

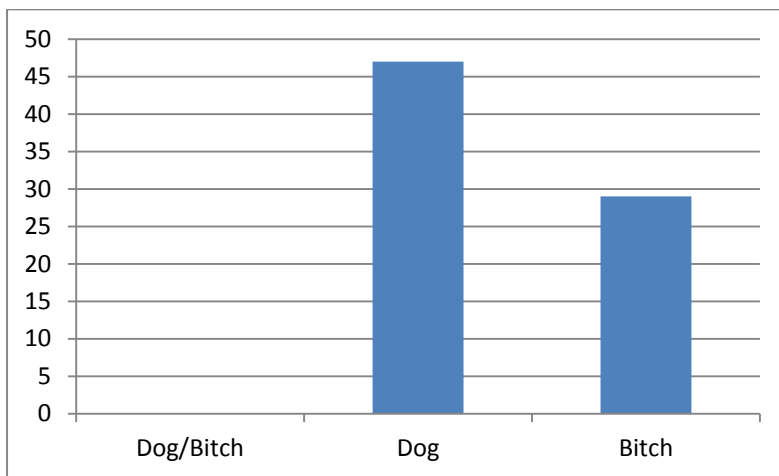
CURLY COATED RETRIEVER CLUB

HEALTH SURVEY 2014/15

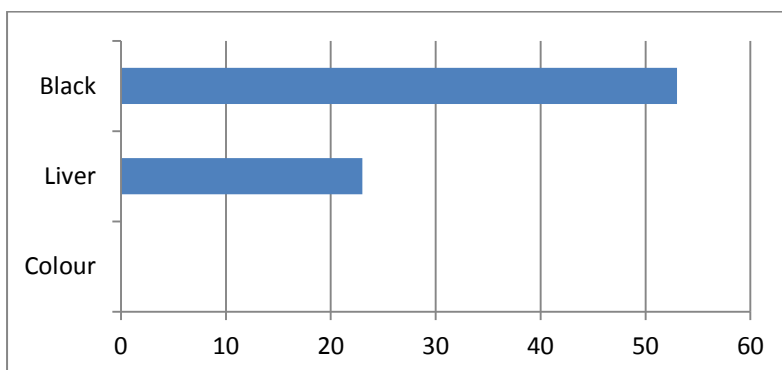
In 2013 the Kennel Club sent a directive out to all registered breed clubs asking them to conduct a more in-depth survey, with dogs to be named, regarding general health in the breed and to look at possible ways of improving the health and welfare of the Curly Coated Retriever. Many questions were requested by the Kennel Club and others were those which were pertinent to the Curly Coated Retriever. The questionnaire, which was launched in July 2014, was designed in such a way as to enable all owners and breeders of a Curly to contribute in any way they thought fit. Owners either owned a dog in the UK, or if from overseas they must have owned/own a UK bred dog for the required timeframe. The survey was also available as a download from the club's website, notification was given through the dog press, Facebook and via the Kennel Club Health coordinator. All information provided was on a voluntary basis and any information collected was treated as confidential to encourage more returns.

This article is a brief synopsis of the results of ailments etc which are currently pertinent to the Curly, all other information collected is contained on the database for future analysis. A total of 76 Health surveys were returned (25.33%) , and relates to one questionnaire per dog.

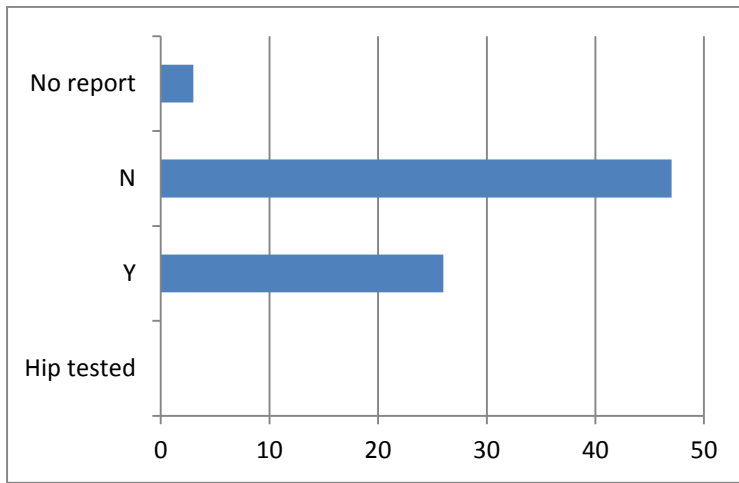
Below you will find charts of the information provided during the timeframe of 2004-2014.



