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# CONDITION SPECIFIC QUESTIONNAIRE REPORT



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## **INTRODUCTION**

*In 2020 the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club conducted a General Health Survey that indicated skin & digestive problems were the two most reported conditions.*

*The survey results contributed to the first Breed Health & Conservation Plan with priorities and an action plan. The Club's Committee felt further investigation into skin & digestive problems was required, as we are keen to understand more about how these conditions affect Fauves and whether they occur in older or younger dogs; the severity and any behavioral changes. The Committee also felt it was equally important to know about Fauves without a skin or digestive condition ("healthy") Fauves; and the reasons their owners felt were behind their health.*

*The condition specific questionnaire was issued by post to the full membership of the Club as well as being published and publicized on the Club's website, the Kennel Club (KC) journal, various Basset Fauve de Bretagne Facebook accounts and the KC Health Team contacted all owners of UK KC registered Fauves with details about the questionnaire.*

***89** responses were received totaling **152** Fauves with 147 living. In addition 4 responses from overseas owners were received but not included in the report as it is not clear how many of their Fauves are UK KC registered.*

## **NO SKIN OR DIGESTIVE CONDITION ("HEALTHY" FAUVES)**

**122** Fauves with 120 living dogs; **57 dogs / 64** bitches & 1 age not identified (sadly 2 Fauves died in 2020 so included in statistics below).

### **Ages:**

- Ages ranged from pups of < 1 year to a veteran of 17 years
- Average age of 4.5 years
- Four Fauves where age not specified

### **Reasons given by owners for good health:**

- Fauves bred by reputable breeders
- Fed good quality foods, grain & chicken free diets with some being given additional supplements such as Cod-liver & Primrose Oil
- Natural treats
- Daily exercise regimes with some involved in Agility and Good Citizens for stimulation and socialisation
- Regular grooming, coat stripping and bathing when required
- Regular worming, flea and tick treatments
- Only vaccinated as puppies

# SKIN CONDITIONS

**16** Fauves with 15 living dogs; **9** dogs / **6** bitches (sadly 1 dog died of a digestive condition in 2020 but also suffered skin problems so included in statistics below).

## **Ages:**

- Ages ranged from 2 years to a veteran of 15 years
- Average age of 6.1 years
- One Fauve where age not specified

## **Ages at Diagnosis:**

- 9 years x 1 Fauve
- 6 years x 1 Fauve
- 4 years x 3 Fauves
- 3 years x 2 Fauves
- 2 years x 3 Fauves
- 1 year x 6 Fauves

## **Neuter status:**

All bitches spayed  
7 dogs neutered & 3 entire

## **Vaccination status:**

13 dogs have been vaccinated  
2 not vaccinated currently  
1 not recorded

## **Worming status:**

14 dogs are wormed in accordance with vet recommendations with products such as Cazitel, Drontal, Milbemax, Milprazon, Milpro & Nexguard.

## **Flea & Tick prevention:**

15 dogs are treated in accordance with vet recommendations with products such as Advocate, Advantix, Beaphar, Bravecto, Easecto, Frontline, Nexguard Spectra & Simparica.

**Symptoms reported** (some dogs suffering more than one symptom):

- Ear Infections x 9 Fauves
- Hot Spot x 1 Fauve
- Lesions/sores x 4 Fauves
- Inflammation /redness/skin changes x 7 Fauves
- Allergies (food) x 1 Fauve
- Allergies (external environments) x 2 Fauves
- Allergies (internal environments) x 2 Fauves
- Allergies (vaccination site) x 1 Fauve
- Allergies (undergoing investigation) x 1 Fauve

All symptoms cause itching, scratching, licking and chewing with 12 Fauves suffering from more than three of these self harming behaviours.

**Frequency of conditions & symptoms:**

Intermittent x 12 Fauves

Permanent x 3 Fauves

Not identified x 1 Fauve

**Severity Ratings:**

Severity ratings range from 1 to 10 (1 being the least severe & 10 being most severe). Owners report ranges of severity as listed below:

1 = One Fauve

1 to 6 = One Fauve

2 to 7 = One Fauve

2 to 10 = One Fauve

3 to 8 = One Fauve

4 = One Fauve

4 to 6 = One Fauve

4 to 7 = One Fauve

5 = Three Fauves

6 = Two Fauves

6 to 7 = One Fauve

7 = Two Fauves

**Quality of life:**

Excellent x 5 Fauves

Good x 8 Fauves

Fair x 1 Fauve

Morose x 1 Fauve

Not recorded x 1 Fauve

**Food choices:**

Most owners are feeding Hypoallergenic diets, grain & chicken free products & raw.

# **DIGESTIVE DISORDERS**

**14** Fauves with 11 living dogs; **9** dogs / **5** bitches (sadly 3 Fauves have died in 2020; 2 from Haemorrhagic Gastro Enteritis (HGE) and 1 from oesophageal Motor Dysfunction Cancer, so included in statistics).

## **Ages:**

- Ages ranged from 2 years to a veteran of 13 years
- Average age of 6.9 years

## **Ages at diagnosis:**

- 10 years x 1 Fauve
- 9 years x 1 Fauve
- 8 years x 1 Fauve
- 7 years x 1 Fauve
- 4 years x 1 Fauve
- 2 years x 2 Fauves
- 1 year x 3 Fauves
- Puppies under 12 months old x 4 Fauves

## **Neuter status:**

4 Bitches spayed & 1 entire  
4 Dogs neutered & 5 dogs entire

## **Vaccination status:**

10 dogs are vaccinated  
4 not vaccinated currently

## **Worming status:**

13 dogs are wormed in accordance with vet recommendations with products such as Cazitel, Drontal, Milbemax, Milprazon, Milpro & Nexguard.

## **Flea & Tick prevention:**

12 dogs are treated in accordance with vet recommendations & as required with products such as Advocate, Advantix, Beaphar, Bravecto, Easecto, Frontline, Nexguard Spectra & Simparica.

**Conditions reported:** (most dogs suffering more than one condition):

- Pancreatitis x 4 Fauves
- Gastro Enteritis x 5 Fauves
- Haemorrhagic Gastro Enteritis x 2 Fauves (both deceased)
- IBD x 1 Fauve
- Oesophageal Motor Dysfunction x 1 Fauve (deceased)
- Colitis x 3 Fauves
- Lymphangiecta x 1 Fauve
- Anal Gland issues x 1 Fauve
- Allergies x 1 Fauve
- Scavenging issues x 1 Fauve

Only one owner reported a behavioural change of some aggression towards other dogs.

**Frequency of conditions:**

Intermittent x 11 Fauves

Permanent x 2 Fauves

Unable to predict x 1 Fauve

**Severity Ratings:**

Severity ratings range from 1 to 10 (1 being the least severe & 10 being most severe). Owners report ranges of severity as listed below:

1 = one Fauve

1 to 7 = one Fauve

3 to 5 = one Fauve

4 = two Fauves

5 = two Fauves

7 = one Fauve

7 to 9 = one Fauve

8 = two Fauves

9 = one Fauve

10 = two Fauves

**Quality of life:**

Excellent x 8 Fauves

Good x 4 Fauves

Fair x 2 Fauves

**Food choices:**

Most owners are feeding propriety Digestive diets, with some feeding additional vitamins, antacids & Apoquel.