## Ears

## Surveyed Havanese BAER Test Results



## Ears

## Reported Level of Hearing in Survey Havanese NOT BAER Tested



Dogs who do not hear in one ear are almost impossible to identify in your home. Known as unilaterally deaf, nine were identified in the dog population (290 dogs) that was BAER tested. If that same ratio is true for the untested dogs that appear normal (434 dogs), there could be about 14 unilaterally deaf dogs "hiding" and undetected among the untested dogs.



## Dental



Q 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 Number of Dogs Reporting Dental Problems (725 Answering)


## Musculoskeletal

| 7.1 Hips X-rayed (733 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of <br> Dogs | 212 | 521 | 23 |
| \% of Dogs <br> Answering | $29 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

-Hips
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| 7.2 Hips X-rayed By (210 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | General <br> Vet | Orthopediac <br> Specialist | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of <br> Dogs | 139 | 71 | 2 |
| \% of Dogs <br> X-rayed | $66 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $1 \%$ |


| 7.5 If X-rayed, Sent to OFA |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (197 Answered) |  |  |  |

7.6 If X-rayed, OFA Rating (154 Gave Rating or Penn Hip)

|  | Excellent | Good | Fair | Borderline | Mild | Moderate | Severe | Other, <br> Pending or <br> PennHip | Didn't <br> Answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of <br> Dogs | 23 | 82 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 58 |
| \% of Dogs <br> X-rayed | $11 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $27 \%$ |



## Musculoskeletal <br> -Patellas

| 7.7 Patellas Examined (707 Answered) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer | Number of <br> Normal <br> Patellas |
| Number of Dogs | 542 | 165 | 49 | 490 |
| \% of Dogs Answering | $77 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $69 \%$ |


| 7.10 "If the patellas were examined by a vet, <br> were the results submitted to OFA?" |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't Answer <br> or N/A |
| Number of Dogs | 136 | 188 | 218 |
| $\%$ of Dogs Examined | $25 \%$ | $35 \%$ |  |


|  | 7.8, 7.9 Patella Problems |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Condition | Number of Dogs | Number of Grade 1 | Number of Grade 2 | Number of Grade 3 | Number of Grade 4 | Number of Grade 5 |  |
|  | Left patellar luxation, medial | 8 <br> (includes dog "A") | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Left patellar luxation, lateral | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |
|  | Right patellar luxation, medial | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
|  | Right patellar luxation, lateral | 3 (includes dog "A") | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 1 N$ | Bilateral patellar luxation, medial | 6 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tibiol $\begin{gathered}\text { Potellor } \\ \text { luberosity } \\ \text { ligament }\end{gathered}$ <br> Normal Patella | Bilateral patellar luxation, lateral | 4 | 2 |  |  |  |  | Medially luxating patella |
|  | Other* | 11 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total Dogs with Patella Problems | 37 | * See A <br> by partic | ndix E for ants. | bles of the | answers th | were typed | he Survey |

## Musculoskeletal <br> -Forelegs

Eight dogs in the Survey were reported as examined by a vet \&/or specialist and diagnosed as having chondrodysplasia (CD). Leg structural anomalies that are often associated with CD were reported on the dogs in the survey: Bowing [141], Elbows sticking out [70], elbow dysplasia [4], and early growth plate closure [2]. Some dogs reported more than one of these conditions.

| 7.11 Bowing (734 Answered) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number <br> of Dogs | Extreme <br> Bowing | Slight <br> Bowing | Didn't Specify <br> Extreme or Slight |
| Two Front Legs Bowed | 70 | 6 | 44 | 20 |
| Left Leg Bowed | 29 |  | 15 | 14 |
| Right Leg Bowed | 23 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Other (Includes why 8 <br> dogs are straight**** | 26 | 1 | 5 | 20 |


|  | Number <br> of Dogs | \% of Dogs <br> Answering* | Confident <br> in <br> Answer | Unsure in <br> Answer | Didn't <br> Specify <br> Confident <br> or Unsure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Both Legs Straight | 488 | $66 \%$ | 312 | 19 | 157 |
| Any Bowing | 141 | $19 \%$ | 73 | 12 | 56 |
| No One Has Noticed Bowing | 87 | $12 \%$ | 7 | 4 | 76 |
| Other (Includes why 8 dogs <br> are straight*** | 26 | $4 \%$ | 4 | 1 | 21 |



