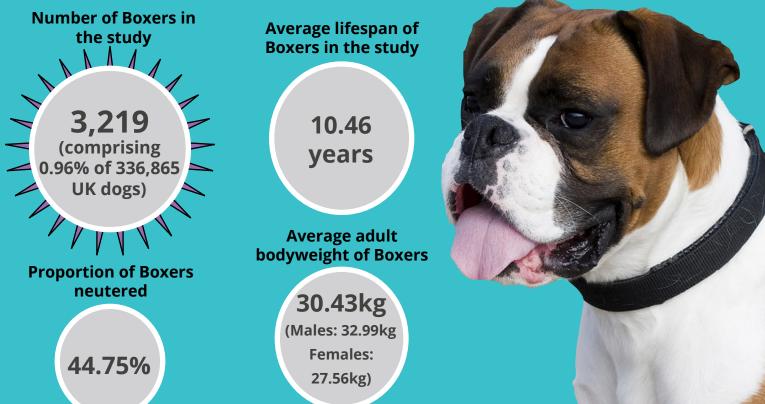
Disorders of Boxer Dogs in the UK

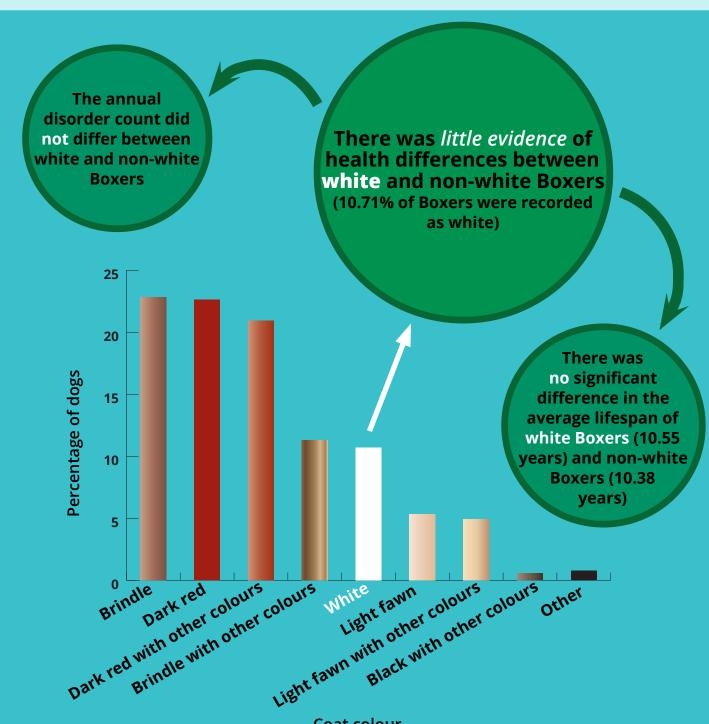


The Boxer is a popular dog breed in the UK with a distinctive appearance. However, despite its popularity, there is limited evidence on the overall health status of Boxers. White colouring in Boxers has been linked to a higher risk of deafness from birth. Because Boxers have relatively flattened faces (brachycephaly), there has also been concern that they may be more likely to have typically associated health problems.

This study aimed to describe the demography, mortality and common disorders of Boxers in the UK using information from anonymised veterinary clinical records in the VetCompass™ Programme.

