

2007 BICHON FRISE BREEDERS HEALTH SURVEY

Part 6: Cause OF Death

Deaths from disease or illness: total 74

Total male 32 Total female 42

Deaths from trauma: total 12

Total male 7 Total female 5

Deaths from unknown cause: total 25

Total male 14 Total female 11

Stillborn/whelps: total 69

Stillborns: total 58

Total male 28 Total female 30

Whelps (or died in first weeks of life): total 14

Total male 3 Total female 11 (Sex unknown - 10)

Average life span:

(19 responded - remainder either gave no response or not breeding long enough to have an average to report)

12 yrs - 1 response

13 yrs - 1 response

14 yrs - 3 responses

15 yrs - 10 responses

16 yrs - 2 responses

17 yrs - 2 responses

18 yrs - 1 response

This averages to 15 years, an increase of several months from 1992 survey. However these may not include deaths during early years of life. Not enough data provided to support the average though many answered that life span is longer. See next question.

Do you think the life span is longer or shorter?

Longer - 11 Shorter - 1 Same - 3

Why? Improved nutrition/environment 13

Improved screening 9

Vaccine schedule change 9

Details of disease/illnesses causing deaths:

(These numbers are as accurate as possible. Often either sex or age was omitted)

NEUROLOGICAL

Total 9

Seizures 6 (12 yr f, 13 yr f, 1 m 15 yr)

Stroke 1 (12 yr f)

Impaired neuro development 1 (1 m 2 1/2 yrs)

Brain tumor 1

HEART AND CIRCULATION	Total 17
Patent Ductus Arteriosus 4	
Heart Failure 9 (m 1 @ 11 yr, f 1 @ 8, 2 @ 11, 14 & 16 yr)	
Cardiomyopathy 2	
Myocarditis 1	
Cardiovascular 1 (16 yr f)	
SKIN	Total 1
Severe allergies 1 (puppy)	
ENDOCRINE	Total 7
Cushings 6 (m @ 11 yr & 12 yr m, f @ 9 yr & 15 yr)	
Diabetes 1 (10-12 yr m)	
EAR, NOSE, MOUTH	Total 5
Cleft palate 4	
Nasal infection 1 (18 yr)	
SKELETAL	Total 1
Arthritis 1 (13 yr m)	
GASTROINTESTINAL	Total 9
Pancreatitis 3 (1 @ 15 yr, 7r f)	
Liver shunt/adult 1 (2yr)	
Liver failure 5 (2 @ 14 yr, 2 @ 15 yr, 1 f @ 16 yr)	
KIDNEY/BLADDER	Total 10
Calcium oxalate bladder stones 1 (9 yr)	
Kidney failure 6 (10-12 yr m, 12 yr f, 17 1/2 yr f)	
Small or underdeveloped kidneys 3 (3 mo., 3 yr., 9 yr)	
HEMATOLOGIC	Total 20
AIHA 10 (m 1 @ 3 yr, 3 @ 4 yr, f 1 @ 3 yr, 2 @ 4 yr, 1 @ 5, 1 @ 6, 1 @ 11 yr)	
ITP 9 (m 1 @11 yr, f 2 @ 5 yr, 3 @ 6 yr, 2 @ 10 yr, 1 @14 yr f)	
Internal bleeding 1 (10 yr m)	
CANCER	Total 40
Adenosarcoma 2 m @ 13 yr	
Hemangiosarcoma 4 (m 7 yr, 2 @12 yr, 13 yr)	
Sarcoma (jaw) 1 m 15 yr.	
Lymphoma 2 (f @ 9 yr & 14 yr)	
Mammary 13 (3 @10 yr, 12 yr, 3 @13 yr, 3 @ 14 yr , 3 @15 yr)	
Leukemia 5 (m @ 2 yr, 7 yr, 13 yr, f 10 yr & 13 yr)	
Bladder tumor 1 (12 yr m)	
Spindle cell tumor 1 (14 yr)	
Brain tumor 1	
Thymus gland tumor 1 (6 yr m)	
Lung 3	
Liver 1	
Colon 1 m @ 10 yr	
Cancer/non-specific 2 (2 yr f)	
Wart on ear 1 @ 11 yr	
Metastatic stomach cancer 1 m @ 10 yr	

OLD AGE (non-specific, sometimes renal or cardiac failure) Total 18
Included 4 m (16 yr, 17 1/4 yr, 19 yr) & 14 f (2 @ 14, 5 @ 15, 2 @ 16 1/2, 2 @ 17, 2 @ 17 1/2, 1 @ 19)

WHELPS Total 28

Cleft palate & open fontanelles (1 f)
Cleft palate 3
Lungs full of fluid (1 m)
Prolonged labor/Caesarean section (1 f)
Urine leakage, no diagnosis (1 f @ 8 wk)
Ruptured intestines (1 f)
Bilateral ectopic ureter (1 m & 6 f)
Failure to thrive 1 m
Ectopic uterus 1 f
Possible PCD (3 pups)
PDA 4
GME m @ 8 wks
3 no sex or cause of death

DEATHS FROM TRAUMA Total 12

Killed by other dogs 3 (1 m 6 r, 1 f 3 yr, 1 m - no age)
Killed by autos 2 (2 m (1 yr & 3 yr)

DEATHS FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES Total 25

Possible poison 1(9 yr male - caused acute liver failure)
Found dead (1 f @ 8 yr)
1 m 8 yr
1 f 11 yr

(Please note that causes of death may be misleading since numbers and actual death reports did not always correlate)

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