Shown above are 3 Havanese fronts Below are the same 3 fronts as seen on $x$-rays


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# Musculoskeletal <br> -Forelegs 



| 7.12 Evaluation of Left and Right Leg Length (671 Answered) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of <br> Dogs | Confident <br> In Answer | Unsure in <br> Answer | Didn't Specify, <br> Confident or Unsure |
| Right Elbow Out or <br> Toes Out | 25 | 13 | 2 | 10 |
| Left Elbow Out or <br> Toes Out | 29 | 13 | 2 | 14 |
| Both Elbows Stick <br> out | 16 | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| Straight and Equal | 472 | 294 | 14 | 164 |
| No One Noticed | 112 | 5 | 3 | 104 |
| Other* | 30 | 3 | 2 | 25 |



| 7.13 X-rayed (710 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of Dogs | 51 | 659 | 46 |
| \% Answering Q | $7 \%$ | $93 \%$ | $6 \%$ |


| 7.14 If Yes, Evaluated By (51 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | General Vet | Ortho | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of Dogs | 32 | 19 | 0 |
| \% Evaluated By | $63 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

7.15 Of Dogs X-Rayed, Diagnosis (40 Answered)

| Condition | Number <br> of Dogs | \% of Dogs X-rayed with <br> Condition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Normal (straight and equal) | 19 | $37 \%$ |
| No Elbow Dysplasia | 7 | $14 \%$ |
| Chondrodysplasia | 8 | $16 \%$ |
| Bowing | 3 | $6 \%$ |
| Early Growth Plate Closure | 2 | $4 \%$ |
| Elbow Dysplasia | 1 | $2 \%$ |

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Note malformation of R femoral head with decreased bone density (on viewer's left)
in this dog with LCP

## Musculoskeletal

-Legg Calve Perthes

| Q 7.16 Diagnosed with LCP? (678 Answered) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer | LCP <br> right | LCP left | LCP <br> both |  |
| Number of Dogs | 7 | 671 | 78 | 6 | 0 | 1 |  |
| \% Answering | $1 \%$ | $99 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |

-Skeletal Size

| 7.22 Skeletal Size (630 Answered) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fine | Medium | Heavy | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of Dogs | 135 | 412 | 83 | 126 |
| \% of Dogs Answering | $21 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

-Dew Claws
7.23 Were There Dewclaws on Hind Legs? (691 Answered)

| Condition | Number of Dogs | \% of Dogs Answering |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes at Birth, have been removed | 34 | $5 \%$ |
| Yes at Birth, still present | 68 | $10 \%$ |
| Not present at birth | 212 | $31 \%$ |
| Don't know if present at birth | 375 | $54 \%$ |
| Other* $^{*}$ | 2 | $0 \%$ |

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## Musculoskeletal

## -Additional, including hernia

| 7.18 Does this Dog Have Additional <br> Musculoskeletal Problems? (657 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of Dogs | 27 | 630 | 99 |
| \% of Dogs Answering | $4 \%$ | $96 \%$ | $15 \%$ |


| 7.19 "Describe Any Additional <br> Musculoskeletal Problems of This Dog" |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  | 4 |
|  | 3 |
|  | 1 |
|  | 1 |
|  | 0 |
| Valgus or Varus deformity | 14 |
| Chondrodysplasia (vet and/or <br> owner diagnosed) | 32 |
| Other |  |


| 7.20 Hernia Type <br> (14 answered) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Type | Number of <br> Dogs |
| Umbilical | 10 |
| Inguinal | 0 |
| Perineal | 1 |
| Don't Know | 1 |
| Other* | 2 |


| 7.21 Surgery Required to Correct the <br> Musculoskeletal Problem? (671 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer |
| Number of Dogs | 21 | 650 | 85 |
| \% of Dogs Answering | $3 \%$ | $97 \%$ | $13 \%$ |

* See Appendix E for tables of the answers that were typed into the Survey by participants.


