Pet greyhounds
Dental disease common

This study evaluated the demography, longevity and common disorders of pet greyhounds in the UK.

CONCLUSIONS

• Dental disease is by far the most common disorder of the greyhound.
• Owners should carefully consider the diet and dental care of their greyhounds to prevent and resolve dental issues which can cause pain and infection.
• The breed is also very prone to traumatic injuries.

Greyhounds live for 11.4 years, slightly shorter than the 12 year average for dogs overall.

Pet greyhounds are common in the UK, comprising 0.6% of all UK pet dogs.

Most common causes of death (%):
- 7.8 ARTHRITIS
- 14.3 COLLAPSE
- 21.5 CANCER

Greyhounds are often kept as pets after finishing their racing careers.

Top disorders within greyhounds (Prevalence %):
- 39

The study included 5,419 greyhounds from 905,544 dogs across the UK. O’Neill, D.G. et al. (2019) ‘Greyhounds under general veterinary care in the UK during 2016: Demography and common disorders’, Canine Genetics and Epidemiology (Free Open Access)