RATIO OF DOG/BITCH
(D=61.84%/B=30.16%)



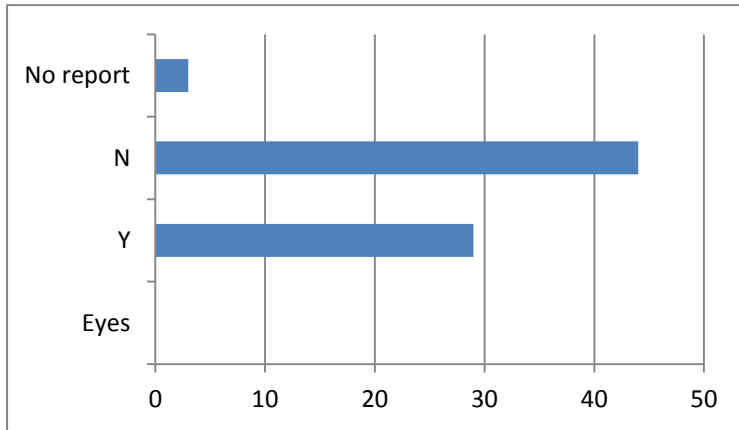
RATIO OF COLOUR
(B=69.73%/L=30.26%)



NUMBER OF DOGS HIP TESTED

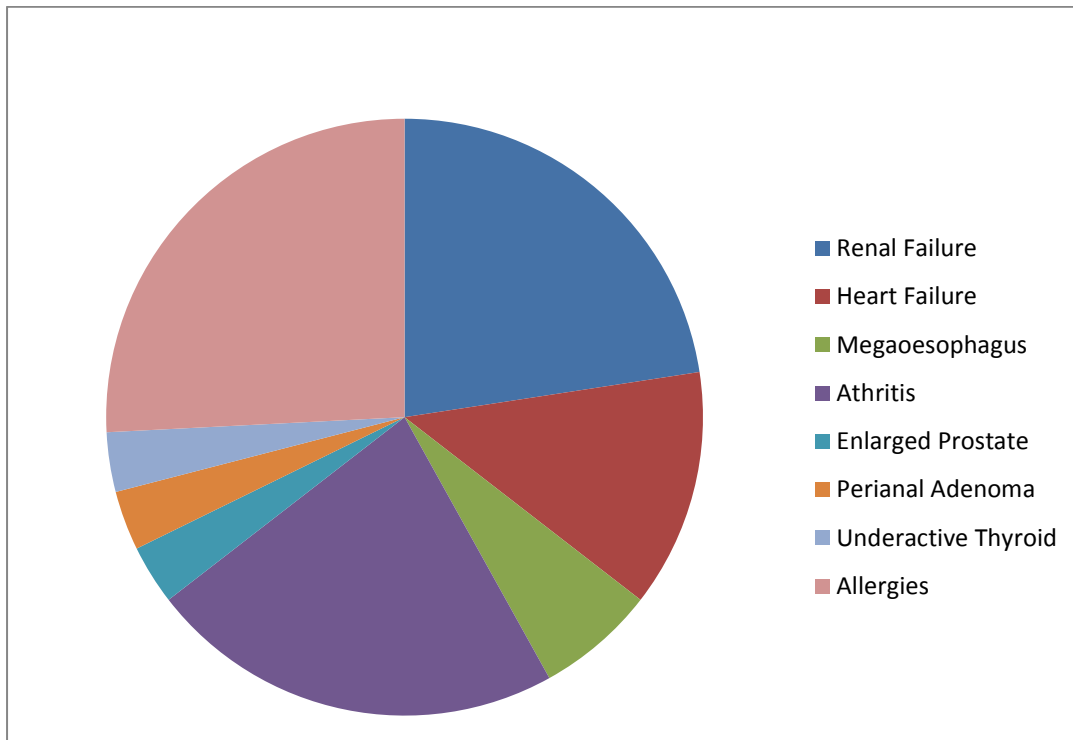
BVA Breed Specific Statistics – Data collected 1st November 1999 to 31st October 2014: 340 scored.