## Skin

| Q. 8.6 Do You Groom Your Own <br> Dog? (709 Answered) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \# of Dogs | \% of Dogs Answering |
| Yes | 678 | $96 \%$ |
| No | 30 | $4 \%$ |



678 Survey Takers do their own grooming, so they probably are quite observant, giving good answers about their dog's skin conditions.

14 Dogs reported skin problems that were vet tested and diagnosed. 84 Havanese reported skin problems some of which were diagnosed by a vet and while others were not.

On the following page, diagnosed skin conditions are grouped according to whether they were found in conjunction with other conditions. Hot spots and dry flaky skin are more frequently found alone on the dogs' skin whereas sebaceous adenitis is often associated with other skin conditions.

## Skin

| Q 8.5 Skin Conditions of Havanese Reported in the Survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (729 Answered These Questions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Condition | \# of <br> Dogs | \% of <br> Dogs | Q 8.1, 8.3 <br> No Vet <br> Exam/ No <br> Testing | No Vet <br> Exam/ <br> Yes <br> Testing | Vet <br> Exam/ <br> Yes <br> Testing | Vet Exam/ <br> Observation <br> or No <br> Testing |
| Dry Flaky Skin | 33 | $5 \%$ | 17 | 0 | 11 | 5 |
| Sebaceous Adenitis | 7 | $1 \%$ | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Hot Spots | 13 | $2 \%$ | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Other | 25 | $3 \%$ | 9 | 2 | 5 | 9 |


| Total \# of Dogs (Out of 729) | Q 8.5 Combinations of Skin Conditions And The Number of Dogs With The Combination |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | Dry Flaky Skin | Dry Flaky Skin | Dry Flaky Skin | Dry Flaky Skin |
|  |  | \& SA | \& Hot Spots | \& SA |
|  |  |  |  | \& Hot Spots |
|  | 25 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 7 | Sebaceous Adenitis (SA) | SA | SA | SA |
|  |  | \& Dry Flaky Skin | \& Hot Spots | \& Dry Flaky Skin |
|  |  |  |  | \& Hot Spots |
|  | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Hot Spots | Hot Spots | Hot Spots | Hot Spots |
|  |  | \& SA | \& Dry Flaky Skin | \& SA |
|  |  |  |  | \& Dry Flaky Skin |
| 13 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 25 | See Appendix F for the list of "Other Skin Problems" that were entered in the Survey. |  |  |  |

## Allergies

| $\mathbf{8 . 8}$ "Does this Havanese Have Allergies?" |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (713 Answered) |  |  |  |



| 8.10 "Were Allergies Diagnosed by Vet?" (641 Answered) |  |  |  | 8.9 Allergy Type Reported in Dogs with Allergies (86 dogs) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Inhalant | Contact | Food | Other | Dogs reporting at least 1 type of allergic reaction |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't <br> Answer |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Dogs | 56 | 585 | 115 | Number of Dogs | 22 | 17 | 39 | 28 | 79 |
| \% of Dogs Reporting Allergies | 65\% |  |  | \% of Dogs Reporting Allergies | 26\% | 20\% | 45\% | 33\% | 92\% |

8.12 Types of Tests That Were Used For Allergy Testing On the Dogs Reporting Allergies

|  | Interdermal <br> Skin | Blood <br> Test | Diet <br> Elimination | Skin <br> Biopsy | Other | More than one <br> test |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Dogs | 4 | 17 | 26 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| $\%$ of Dogs Reporting Allergies | $5 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

