



**THE KENNEL CLUB
DOG HEALTH**

Yorkshire Terrier

Pedigree Breed Health Survey

Forms were received representing 197 living dogs & 16 deceased dogs.

Mortality results

A total of 16 deaths were reported, representing 0.29% of all deaths reported in the Pedigree Breed Health survey. The range of longevity for the Yorkshire Terrier was 1 year to 15 years. Table 1 shows the causes of death for the breed.

Table 1 The most common causes of death/reasons for euthanasia (N 16 deceased dogs).

Cause of death
Old Age
Unknown
Abdominal Haemorrhage
Aggression
Cardiac heart Failure
Cardiomyopathy
Epilepsy
Gastric tumour
Liver Failure
Meningitis
Prostate tumour
Pyometra
Road Traffic Accident
Traumatic Injury

Morbidity results

The 197 live Yorkshire Terriers represented 0.46% of total dogs in the survey. The median age of live dogs for the breed was 4 years (Table 2). Of the 197 Yorkshire Terriers which the survey covers, 132 had reported no conditions and 65 reported affected by at least one condition (min = 1 condition, max = 6 condition), giving a total of 133 conditions.

The gender, neuter status and age of neutering for Yorkshire Terriers, where appropriate is shown in Table 2. There were 157 Yorkshire Terriers with responses for Body Condition displayed in Table 4.

The median age the dogs were first affected by a condition was 1 year (min = 0, max= 14, 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 Yorkshire Terrier.

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

Number of Dogs	Mean age	Median age	Min age	Max age
197	4.46	4	0	17

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

Sex	Neuter status	Count	Mean age neutered (years)	Median age neutered (years)	Min age neutered (years)	Max age neutered (years)
Female	Neutered	58	1.53	0.5	0	10
Female	Not neutered	38	NA	NA	NA	NA
Female	Unknown	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Neutered	55	1.10	0.5	NA	NA
Male	Not neutered	37	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	Unknown	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	Median age	Min age	Max age
No comment was made by vet	2	2.5	2.5	0	5
Normal	141	3.65	3	0	12
Somewhat overweight	10	6.4	6.5	3	10
Somewhat underweight	2	3.5	3.5	1	6
Very underweight	2	0	0	0	0