5 year median is 10

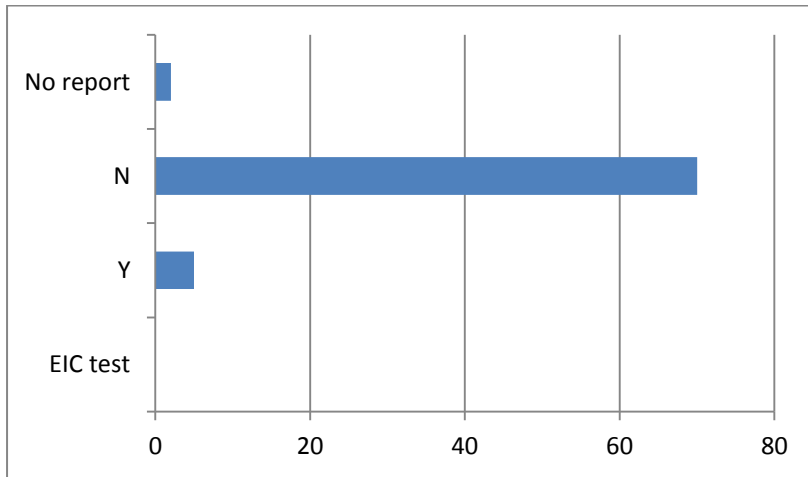


EYE TESTED: 27 were clear, 1 reported Posterior Capsular Opacity and 1 reported Central Corneal Dystrophy and both eyes had senile nephrosclerosis.

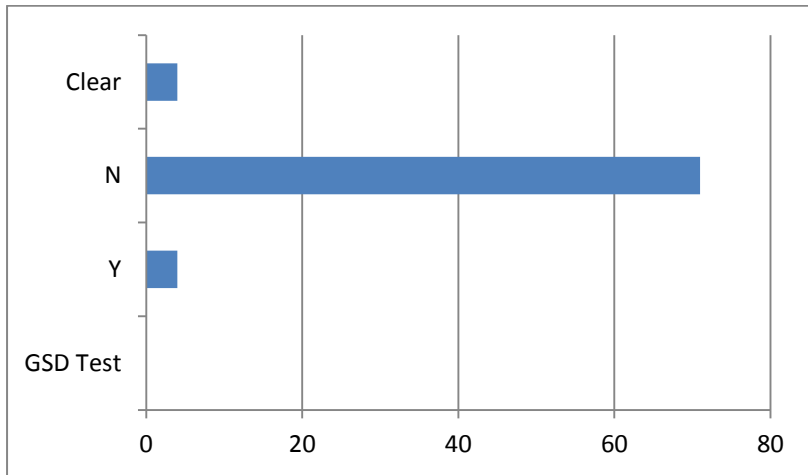
OTHER REPORTED AILMENTS: Separate to those which are itemised in the document