8.11 "How Were the Allergies Diagnosed?" (86 dogs)

|  | By symptoms alone | By allergy testing alone | Didn't Answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Dogs | 62 | 16 | 678 |
| \% of Dogs Reporting <br> Allergies | $72 \%$ | $19 \%$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## Allergies



| 8.15 "What Caused the Allergic Reaction In 86 Dogs With a Allergies?"" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Drug | Vaccination | Insect | Unknown | Food | Shampoo |
|  | Allergic dogs may react to more than one thing.) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Dogs | 20 | 50 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| $\%$ of Dogs <br> Reporting Allergies | $23 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ |


| 8.16 Type of Allergic Reactions Reported |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hives | Shock | Vomiting | Diarrhea | Hot spots | Itching Inflammation | Other* |
| Number of Dogs | 9 | 10 | 20 | 9 | 5 | 43 | 32 |
| * See Appendix G for comments about "Q 8.16 Other Allergic Reactions" entered in the Survey by the participants. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Heart



## Heart



## Heart

| Q 9.6 Murmur Type |  | Murmur Grade (37 dogs) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type | Number of <br> Dogs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Unknown |
| Systolic | 11 |  | 4 | 5 |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Diastolic | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Holosystolic | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machinery | 2 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Loudest on Left | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Loudest on Right | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bilateral | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other* | 16 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 8 |


| Q 9.6 Murmur Type Other (16 answering) |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| Count | Heart Problem Murmur Other |
| 6 | dont know |
| 1 | Don't know - identified today - ultrasound on 6/3/ |
| 1 | I don't know. Vet said it was minor. |
| 1 | I think loudest on the left, but unsure |
| 1 | just noisy valve not a real murmur per cardiolgst |
| 1 | on inspiration only |
| 1 | pulmonary stenosis |
| 1 | small murmur don't know type |
| 1 | some regurgitation from the aortic valve |
| 1 | heart problems diagnosed at 13 years fine before |
| 1 | mitral valve degeneration |



## Urinary

## Q 10.1 Age Reliably Housebroken




# Urinary 

Q 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 Number of Dogs with a Urinary Problem


## Urinary

Q 10.6 Urinary Problems Diagnosed, Apart From Crystals in Urine (27 answering)


## Reproduction

## -Problems

| 11.1 Male Problems (328 Dogs Answered) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Problem (dogs could answer more than one question) | Number of Dogs | \% of Dogs <br> Answering <br> This Question |
| No problems | 214 | 65\% |
| Neutered | 149 | 45\% |
| Undescended testicles (both) | 3 | 1\% |
| Undescended right testicle | 12 | 4\% |
| Undescended left testicle | 3 | 1\% |
| Bouncing right testicle | 3 | 1\% |
| Bouncing left testicle | 0 | 0\% |
| Sterility | 2 | 1\% |
| Low sperm count | 2 | 1\% |
| Abnormal or dead sperm | 1 | 0\% |
| Other* | 6 | 2\% |
| Males reporting at least 1 problem | 28 | 9\% |

*See Appendix H for the participants' comments
regarding other problems.

| 11.2 Female Problems (377 Dogs Answered) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Delivery problems (dogs could answer more than one question) | Number of Dogs | \% of Dogs Answering This Question |
| No problems | 267 | 71\% |
| Spayed | 144 | 38\% |
| Heat cycle problems | 4 | 1\% |
| Infertility | 1 | 0\% |
| Resorption of puppies | 10 | 3\% |
| Spontaneous abortion | 2 | 1\% |
| Premature litters | 2 | 1\% |
| Delivery problems | 20 | 5\% |
| SIPS (sub-involved placental sites) | 1 | 0\% |
| Eclampsia | 5 | 1\% |
| Retained placenta | 2 | 1\% |
| Uterine infections/pyometra | 4 | 1\% |
| Agalactia (no milk) | 1 | 0\% |
| Other* | 21 | 6\% |
| Females reporting at least 1 problem | 50 | 13\% |

