

# Papillon Club of America Health & Genetics



## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS 2002

### CURRENT OWNERSHIP

|   | OVERALL   |
|---|---|
| Average number of Papillons currently owned : | Mean : 3.57<br>Median : 2.00  |
| Range - Lo- Hi :                              | 0 to 50   |
| Percentage Breakdown :                        | None : 2 %<br>One Papillon : 47 %<br>Two : 20 %<br>Three or more : 31 % |
| Age of oldest Papillon in household :         | Mean : 6.32<br>Median : 6.00  |
| Average number of deceased Papillons owned :  | Mean : 1.23<br>Median : 0.00  |
| Average age of deceased Papillon owned :      | Mean : 11.45<br>Median : 13.00  |

- The average respondent owns 3.57 Papillons. The median number of Papillons owned is 2.
- The number of dogs currently owned ranged from former owners with no Papillons to an owner who claimed to currently own 50.
- Roughly half ( 47% ) own just one Papillon. Another 20% own two. Thirty-one percent taking part in the study own three or more Papillons

### YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT

|                                   | N = 698 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Less than 5 years :               | 50 %    |
| Five years but less than 10 :     | 21 %    |
| 10 years but less than 15 years : | 15 %    |
| Fifteen years or more :           | 14 %    |

- Half ( 50% ) are relatively new to Papillons having owned the breed

for less than 5 years.

## TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT

|                            | OVERALL |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Pet owner :                | 81 %    |
| Exhibition ( Show ) :      | 31 %    |
| Show breeder :             | 24 %    |
| Exhibition ( Other ) :     | 19 %    |
| Exhibition ( Obedience ) : | 17 %    |
| Therapy :                  | 10 %    |
| Pet breeder :              | 6 %     |
| Other :                    | 5 %     |
| Service dog :              | 2 %     |

- A solid majority classify themselves as pet owners.  
Thirty-one percent show their Papillons while one in four (24%) are show breeders

## WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN YOUR PAPIILLON

|                | OVERALL |
|----------------|---------|
| Show breeder : | 60 %    |
| Pet breeder :  | 23 %    |
| Pet store :    | 15 %    |
| Rescue :       | 13 %    |
| Other :        | 7 %     |

- A little over half ( 60% ) obtained their Papillon(s) from a show breeder.  
Roughly one in four ( 23% ) got their Papillon from a pet breeder  
while 15% got their dog from a pet store.

## BREEDING INFORMATION

|                                       | OVERALL                       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Breed female Papillon :               | 28 %                          |
| Average number of litters :           | Mean : 14.06<br>Median : 8.00 |
| Average litters size :                | Mean : 2.73<br>Median : 3.00  |
| Average litters / Caesarean section : | Mean : 2.05<br>Median : 1.00  |

- Twenty-eight percent who took part in the study have bred at least one of their female Papillons

- The median number of litters is eight among those who have bred their dogs
- The median litter size is three puppies.

## PROBLEMS

| <b>STILLBORN / DIES SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH :</b> |      |
|---|------|
| Almost every litter :                         | 9 %  |
| Every couple of litters :                     | 5 %  |
| Once very several litters :                   | 25 % |
| Very seldom :                                 | 41 % |
| Never :                                       | 21 % |

| <b>OTHER PROBLEMS :</b>  |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| No problems              | 31 % |
| False pregnancy          | 29 % |
| Spontaneous reabsorbtion | 28 % |
| Irregular heat cycles    | 26 % |
| Pyometra                 | 14 % |
| Infertility              | 13 % |
| Mastitis                 | 12 % |
| Reproductive problems    | 12 % |
| Mammary tumors           | 8 %  |
| Eclampsia                | 4 %  |
| Spontaneous absorbtions  | 3 %  |
| Testicular cancer        | 1 %  |
| Other                    | 12 % |

- 21% who've had at least one litter say they've never had a stillborn or had a puppy that died shortly thereafter. Another 41% say they very seldom have this problem
- The primary complications Papillon owners mention as occurring during the breeding process are false pregnancies, spontaneous reabsorbtions and irregular heat cycles. Other items mentioned by at least 10% are pyometra, infertility, mastitis and general reproductive problems.

