

SIWSC Lifespan Survey 2006

The SIWSC is again running the survey to try to establish the average lifespan and causes of mortality in the IWS.

The survey involves asking members and non-members alike to try to recall details of past dogs. What we need from IWS owners past and present is the following information for dogs that have not previously been reported on:

- **The dogs registered name**
- **If spayed/castrated**
- **Age of dog when it died**
- **The cause of death**
- **Any previous major health problems**

Hopefully we will be able to collect as much data as possible on dogs, some that died many years or even decades ago, right up to the present day. **Please only use this questionnaire if this is a new report.** We already have the details on file from previously completed questionnaires of dog's names and causes of death.

The IWS has traditionally been thought of as one of the longer-lived gundog breeds, however there is mounting evidence to suggest, and for reasons as yet unknown that this may no longer be the case.

When sufficient new data has been collected it will be forwarded to the Geneticist, Dr. Malcolm Willis, who will analyse the material and try to establish whether there are any health problems or patterns that are statistically significant and therefore need addressing.

It is anticipated that this survey may very well become a vital tool in securing the future health and well-being of the breed, **so we need your input.** It must be stressed from the outset that the success of such a survey depends upon your participation and the **confidentiality** afforded to the data provided. All material and information that is supplied in relation to this survey will be treated in the **strictest confidence.**

Lifespan and Mortality Details - Form Criteria

- **Dogs registered name** - as with Kennel Club UK, Irish KC, Dutch KC, American KC etc.
- **Spayed or castrated** - please answer Yes or No.
- **Age of dog** - in years and if possible months.
- **Cause of death** - i.e. natural causes such as old age, accidents, bloat (*GDV*) or put down with conditions such as various forms of cancer (*where possible please specify i.e. liver, lymphosarcoma etc.*), kidney infection, bad temperament, epilepsy etc.
- **Health problems during dog's life** - do you recall any serious health problems that affected the dog during its life?

If required, additional forms can be downloaded from the club's website, www.siwsc.org.uk and selecting the **Health Survey** link, or can be obtained by request from the Club Secretary. The completed Survey can either be e-mailed to lewisj@btinternet.com or posted to:
John Lewis, 17 Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach, Shoreham by Sea, Sussex, BN43 5LG.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please address these to Pepi Barrington:

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