



Health News - May 2017

Hi Everyone

As always, I would firstly like to thank those who have reported conditions, diseases and disorders their Fauves have suffered in the past year, because without you I could not do my role effectively.

As I have now been the Health Co-Ordinator for two years I thought you may be interested in an overview of the health data collated during this time.

Conditions/diseases/disorders

1 incident of Steroid Responsive Meningitis; 4 incidents of Thyroid problems; 1 incident of Immune Related Pneumonia; 1 incident of Cushing's; 1 incident of Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome; 1 incident of a dog suffering an epileptic seizure (although at this point no diagnosis); 1 incident of a severe heart condition; 3 incidents of Pancreatitis and 1 incident of internal parasitic infestation

Deaths

4 dogs have died of cancer and one with thyroid problems - all being over 7 years old.

In accordance with the Kennel Club, Fauves currently have no health concerns.

Breed Health Co-Ordinators Seminar September 2016 - Key messages

- An organisation called Vet Compass is encouraging all vet practises to sign up to sharing data of diseases/illnesses suffered by dogs (both pedigree and non pedigree) so data can be analysed centrally & accurately to influence future studies. Of the 5,000 vets registered in the UK 489 vets have signed up. As a result they have studied a population of 148,741 dogs with findings being 430 different disorders reported, with no real differences between pedigree and non pedigree dogs. The top three disorders reported are periodontal, anal sac problems and otitis.
- One in three dogs suffers cancer and is the No 1 cause of death.
Non benign mammary tumours being the highest recorded incidents of cancer.
Cancer is **not** inherited unless associated to reproductive areas such as sperm or ovaries.
- The average life span of pure bred dogs was reported as 11.9 years and non pedigree dogs as 13.1 years. It was felt that this was not conclusive proof of non pedigree dogs being healthier than pedigree dogs as some report, but likely to be that pedigree dog owners seek veterinary intervention sooner and opt for euthanasia when quality of life or prognosis is poor.

I hope you all enjoy a super summer.

Melanie