

Rescue Health Data 2005 and 2006
Total # of Rescued Bichons Reported = 160
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TEMPERAMENT ISSUES	<u>Total 21 = 13%</u>
A) Aggressive	6
B) Fearful	10
C) Separation anxiety	5
NEUROLOGICAL/NEUROMUSCULAR	<u>Total 2 = 1%</u>
A) Seizures	2
HEART AND CIRCULATION	<u>Total 1 = .5%</u>
A) Murmur (persistent, unknown cause)	1
RESPIRATORY	<u>Total 5 = 3%</u>
A) Reverse sneezing	1
B) Upper respiratory infections (colds)	3
C) Pneumonia	1
SKIN/ALLERGIES	<u>Total 74 = 46%</u>
A) Hair loss	5
B) Hot spots (recurrent)	12
C) Pruritis (significant itching)	16
D) Chewing/biting (persistent)	9
E) Dermatitis (non-specific)	18
C) Surface tumors/warts (most >8 years)	3
D) Sebaceous cysts	3
E) Allergies	8
EYES	<u>Total 11 = 7%</u>
A) Cataracts < age 10	5
B) Cataracts > age 10	3
C) Keratitis sica (dry eye)	1
D) Cherry eye	1
E) Tear staining	1
EAR, NOSE, MOUTH	<u>Total 62 = 39%</u>
B) Dental cavities	20
C) Tooth loss	23
D) Gingivitis (gum infection)	5
E) Tartar	1
F) Frequent ear infections	12
G) Deafness	1
MUSCULO-SKELETAL	<u>Total 45 = 28%</u>
A) Hip dysplasia	2
B) Patellar luxation (knees)	39
C) Arthritis	1
D) Lumbar (back) disc disease	3

GASTROINTESTINAL	<u>Total 5 = 3%</u>
A) Pancreatitis	1
B) Liver shunt	1
C) Chronic gastritis (stomach)	1
D) Umbilical hernia	1
E) Gallbladder disease	1

KIDNEY/BLADDER	<u>Total 37 = 23%</u>
A) Struvite bladder/kidney stones (3 males,10 females)	13
B) Calcium oxalate bladder/kidney stones	9
C) Bladder infections (frequent)	13
D) Kidney failure	2

CANCER (other than listed above)	<u>Total 4 = 2%</u>
A) "Transitional cell"	1
B) Unknown	3
C) Mast cell	1

REPRODUCTIVE	<u>Total 1 = .5%</u>
A) Prostatitis	1

After evaluating this data concentrating on specific diseases/conditions, below are the top 10 diseases or conditions found in rescue Bichons taken in 2005 through 2006 (total 115 dogs). This summary does not include all rescued Bichons because not all Bichon rescue groups reported data.

Top 10 diseases in reported rescued Bichons 2005 and 2006 (expressed as incidence):

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| 1. Skin diseases/Allergies | 46% |
| 2. Dental disease | 31% |
| 3. Patellar luxation | 24% |
| 4. Urinary stones | 14% |
| 5. Temperament problems | 13% |
| 6. Ear infections | 8% |
| 7. Bladder infections | 8% |
| 8. Cataracts | 5% |
| 9. Gastrointestinal problems | 3% (includes liver, pancreas) |
| 10. Respiratory illnesses | 3% |