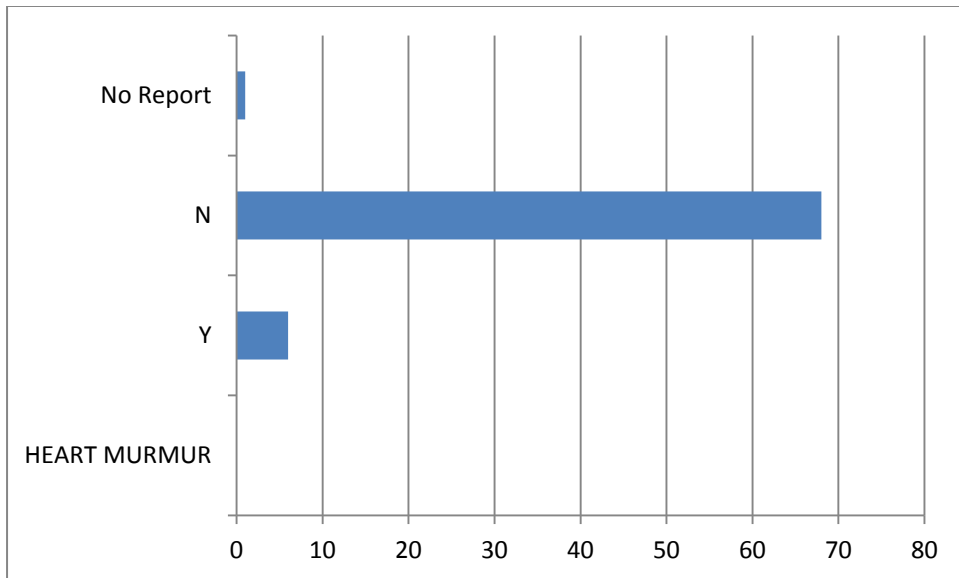
ALL TESTS WHICH ARE PERTINENT TO THE CURLY ARE REPORTED BELOW.



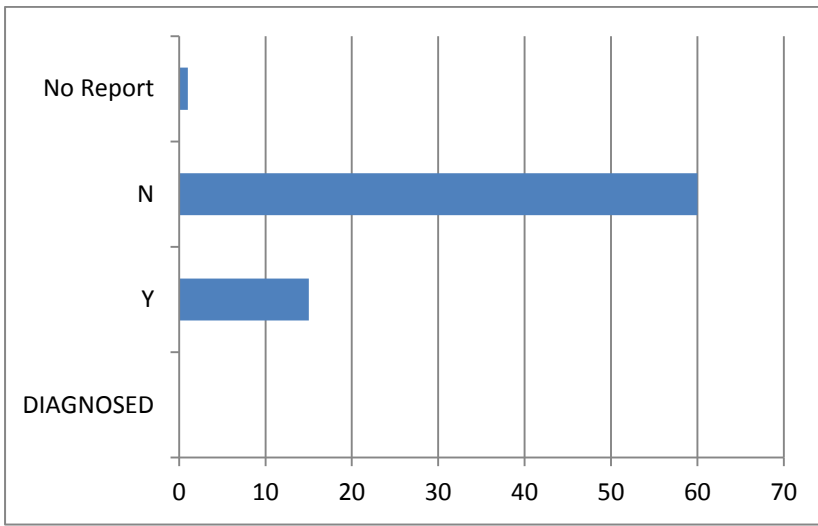
EIC TEST: 5 tested were found to be carriers.



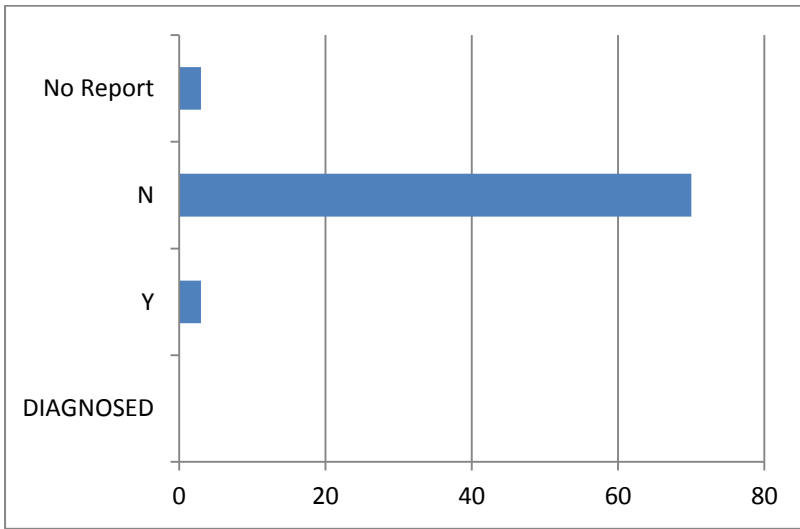
GSD TEST: All those tested proved to be clear.



