This study evaluated the demography, longevity and common disorders of Bulldogs (British Bulldogs) in the UK.

**Most common causes of death**
- 11.8% HEART DISEASE
- 10.9% CANCER
- 9.1% BRAIN DISORDER

The average bodyweight of Bulldogs is 26.0kg. Males (27.6kg) are heavier than females (24.3kg).

Bulldog ownership almost doubled from 0.35% of puppies born in 2009 to 0.60% in 2013.

**Most common disorders of Bulldogs** (Prevalence %)
- Alopecia: 12.7
- Pododermatitis: 8.8
- Conjunctivitis: 8.7
- Cryptorchidism (males only): 7.8
- Prolapsed gland of third eyelid (cherry eye): 7.3
- Overweight/obesity: 6.8
- Pyoderma: 5.6
- Otitis externa: 5.4
- Dermatitis: 5.4
- Alopecia: 5.3

The average lifespan of Bulldogs is 7.2 years with females (7.9 years) outliving males (6.7 years).

**CONCLUSIONS**
- Bulldogs are rising in popularity but have a shorter lifespan than the overall average for all dogs.
- Skin fold dermatitis and prolapsed gland of the third eyelid (“cherry eye”) are worryingly high breed predispositions.
- These results provide a breed-wide evidence base to support current and new initiatives on Bulldog breed reform that can promote better health in future generations.

The study included 1,621 bulldogs from 455,557 dogs across the UK. O’Neill et al. (2019) “Disorders of Bulldogs under primary veterinary care in the UK in 2013” PLOS ONE (Free Open Access)