

DALMATIAN BREED HEALTH SURVEY 2018

Breed Club Members are requested to participate in this Health Survey, which will make an important contribution to understanding the key health issues associated with Dalmatians, and their current prevalence in the Breed. This is a second such survey aimed at identifying the incidence of conditions which are understood to exist in the Breed today. By repeating the study periodically (the first was in 2013, with the intention that subsequent ones be made every 5 years), we might hope to gain an understanding of how the incidence of major health issues might be changing – for better or for worse – and of ‘new’ conditions appearing. This may help in identifying a health strategy for the improvement and benefit of the health & welfare of the Dalmatian breed.

IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SURVEY, EVEN IF YOUR DALMATIANS HAVE NEVER SUFFERED FROM ANY DISEASES OR CONDITIONS LISTED, as this will enable a more accurate indication to be obtained for the prevalence of any condition. Put another way, blank returns are of equal value and importance!

Compared with the 2013 survey, this current survey includes an additional question with allows a ‘free text’ response, where Members have the opportunity to record any disease or condition which their Dalmatian(s) may have suffered. This provides a simple way of identifying diseases which might have been thought previously to be of minimal relevance to the Breed. If any such condition is identified, then it could be addressed separately in future surveys, or even considered for more immediate action depending on its nature and severity.

This survey is anonymous, though there is the optional facility to include your name and the registered names of your dogs. This would greatly assist in any follow up or to address any further clarification that might be required. In addition, full information would provide an invaluable reference source of information for future use, the significance of which might not be apparent for some time yet. (Interestingly, only 10% of returns in the 2013 survey were made anonymously, which was commendable).

The results of the survey will be used for statistical analysis only, and the results of any statistical analysis will be published. However, **at no time and under no circumstances will details of any individual Dalmatian or owner be published or disclosed to any person or organisation.**

In order to assist in identifying the most efficient and cost-effective means of delivering future surveys to Members of each of the four Breed Clubs, would you please indicate those Clubs of which you are a Member.

British Dalmatian Club	Dalmatian Club of Scotland	Northern Ireland Dalmatian Club	North Of England Dalmatian Club

Please return your survey

By email to: dalhealthsurvey18@gmail.com

Or by post to: Dalmatian Health Survey, Hanch Cottage, Lysways Lane, Lichfield WS13 8HH

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS HEALTH SURVEY

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Please complete this survey for each Dalmatian which you have owned at any time between 01 January 2005 and now (even if it was included in the 2013 survey, and whether or not it has suffered any illness/disease)..If you have any question at all about completing the form, or need help or guidance on completing any part of it, please contact the Breed Health Co-ordinator on 01543 490849, 07787 152612, or email dalhealthsurvey18@gmail.com.

Q1. Please complete the table below in respect of all Dalmatians which you have owned since 01 Jan 2005.

In the first column, identify the dogs as "1", "2", "3", etc. These numbers are then used throughout the remainder of the survey. (Space is provided for up to 10 Dalmatians, but please use a second copy of this page should you need to enter details for more).

Dog Code Number	Sex (M/F)	Date or Year of Birth	Neutered? (Y/N)	Age at Death (if applicable)	Cause of Death (if applicable)	Registered Name (optional)

Q2. (If neither 2A nor 2B applies, proceed to Q3)

2A – Urinary Stones: please indicate with an 'X' the type of stone (if analysed), or indicate 'not analysed'

Dog Code Number	Urate	Struvite	Xanthate	Other (specify)	Not analysed	Age When First Diagnosed

Q5. Have any of your Dalmatians suffered from Megaesophagus? (if 'NO', proceed to Q6).

Dog Code Number	Age When First Diagnosed

Q6. Have any of your Dalmatians suffered from cancer? (if 'NO', proceed to Q7).

Dog Code Number	Age When First Diagnosed	Affected Organ or Part of Body

Q7. Have any of your Dalmatians suffered from gastric torsion (bloat)? (if 'NO', proceed to Q8).

Dog Code Number	Age at First Occurrence	Total Number of Occurrences

Q8. Have any of your Dalmatians suffered from folliculitis (often referred to as 'Dally Rash', and characterised by one or more of a 'hives' reaction, staining/dicolouration of hair with a pink/mushroom colour, localised hair loss, and commonly located on the head/neck and sometimes back)? (if 'NO', proceed to Q9).

Dog Code Number	Age at First Occurrence	Time/Season of Year	Did the Condition Recur in Subsequent Years/How Many?	Was Any Specific Allergen Identified?	If Veterinary Advice Sought, What Treatment Was Prescribed?

Q9. Have any of your Dalmatians suffered from pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) or hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) or any other condition affecting the pancreas or liver? (if 'NO', proceed to Q10).

Dog Code Number	Pancreatitis	Other Pancreatic Condition (Specify)	Hepatitis	Other Liver Condition (Specify)

Q10. This 'free text' section is intended for you to report any other disease or condition not already separately addressed. Please include reference to the relevant 'Dog Code Number' from Q1.

The following information is optional:-

Name:

 **Email:**

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY.