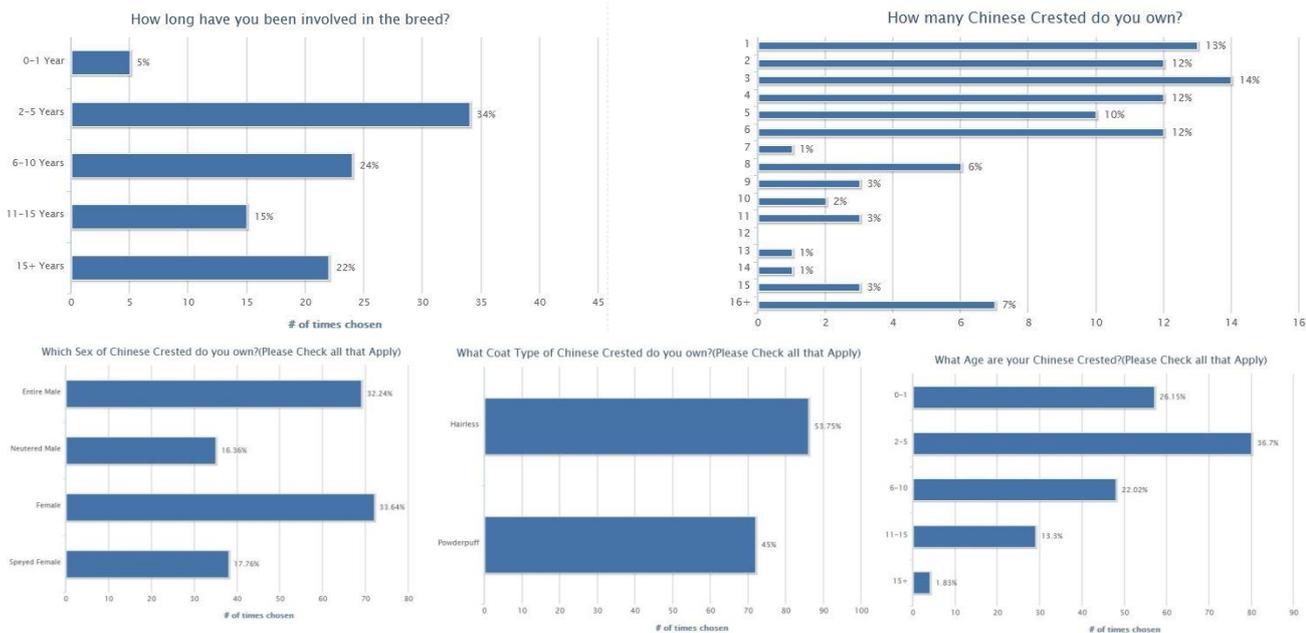


# Chinese Crested Dog Club Health Survey 2012

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this anonymous survey to help us learn more about our wonderful breed and work to improve overall health in the future.

We had over 100 responses with the majority being from the UK which I was delighted by. Below you will see the main results shared; some in graph form and other just summarised highlights due to the volume of the data. The Health Committee will be reviewing the results in full at the next meeting and I will be also be sharing with the Kennel Club with whom both clubs work closely. We will then formulate next steps and recommendations and are planning to offer eye testing at the Championship Show in August.

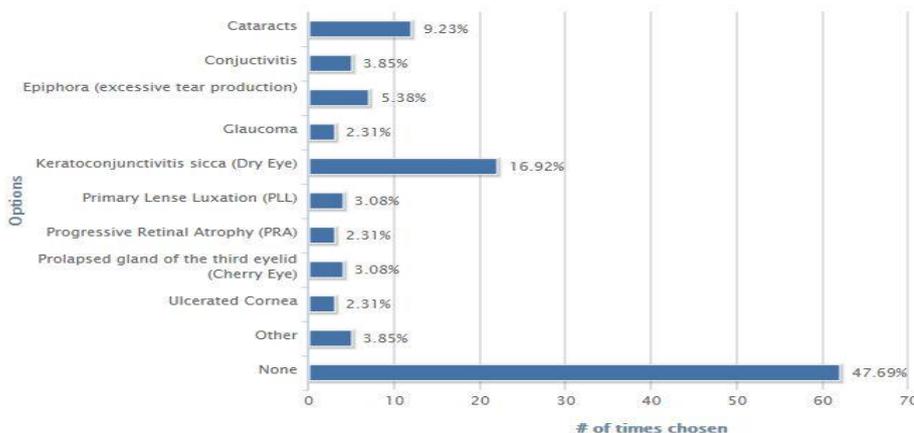
## Data Breakdown



## Skin Health

90% of all participants had experienced Skin Issues with the Breed. The most common challenge was with Blackheads at 30%, followed by Allergies at 14% and Sebaceous Cysts at 12%. All other areas were 3% or less.