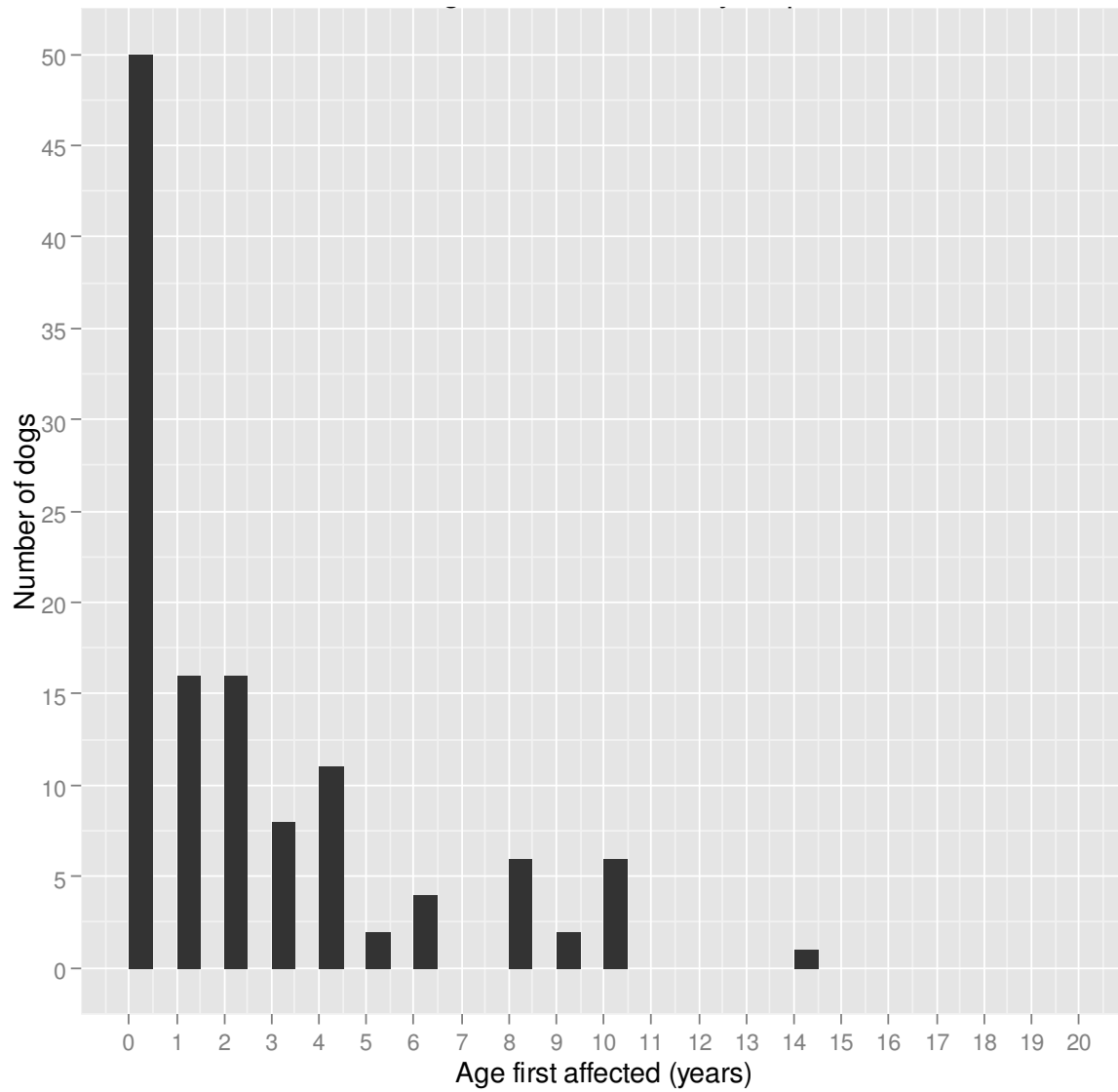


Figure 3: Histogram showing frequency of known age at diagnosis for the disease conditions reported