## Reproduction

-Offspring
Q 11.4 Number of Dogs by Number of Litters
Males


## Reproduction

-Offspring

## Q 11.7 Number of Dogs By Number of Litters



Females


## Reproduction

## -Offspring

| 11.3 Produced Offspring? (698 Answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Didn't Answer |
| Number of Dogs | 225 | 473 | 58 |
| \% of Dogs Answering <br> the Question | $32 \%$ | $68 \%$ |  |



## Reproduction

## -Offspring Problems

| 11.10 Problems Occurring in Offspring of <br> Survey Dogs |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Problem | Number of Dogs |
| Cataracts | 5 |
| Deafness | 6 |
| Patellar luxation | 5 |
| Cleft palate | 5 |
| Sebaceous Adenitis (SA) | 4 |
| Short Haired Havanese | 13 |
| Liver shunts | 5 |
| High bile acids | 6 |
| Cryptorchidism (undescended |  |
| testicles) | 14 |
| Bouncing testicles | 8 |
| LCP (Legg-Calve-Perthes) | 7 |
| Missing incisor (s) | 25 |
| CD (chondrodysplasia) | 24 |
| Asymmetry | 24 |
| Syndactyly | 2 |
| Growth abnormalities | 1 |
| Ocular abnormalities | 3 |

225 Survey dogs reported producing offspring.

| Problem | Number of Dogs |
| :---: | :---: |
| Skull abnormalities | 3 |
| Cardiac abnormalities | 9 |
| Seizures | 4 |
| Hip dysplasia | 4 |
| Open fontanels | 8 |
| Kidney dysplasia | 1 |
| HMVD | 0 |
| Abnormal liver size | 0 |
| Abnormal adrenal gland size | 0 |
| Cushing's disease | 1 |
| Chronic diarrhea | 2 |
| Retardation | 2 |
| Twins | 2 |
| Other* | 33 |
| Number of dogs reporting at least 1 |  |
| problem | 108 <br> (48\% of dogs reporting <br> offspring) |

*See Appendix H for Respondents' Comments About "Other" Problems of Offspring

## Reproduction

## -Delivery Problems

147 bitches reported having litters of puppies, only 140 reported data on the litters.

|  | 11.11 Delivery Problems (412 Females) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Didn't Answer |
|  | Number of Dogs | 38 | 146 | 228 |
|  | \% of Females in the Survey | 9\% | 35\% | 55\% |
| 11.12 Delivery Problems (Of Those Answering Yes to 11.11) |  |  |  |  |
| Type | Number of Dogs |  | \% of Dogs with a Problem Reported This Type of Problem |  |
| Dystocia (difficult delivery) | 13 |  | 34\% |  |
| Puppy Stuck | 1 |  |  | 50\% |
| Uterine inertia | 5 |  |  | 13\% |
| Puppy retained | 3 |  |  | 8\% |
| Other* | 6 |  |  | 16\% |
| Number of Dogs having at least 1 problem | 3 |  |  | 100\% |

[^3]| 11.13 Females <br> (113 Answered) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type | Number <br> of Dogs | \% of Dogs Needing Help <br> Received This Type of <br> Intervention |
| None | 62 |  |
| Manual assistance | 23 | $43 \%$ |
| Oxytocin given | 25 | $46 \%$ |
| C-section | 23 | $43 \%$ |
| Other* | 3 | $6 \%$ |
| Number of Dogs requiring at <br> least 1 type of intervention | 54 | $100 \%$ |


| 11.14 Number of Litters with Delivery Problems vs. <br> Number of Females Reporting A Delivery Problem <br> (46 answered) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 Litter w/ <br> Delivery Probs | 2 Litters w/ <br> Delivery Probs | 3 Litters w/ <br> Delivery Probs |
| Number of Dogs | 30 | 10 | 6 |
| \% of Dogs With <br> This Number of <br> Litters with a <br> Delivery Problem | $65 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $13 \%$ |