## HEART / BLOOD / CIRCULATORY ISSUES

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|--|--------------|

|  |      |
|--|------|
| No problems :                            | 79 % |
| Congestive heart failure :               | 7 %  |
| Congenital heart problem ( born with ) : | 3 %  |
| Liver shunt :                            | 3 %  |
| Intri hepatic :                          | 1 %  |
| Autoimmune hemolytic anemia :            | 1 %  |
| Low platelets :                          | 1 %  |
| Extra hepatic :                          | 1 %  |
| Von Willebrands / Other clotting :       | 13 % |
| Heart valve disease :                    | 0 %  |
| Sick sinus syndrome :                    | 0 %  |
| Pulmonic stenosis :                      | 0 %  |
| Micro valve stenosis :                   | 0 %  |
| Other :                                  | 10 % |

## ENDOCRINE SYSTEM / ISSUES

|                                      | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| No problems :                        | 88 %  |
| Pancreatis :                         | 4 %   |
| Hypothyroidism - under 7 years old : | 3 %   |
| Hypothyroidism - over 7 years old :  | 3 %   |
| Addison's disease :                  | 2 %   |
| Diabetes :                           | 1 %   |
| Cushings :                           | 1 %   |
| Other :                              | 2 %   |

## EYE OR EAR ISSUES

|                                | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| No problems :                  | 75 %  |
| Cataracts ( old-age senile ) : | 13 %  |
| Distichiasis :                 | 3 %   |
| Cataracts ( juvenile ) :       | 2 %   |
| PPM :                          | 2 %   |
| PRA :                          | 2 %   |
| Deafness ( born with ) :       | 1 %   |
| Vitreous degeneration :        | 2 %   |
| Cataracts ( born with ) :      | 1 %   |
| Glaucoma :                     | 1 %   |
| Entropion / Ectropion :        | 0 %   |

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| SARDS : | 0 % |
| Other : | 9 % |

## DIGESTIVE PROBLEMS

|                              | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|-------|
| No problems :                | 49 %  |
| Inability to gain weight :   | 8 %   |
| Collapsing trachea :         | 7 %   |
| Food allergies :             | 6 %   |
| Inflammatory bowel disease : | 5 %   |
| Megaesophagua :              | 2 %   |
| Esophageal achalasia :       | 1 %   |
| Other :                      | 28 %  |

## MUSCULO - SKELETAL

|  | TOTAL |
|--|-------|
| No problems :                                  | 58 %  |
| Patellar Luxation ( 1 knee / not repaired ) :  | 18 %  |
| Open fontanel :                                | 10 %  |
| Bone fractures :                               | 10 %  |
| Patellar Luxation ( 2 knees / not repaired ) : | 9 %   |
| Hernia :                                       | 7 %   |
| Patellar Luxation ( 1 knee / repaired ) :      | 5 %   |
| Patellar Luxation ( 2 knees / repaired ) :     | 5 %   |
| Cleft pallet :                                 | 4 %   |
| Deformities :                                  | 2 %   |
| Cruciate ligament tear :                       | 2 %   |
| Other :  | 6 %   |

## NEUROLOGY / NERVOUS SYSTEM

|   | TOTAL |
|---|-------|
| No problems :                           | 76 %  |
| Epilepsy/ Seizures :                    | 13 %  |
| Slipped disc or invertabral disease :   | 6 %   |
| Arthritis/ Degenerative joint disease : | 5 %   |
| Hydrocephalus :                         | 3 %   |

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Hyperactivity :        | 3 % |
| Legg-Perthes Disease : | 1 % |
| Other :                | 4 % |

## DENTAL ISSUES

|   | TOTAL |
|---|-------|
| No problems :                           | 40 %  |
| Teeth cleaning by vet :                 | 46 %  |
| Tooth loss / extractions/ adult teeth : | 38 %  |
| Periodontal disease :                   | 18 %  |
| Overshot or undershot bite :            | 16 %  |
| Missing teeth :                         | 13 %  |
| Lance canine teeth :                    | 2 %   |
| Other :                                 | 11 %  |

## UROLOGICAL / GENITAL ISSUES

|                             | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| No problems :               | 73 %  |
| Retained testicles :        | 14 %  |
| Bladder stones / crystals : | 7 %   |
| Urinary tract infections :  | 7 %   |
| Incontinence :              | 4 %   |
| Kidney failure :            | 4 %   |
| Prostatitis :               | 1 %   |
| Bladder cancer :            | 0 %   |
| Other :                     | 4 %   |

## TUMORS / MALIGNANCIES

|                    | TOTAL |
|--------------------|-------|
| No problems :      | 91 %  |
| Tumor-benign :     | 4 %   |
| Tumor-malignant :  | 2 %   |
| Lymphosarcoma :    | 0 %   |
| Mast cell tumors : | 1 %   |
| Other :            | 2 %   |

## SKIN OR HAIR COAT ISSUES

|   | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|---|--------------|
| No problems :                           | 76 %         |
| Flea gallery :                          | 12 %         |
| Allergies resulting in skin condition : | 10 %         |
| Demodectic image :                      | 2 %          |
| Sebaceous cysts :                       | 2 %          |
| Seborrhea :                             | 1 %          |
| Autoimmune skin disease :               | 1 %          |
| Other :                                 | 6 %          |

## OTHER

|                            | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| No problems :              | 83 %         |
| Unexplained sudden death : | 7 %          |
| Anesthesia related death : | 3 %          |
| Other :                    | 10 %         |

### Health Survey 2002

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