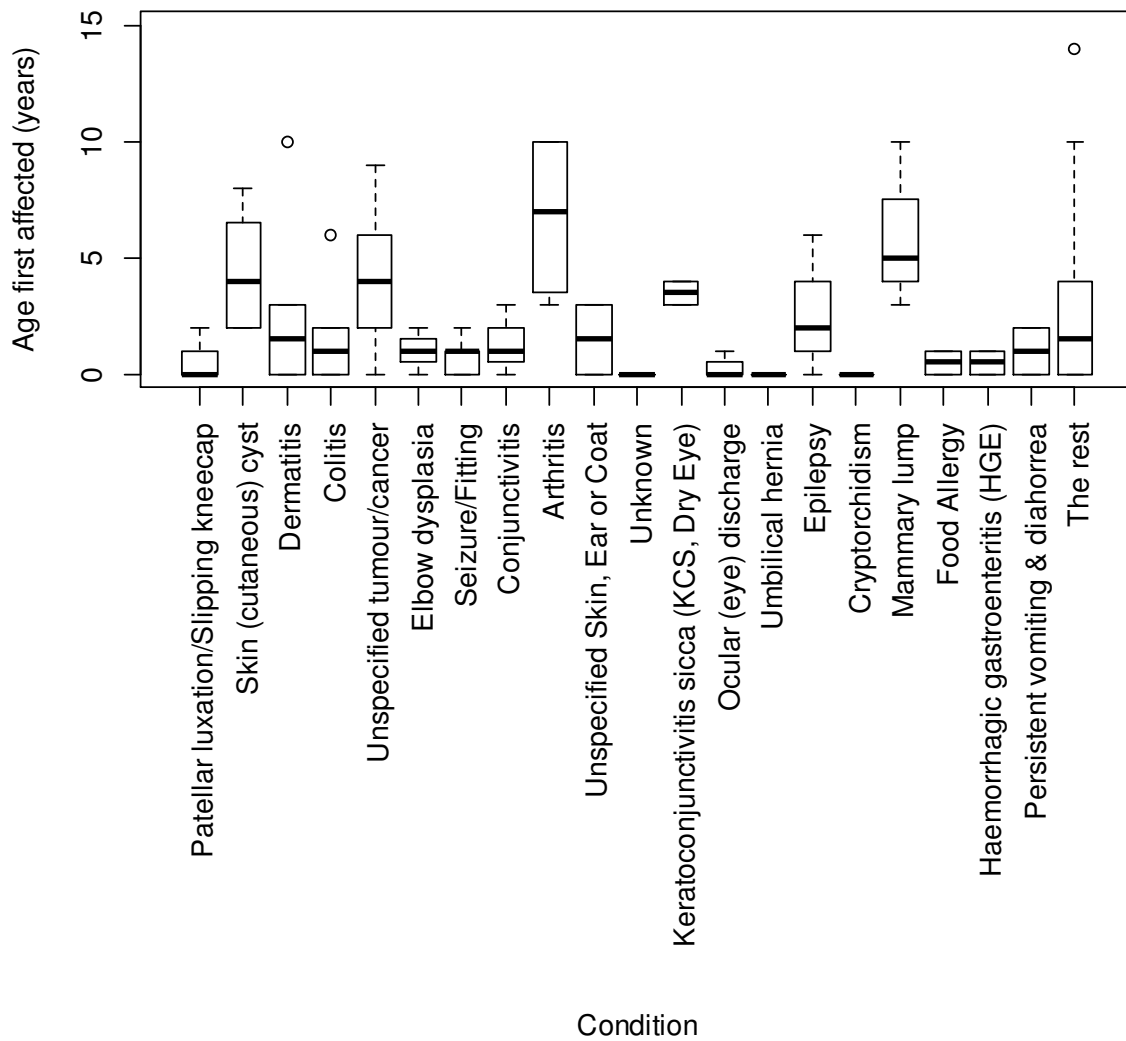


Figure 4: Box and whisker plot of age at diagnosis in years for the most common disease conditions in descending order. The solid line within each box represents the median age at diagnosis from the condition. The box represents 50% of the dogs and the whiskers represent 95% of the dogs for each condition.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

Table 5: The most commonly reported disease conditions in descending order for this breed (N = 197 live dogs)

Condition	Number of cases of disease	Proportion (%)	Prevalence (%)
Patellar luxation/Slipping kneecap	10	7.52	5.08
Skin (cutaneous) cyst	7	5.26	3.55
Dermatitis	6	4.51	3.05
Colitis	5	3.76	2.54
Elbow dysplasia	5	3.76	2.54
Seizure/Fitting	5	3.76	2.54
Unspecified tumour/cancer	5	3.76	2.54
Arthritis	4	3.01	2.03
Conjunctivitis	4	3.01	2.03
Unspecified Skin, Ear or Coat	4	3.01	2.03
Cryptorchidism	3	2.26	1.52
Epilepsy	3	2.26	1.52
Food Allergy	3	2.26	1.52
Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS, Dry Eye)	3	2.26	1.52
Mammary lump	3	2.26	1.52
Ocular (eye) discharge	3	2.26	1.52
Umbilical hernia	3	2.26	1.52
Unknown	3	2.26	1.52
Blocked tear ducts	2	1.5	1.02
Corneal Ulcer	2	1.5	1.02

Proportion of morbidity as %= N/133 disease conditions, prevalence %= N/197 live dogs

Summary

From the dogs surveyed most Yorkshire Terriers were not affected by a disease condition (67.00%). The most commonly reported disease condition in live dogs was patellar luxation/slipping kneecap. There were two reported causes of death that represented an equal proportion of the deaths; these causes were old age and unknown conditions.