| Q 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 Neurological Problems Reported in the Survey (749 Answered This Question) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 Dogs or 2 \% With Neurological Problems | Owner Diagnosed | 3 | General Vet | 6 | Specialist | 6 | Null (Not Answered) | 0 |
| 13 Dogs or 2\% Had A Seizure | Owner Diagnosed | 1 | General Vet | 6 | Specialist | 5 | Null (Not Answered) | 1 |


| Q 12.4 Number of Havanese Reporting Neurological Problems ( 15 dogs or $2 \%$ reported one or more problems, 749 answered this question) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Head Tremors | Obsessive Compulsive | Seizure Once | Seizure Eclampsia | Seizure Recurring | Seizure Grand Mal | Seizure Petite Mal |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 |


| Q 12.5 7 Dogs or 1\% Reported A Non-Neurological Seizure <br> ( 749 Answered This Question) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non Neurological Seizure Other | Eclampsia Seizure | Diabetes Seizure | Hypoglycemia | Liver |
| 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

[^4]
## Liver

| Q 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 Liver Problems, Testing and Diagnostician Reported in the Survey (Percentages are based on the number of responses to the question.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Has This Havanese Ever Been Tested For Liver Fucnction? (726 Answered) | Yes | 228 | 31\% | Chemistry Panel (ALT) | 167 | 23\% | Paired Bile Acids | 129 | 18\% | Other* | 36 | 5\% |
| Has this Havanese Had Liver Problems? (688 Answered) | Yes | 22 | 3\% | Diagnosed By Specialist | 4 | 1\% | Diagnosed By General Vet | 17 | 2\% | Null | 1 | 0\% |
|  | No | $66$ | 97\% | Diagnosed By Specialist | 1 | 0\% | Diagnosed By General Vet | 1 | 0\% | Owner Diagnosed | 2 | 0\% |

Normal Liver posterior view

| Q 13.5 Tests Used for Diagnosis of |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Reported Liver Problem (22 Dogs)* |  |  |  |
| Ultrasound | Radiograph | Biopsy | Bile Acids |
| $\square$ | 6 | 4 | 2 |


| Left Lateral Lobe <br> Caudate Process | Q 13.6 Reported Diagnosis of the Liver Problem of the Havanese Dogs (22) in the Survey |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Portal Vein | Single Shunt | Multiple Shunt | HMVD Liver | Biliary Disorders | Abnormal Size | Elevated Bile Acids |
| Right Lateral Lobe | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 20 |
| Right Medal Lobe | No one reported a diagnosis of --- Liver shunt location; Repaired liver shunt; or Cirrhosis. |  |  |  |  |  |
| of the Caudate lobe <br> Gallbladder | * See Appendix J for "Q 13.5" and "Q 13.7 Bile Acid Levels of the Survey Dogs" entered in the Survey by the participants. |  |  |  |  |  |

## Gastrointestinal

Normal Small Intestine


| Q 14.1, Q 14.2 Number of Dogs Reporting Gastrointestinal Problems in the Survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gastrointestinal <br> Problems <br> (out of 721 Dogs) | Yes |  | Specialist <br> Diagnosed | General Vet <br> Diagnosed | Owner <br> Diagnosed | Did Not <br> Answer |  |
|  | 67 | $9 \%$ | 5 | 36 | 19 | 7 |  |
|  | No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 654 | $91 \%$ | 0 | 1 | 3 | 650 |  |