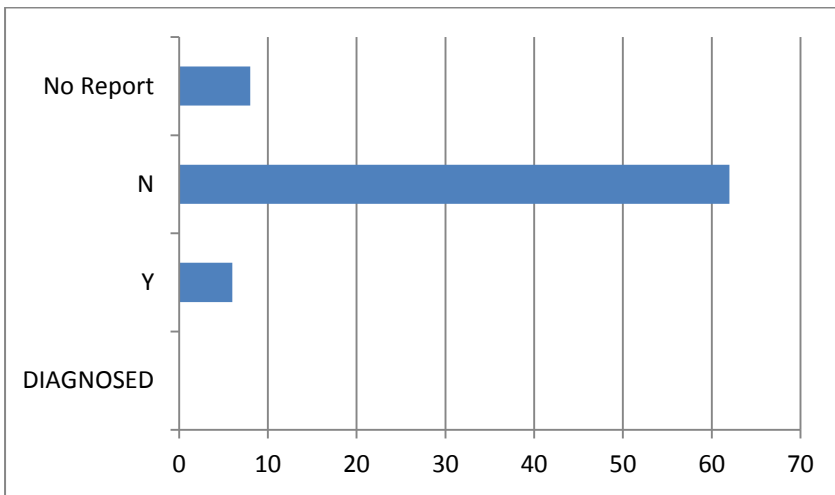
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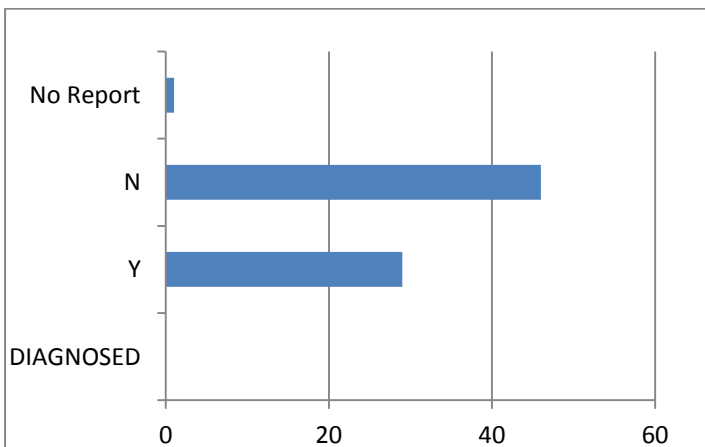
COAT PROBLEMS: Follicular Dysplasia diagnosed in 3 cases. The Club has, over the past few years, taken part in research into Follicular Dysplasia with the University of The Royal Veterinary College in London. **A research paper has recently been published on previous findings which involved 6 dogs from the UK (Ref 1).** This will be made available as soon as possible. Further research is planned over the next couple of years.



