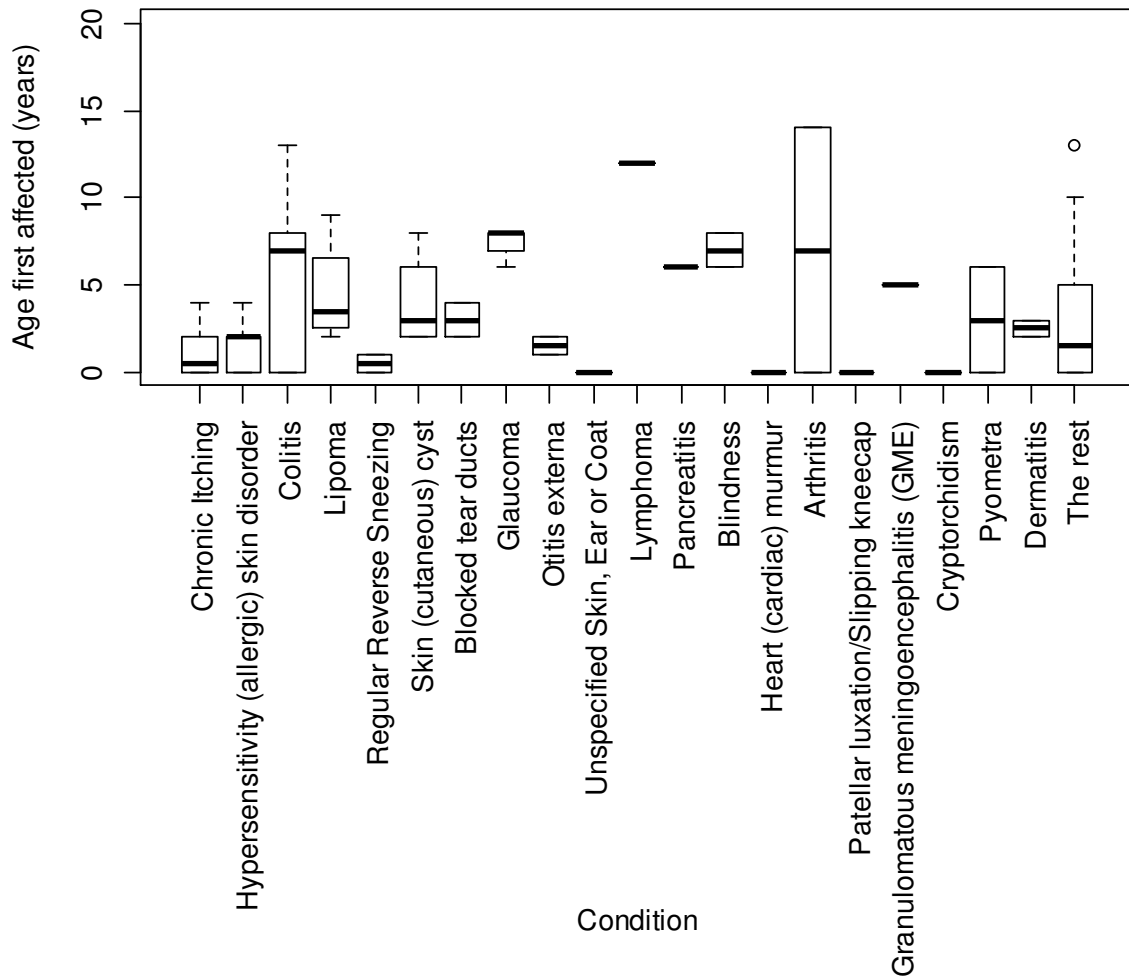
Sex	Neuter status	Age Known	Count	Mean age neutered (years)	Median age neutered (years)	Min age neutered (years)	Max age neutered (years)
Female	Neutered	Yes	46	1.13	0	0	7
Female	Neutered	No	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Not neutered	No	15	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Unknown	No	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	Yes	47	0.40	0	0	2
Male	Not neutered	No	22	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	6	4.5	4.5	1	9
Normal	101	3.77	3	0	13
Somewhat overweight	13	4.23	4	1	8
Somewhat underweight	3	12.33	14	8	15



**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 = 135 live dogs)

Condition	Number of cases of disease	Proportion (%)	Prevalence (%)
Chronic Itching	14	13.46	10.37
Hypersensitivity (allergic) skin disorder	9	8.65	6.67
Colitis	5	4.81	3.70
Lipoma	5	4.81	3.70
Regular Reverse Sneezing	4	3.85	2.96
Skin (cutaneous) cyst	4	3.85	2.96
Blocked tear ducts	3	2.88	2.22
Glaucoma	3	2.88	2.22
Otitis externa	3	2.88	2.22
Unspecified Skin, Ear or Coat	3	2.88	2.22
Arthritis	2	1.92	1.48
Blindness	2	1.92	1.48
Cryptorchidism	2	1.92	1.48
Dermatitis	2	1.92	1.48
Granulomatous meningoencephalitis (GME)	2	1.92	1.48
Heart (cardiac) murmur	2	1.92	1.48
Lymphoma	2	1.92	1.48
Pancreatitis	2	1.92	1.48
Patellar luxation/Slipping kneecap	2	1.92	1.48
Pyometra	2	1.92	1.48

Proportion of morbidity as %= N/104 disease conditions, prevalence %= N/135 live dogs

### **Summary**

From the dogs surveyed most West Terriers were not affected by a disease condition (61.48 %). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was chronic itching. The most commonly reported cause of death was old age.