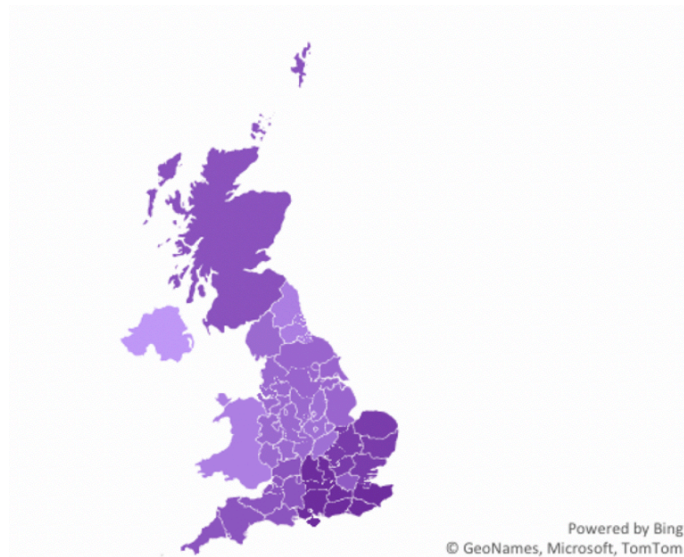


The Pandemic Puppies survey closed on 31st December 2020, so what is happening now?

- The study received **7545** responses, so firstly a huge thank you to every one of you who took part and/or shared the survey.
- We are currently planning a follow-on survey, and we would love your help once again. This is your chance to tell us how things have gone for you since the first survey. We will contact all of you who offered to take part in further research before sending the next survey and you will have the option to opt out if you have changed
- If you said you didn't want to take part in further research but have changed your mind, just drop us an email on pandemicpuppies@rvc.ac.uk with your email address, along with your dog's date of birth and breed and we will contact you as soon as the new survey is ready.
- Below you can see the spread of responses we had – the information came from every region of the UK. On the whole, the number of responses per region fits with what we would expect from UK population data (i.e., the darker areas of the map show more responses, but do have a higher population). You really did an absolutely amazing job of sharing this survey far and wide on our behalf!



- If you would like to know more about what we are doing with the information we collected from the first survey, read on.

If not, we are very grateful for your help. We really couldn't do any of this research to help both yourselves and future puppy owners without your hard work and dedication in sharing and completing our survey. Thank you!

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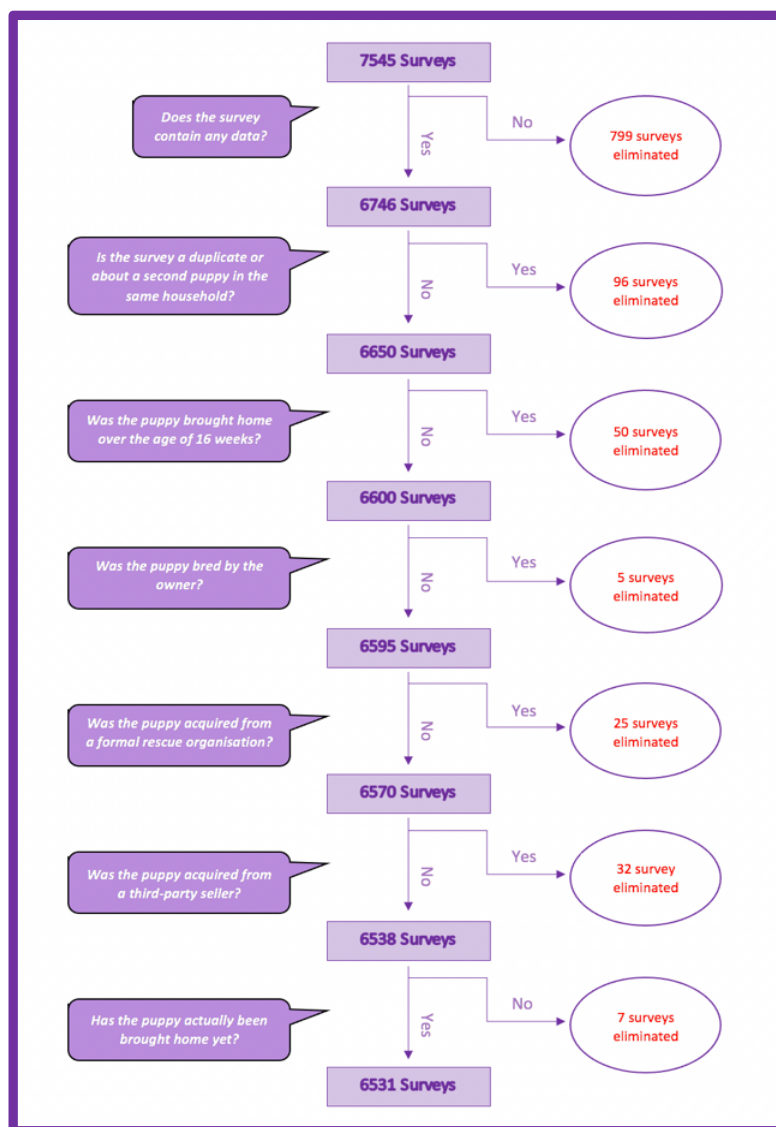
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What are we currently doing with your information from the Pandemic Puppies survey?



- As you may remember, the survey was split with different questions for pre-23/3/2020 owners and post-23/3/2020 owners, along with separate sections depending on whether you had time to answer more questions or not.
- Altogether this resulted in 90 separate questions, so with **7545** responses that potentially gave us **679050** individual pieces of data! The first step was to export all of these responses into a spreadsheet to allow for 'data cleaning'.

- Data cleaning involves removing responses that don't provide information or did not meet the inclusion criteria we set at the beginning of the survey. We do this so we can be confident that the information we end up with enables us to accurately answer any scientific questions. The flow-chart below shows the steps we took during data cleaning.



- We now have **6531** survey responses to analyse.

- The research team are now taking all the answers out of the surveys and putting them into another computer programme so we can properly analyse the information – this does take quite a long time.
- We are also reading and categorising all of the fantastic answers we received from you in the open text boxes. Once again, a huge thank you for providing this information, it was very generous of you to give your time.
- There has been progress: some of the data was presented at the All-Party Parliamentary Dog Advisory Welfare Group meeting on Tuesday 26th January, The A-LAW Scotland conference on Friday 26th February and at The Webinar Vet Online Congress (Saturday 27th February). The rest of the scientific community and other welfare organisations are very interested to hear about our results and therefore your experiences.
- We will carry on analysing all the data from the survey. We hope to publish the results of this soon and will of course update you when that happens on the project website:

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/vetcompass/research-projects-and-opportunities/projects/rvc-pandemic-puppies-survey>

In the meantime, thank you once again for your support of this important project. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team on our email address: pandemicpuppies@rvc.ac.uk



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