SEIZURES: Epilepsy diagnosed in 2 cases

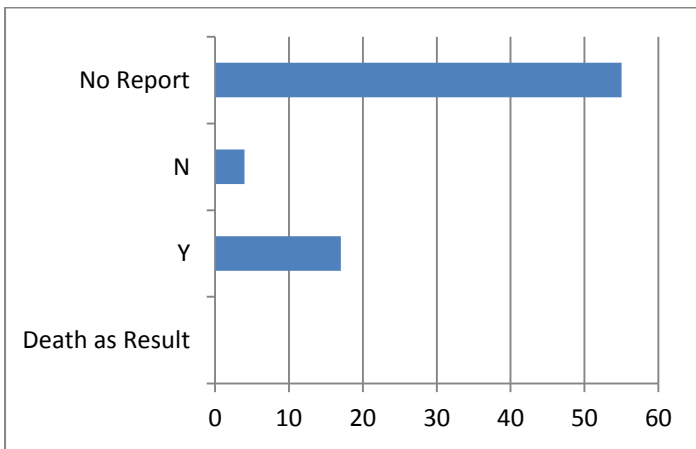
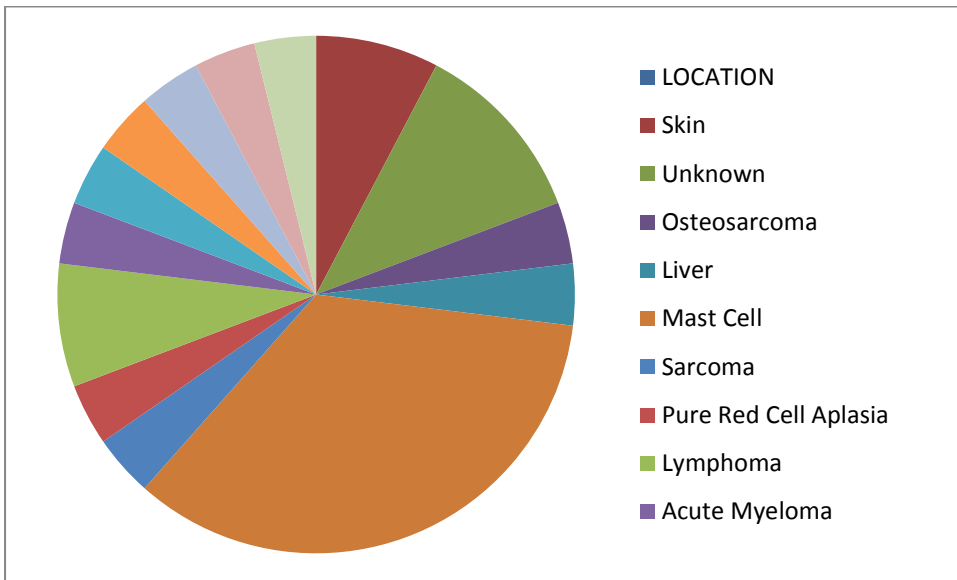


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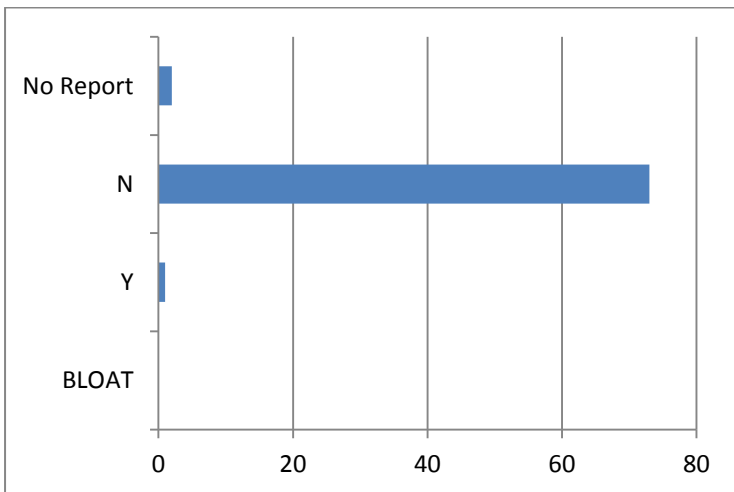


CANCER

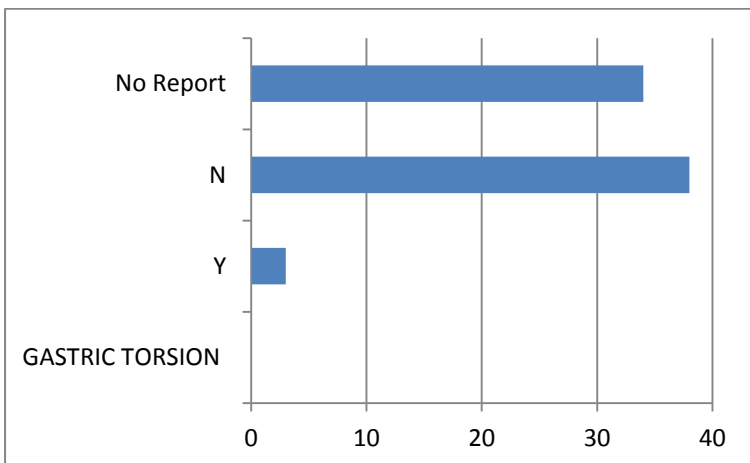
Location



Death as result



BLOAT



GASTRIC TORSION: Gastropexy in 2. Although there is a large return for no report these returns

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