

# Persian cats

## At high risk of haircoat problems

*This study evaluated the ownership, demography, longevity and common disorders of Persian cats in the UK.*

Persian cats live for 13.5 years, slightly shorter than the 14 year average for cats overall.

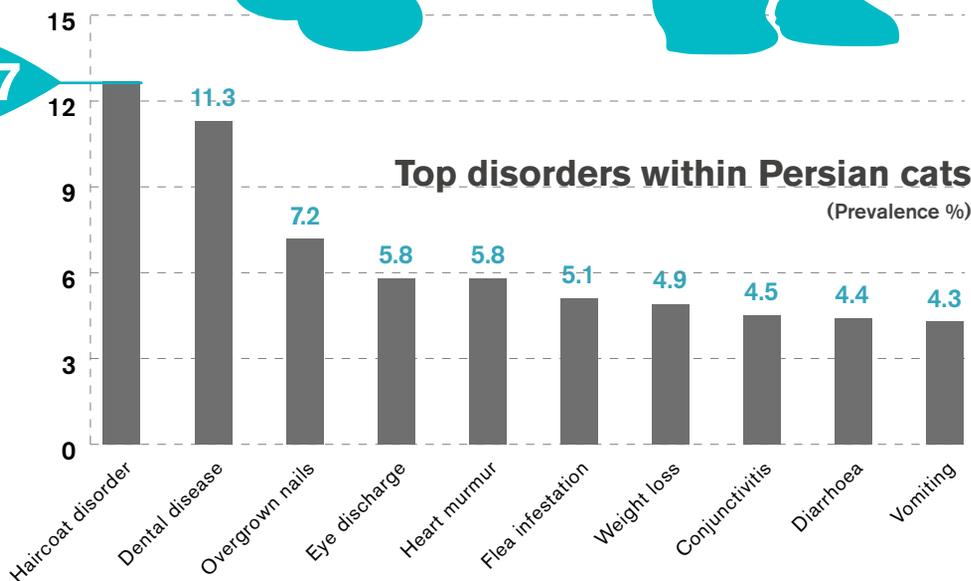
**Most common causes of death (%)**

**23.4**  
**KIDNEY DISEASE**

**8.5**  
**CANCER**

Persian cats are a popular breed worldwide – instantly recognisable from their luxurious coat and flattened face

**12.7**



### CONCLUSIONS

- Owners of Persian cats need to be especially alert to dental, eye and haircoat issues in their cats and seek treatment at the earliest signs of ill-health.
- This study suggests that Persian cats are prone to haircoat, dental and ocular conditions because of their flattened faces and luxurious coats.

This study included 3,325 Persian Cats from 285,547 cats across the UK. O'Neill, D.G. et al. (2019) "[Persian cats under first opinion veterinary care in the UK: demography, mortality and disorders](#)" [Nature Scientific Reports \(Free Open Access\)](#)