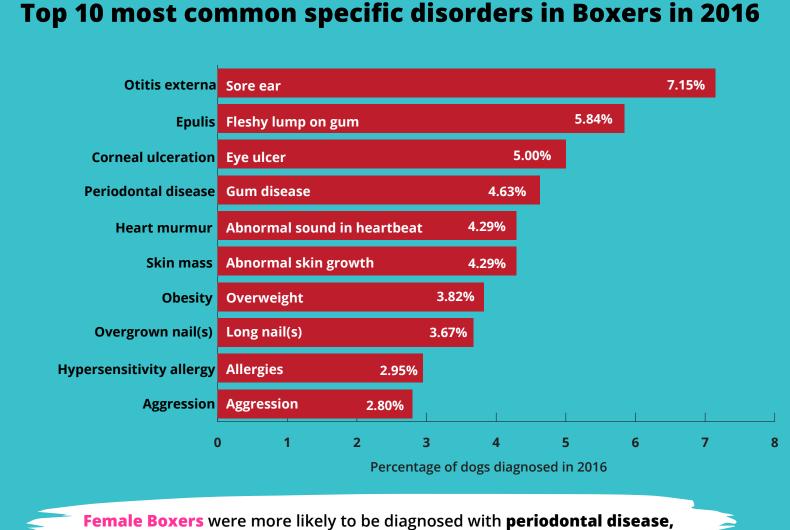


Most common coat colours



Most commonly diagnosed specific disorders

Coat colour



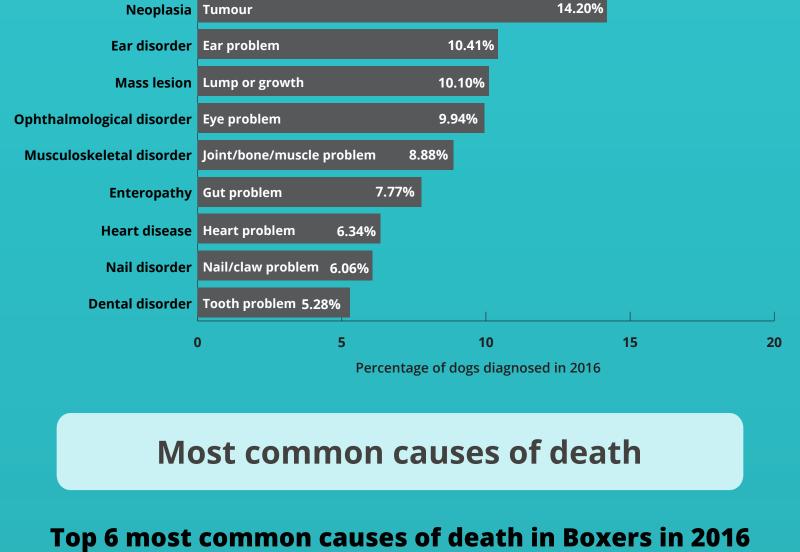
Most commonly diagnosed disorder groups

skin mass, and urinary incontinence than males.

Male Boxers were more likely to be diagnosed with heart murmurs, aggression and aural (ear) discharge than females.

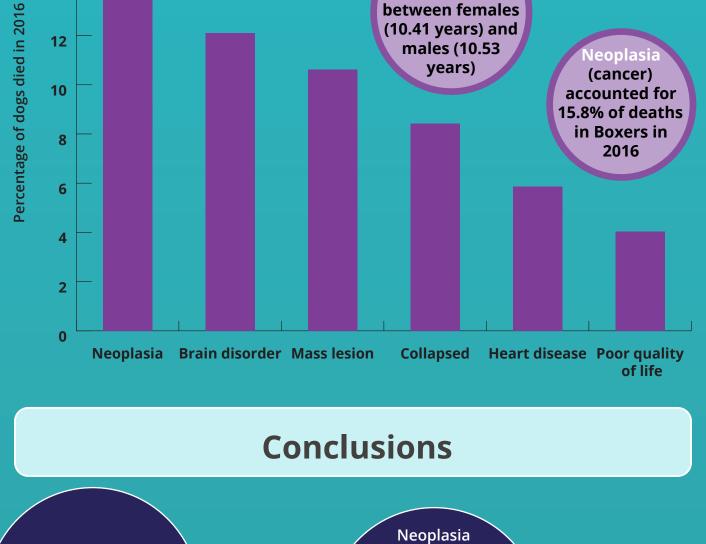
Skin disease Skin disorder 17.74%

Top 10 most common disorder groups in Boxers in 2016



did not differ significantly between females

Lifespan



The most common disorders in Boxers were otitis externa, epulis corneal ulceration and periodontal disease. four most common disorders recorded in

16

14

and the second highest disorder group in Boxers, in agreement with previous research suggesting cancer, as a health priority in Boxers. Boxers, two are typically common across all types of dogs (otitis externa and

was the most

common cause of death

The results demonstrate the value of understanding breed-specific disorder patterns that offer insights for potential health interventions for individual breeds.

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Among the

periodontal disease) while two

showed strong predisposition

in the Boxer breed (epulis

and corneal ulceration).

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