## Eye Disorders



## Heart Disorders

66% of all participants had not experience any heart disorders in the breed, however 24% had experienced Heart Murmur's which is a statistically significant number. Heart Failure saw a 5% result with all other areas minimal.

## Ear Disorders

72% of all participants had not experienced ear disorders in the Breed, however 13% had experienced Chronic Ear Infections and 12% had experienced Closed Ear Canals so this is still quite prevalent within the breed.

## Dental Disorders

As would be expected 91% of participants had experienced some sort of dental disorder in this breed. Missing teeth was highest at 28%, followed by 23% having experienced retained baby teeth and 15% seeing premature tooth loss. 10% reported Undershot mouths, 5% overshot mouths and 4% wry mouths.

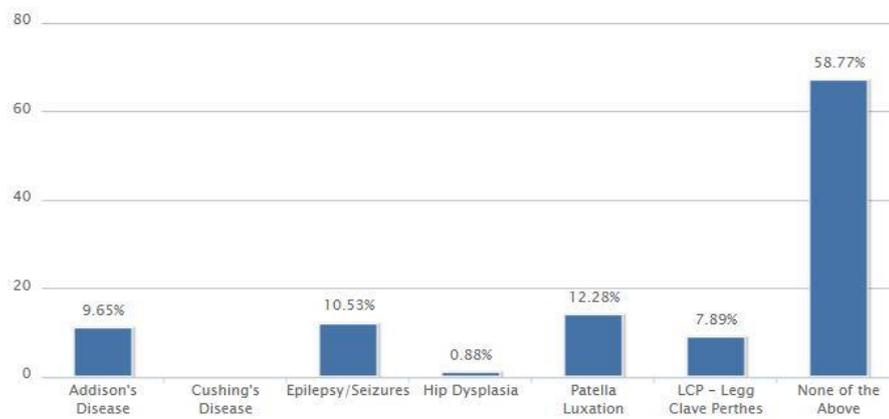
## Digestive/Gastroenterological Diseases

Generally this area showed no problems in the breed with the only significant area called out being Coprophagia or stool eating with 20% having experienced this.

## Other Disorders

Of the other disorders raised by our participants the highest came from Other Infectious diseases (ie Parvo, Kennel Cough) at 11%, Any Respiratory Disorder (ie Bronchitis, Pneumonia) at 6% and Any Type of Cancer at 6%.

## Known Disorders in the Breed



## Reproductive Disorders

30% of participants either did not breed or had not experienced any reproductive disorders. Of the remaining 70%, the most common issues were False Pregnancy at 18% and Rear Dew Claws at 18%, Pyometra 10%, Umbilical hernia 6% and Mastitis 6%. All other areas listed had a response below 5%.

## Temperament

Just 15% of participants had not experienced temperament challenges within the breed. The most common are experienced was Shyness at 35% followed by Fearfulness 18%, Submissive Urinating 11%, Fear Biting 10%, Aggressiveness 10% and other 2%.

In our final question we asked what participants felt to be the most prevalent disorders in the breed and rank them accordingly. The results were as follows

- 1<sup>st</sup> Endocrinological Disorders (ie Addisons etc) 77%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brain Disorders (ie Epilepsy) 72%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Heart Disorders (ie. Murmer) 63%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Musculoskeletal Disorders (ie patellas) 57%
- 5<sup>th</sup> Eye Disorders (ie KCS) 41%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Skin Disorders (ie Allergies) 40%

When we cross reference the opinions on the above versus the actual feedback from the survey the reported experience with each of the areas above would have ranked very differently as follows 1<sup>st</sup> Skin Disorders 90%, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eye Disorders 52%, Heart Disorders 34%, Musculoskeletal disorders 23%, Brain Disorders 11% and Endocrinological disorders 10%. This could mean that either the breed genuinely does have different health issues and priorities to those perceived, or that there remains a preference to not be open about health issues experienced.