Q 14.3 Gastronintestinal Problems Diagnosed in Surveyed Havanese (721 Answered)

| (21 Answered) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Gastrointestinal Problems Other |  |  | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7\% |  | $\square$ Percentage of Dogs |  |  |  | had severe diarrhea from bad food once |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | has improved over last 6 months |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | he had gastro problems for the first 9 mos of pupp |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | 3\% | 4\% |  |  |  | ran ALL tests, culture, all neg, responded to |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | 3\% |  |  | treated as a young puppy at the age of 6 weeks |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Under weight when we got her, much better now |  |  | 1 |
| 1\% |  |  |  |  |  |  | undergoing blood testing |  |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Q 14.3 Types of Parasite Infections and the Number of Dogs Reporting the Infection |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | giardia | coccidia | tapeworm | campylobacter | hookworm |
|  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 |

## Endocrine

| Q 15.1, 15.2 Endocrine Problems Reported in Dogs in the Survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Does This <br> Havanese Have <br> An Endocrine <br> Problem | No | $98 \%$ <br> [708] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diagnosed By A <br> Vet? <br> (719 Answered) | Yes | $2 \%$ <br> $[11]$ | Hypothyroidism | 8 | Addisons | 1 | Compensated <br> autoinmune <br> thyroiditis | 2 |
| No one reported a diagnosis of Cushing's or Alopecia. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Miscellaneous



| Q 15.3 Are there any other problems this dog has been |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| diagnosed as having. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Miscellaneous

Health Issues that the Survey Participants Considered Important to the Havanese Breed

## Summary List*:

- High Incidence of retained puppy teeth
- Collapsed trachea
- Drug and anesthesia sensitivity - rabies, vaccinations
- Injected heartworm preventative
- Hiccups
- Unexplained deaths
- Poop eater
- Vomiting, colitis, inflammatory bowl disease, gastroenteritis
- Hop-Skip Disorder. May be neurological, but nothing thus far is conclusive.
- Autoimmune diseases
- Tear stains
- Pigmentation loss on nose
- Anal glands
- Enlarged prostate
- Unusual "lethargy"
- Obsessive/compulsive licking


## Diet

Q 16.1 Number of Dogs Fed This Type of Food Partially or Completely (714 Answered, Respondents could list more than 1 food)


See Appendix L for a complete listing of the diet that survey participants described.

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## Diet

Q 16.2 Do You Suppliment this Dog's Food?


Q 16.3 Dog's Diet Supplimented with at Least 1/2 Egg per Day
$42 \%$ of the dogs surveyed never supplemented the dog's diet.
$40 \%$ of the dogs surveyed supplemented their diet with egg each day.


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## Study support

## Q 17.1 Willingness to Contribute to a Non-Anonymous Havanese Data Bank




647 dogs or $90 \%$ of the respondents answering this question might be available to contribute to a non-anonymous data bank.

## Satisfaction

Q 18.1 Are You Satistfied that You Gave HCA Useful Health Information About Your Havanese Dog?


| $80 \%$ | Satisfied or Very Satisfied |
| :---: | :--- |
| $14 \%$ | Neutral |
| $6 \%$ | Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied |

## Data Collection Overview

After the multiple data files were received from the SurveySuite tool, combined together and loaded into Microsoft Access there were a total of 765 records in the database. Each record was comprised of 701 fields or columns. The data files originally came with 699 fields. To facilitate data analysis, the "Age Decimal Years" field was added to combine the "Age Years" and "Age Months" fields and the "Height" field was added to combine the "Height Inches" and "Height Fraction" fields.

An initial analysis of the data showed that there were five records with all fields blank, three records with data in one field only, and one record with data in two fields. These nine records were immediately identified as invalid records. The number of non-blank fields in the remaining 756 records ranged from a low of 12 to a high of 190. The average number of non-blank fields was 130.8 with a standard deviation of 24.9. See figure 1 for a distribution of non-blank fields.


Figure 1. Distribution of Non-Blank Fields in Data Records

## Data Collection Overview, continued

A sampling of the records in the lower and upper tails, particularly the records containing from 12 to 36 non-blank fields, showed that the remaining 756 records to be consistent with valid entries. It was concluded that 756 would be the number of dogs present in this survey. To further check the reasonableness of the data, fields containing information about height, weight, age, number of litters, number of puppies per litter, and vaccinations were examined to see if their maximum, minimum, mean, and standard deviation values were within expected bounds. All fields checked were within expected bounds.

