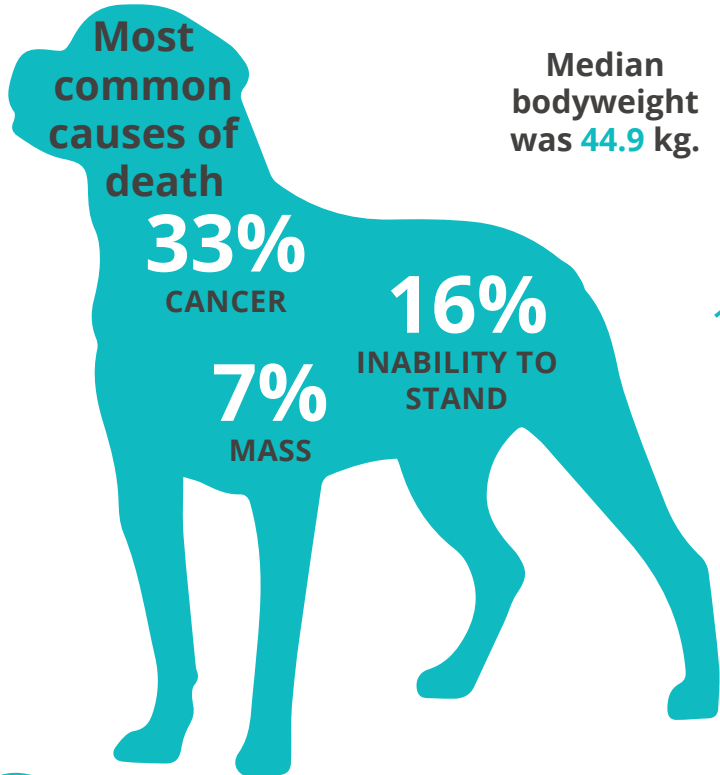


Rottweilers

A breed with a guarding history

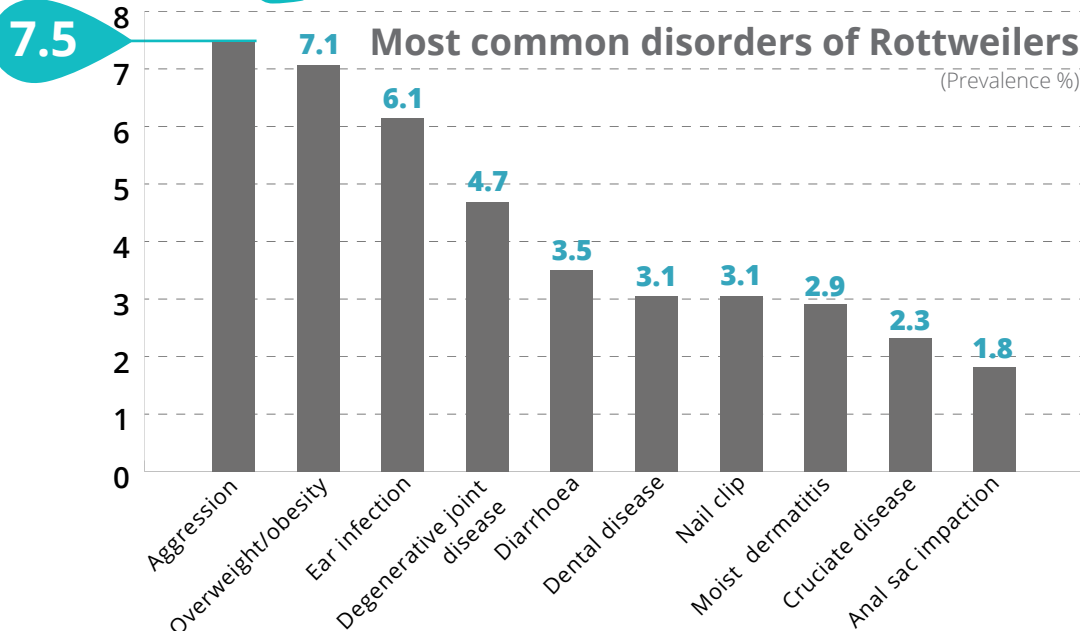
This study evaluated the demography, longevity and common disorders of Rottweilers in the UK in 2013.



Median bodyweight was **44.9 kg**.

Popularity dropped from **1.75%** of all dogs born in 2006 to **1.07%** in 2013.

The average lifespan of Rottweilers was **9.0 years**.



CONCLUSIONS

- Historically bred as a guarding breed, aggression is a common issue in Rottweilers that are often kept as pets.
- Owners should ensure good socialisation of puppies and seek veterinary behaviour advice even before problem behaviours develop.
- Owners should ensure careful dietary control and regular exercise to help prevent overweight/obesity.

The study included **5,321 Rottweilers from 455,557 dogs across the UK**. [O'Neill et al. \(2017\) "Rottweilers under primary veterinary care in the UK: demography, mortality and disorders" PLOS ONE \(Free Open Access\)](#)