Additional checks of the data records showed a number of data entry errors. In some cases respondents enter "six" instead of " 6 " in a number field. There were approximately 10 instances of these kinds of errors. As it was obvious what the respondent intended, these types of errors were corrected. In cases where the errors were not obvious, no attempts to correct these errors were made. Records with uncorrected errors did not get included in later data analysis because the error was caught by the selection criteria and the record was excluded.

Consistency checks were performed throughout the data analysis phase. As an example, in response to the question, "Has this Havanese produced offspring?", there were 225 "yes"s, 473 "no"s, and 58 "blank" answers. Of the 225 "yes" answers, 77 were male dogs, 147 were female, and 1 didn't specify the sex of the dog. Comparing the 77 male dogs with the litter data for males showed that only 72 dogs actually had data about the litters. In this example, " 72 ", instead of " 77 ", was used as the base for calculating averages. It was also observed that there were records that contained litter data consistent with the dog being female and the "sex" field was blank. A record of this sort was excluded from further litter data analysis.

After many hours of data analysis and numerous consistency checks, it is the opinion of the data analysis team that the survey respondents were honest and that the data they provided is consistent with the respondents best effort to accurately represent their dogs.

## Survey Tools

## Using the SurveySuite Online Service as a Tool for Our Survey

A brief description of SurveySuite is that it is an unsupported survey service available on the internet for a yearly fee of $\$ 69.95$ per year. For this fee you can
-Do as many surveys as you wish in the year.
-Ask 15 types of questions on your survey.
-Edit and preview your survey before publishing it to the web.
-Download the responses to your survey to your own computer in the form of all questions, a tally, and a total.
-Reset the survey, erasing all previous answers to the survey.
-Download your questions, tally, and total onto an Excel spreadsheet.
Because this was our first experience with a club written survey and our first experience with the service, SurveySuite, we were presented two unanticipated challenges. First, we knew the survey was long, but we didn't anticipate its width across an Excel spreadsheet. Its questions and answers generated 699 columns across a spreadsheet. Excel and Access accept only 255 columns.

## Survey Tools

## Using the SurveySuite Online Service as a Tool for Our Survey, continued

So, the data was broken into three parts. On the spreadsheet table, imagine looking at a large, wide table from left to right and then separating the table into 3 sections so that the three sections can go into three worksheets in an Excel workbook.

Secondly, so many people took the survey that the answers required downloading four separate times resulting in four 'chunks' of data. In this case, on the spreadsheet table, imagine looking at a long table from top to bottom and then separating it from top to bottom into 4 sections because your computer only receives files of a smallish size from the computer at SurveySuite. To get a feeling for this, imagine that there is a ferry running between SurveySuite and your home. The ferry can only hold a few cars, so you must unload four ferries to get your full fleet of cars, or in our survey's situation, our full 'fleet' of responses.

Combining these 'chunks' of data and maintaining the proper alignment of the fields was the first task of the data analysis. The process steps that were used for maintaining the proper alignment of the fields can be provided upon request should data technology specialists be interested.


[^0]:    * 8 dogs were reported as having front legs that were both bowed and straight both at the same time. Because of the impossibility of this occurring, the 8 dogs were omitted from the tally.
    ** See Appendix E for tables of the answers that were typed into the Survey by participants.

[^1]:    * See Appendix E for tables of the answers that were typed into the Survey by participants.

[^2]:    * See Appendix E for tables of the answers that were typed into the Survey by participants.

[^3]:    *See Appendix H for Respondents' Comments on Additional Reproductive Health Information

[^4]:    * See Appendix I for "Q 12.4 and 12.5 Other Neurological Problems and

    Seizures" comments entered in the Survey by the participants.

