

Chihuahuas

Small dogs but big popularity

This study evaluated the popularity, demography, longevity and common disorders of Chihuahuas in the UK.

CONCLUSIONS

- Chihuahuas have unique behaviours and needs that prospective owners should consider in advance. Owners should avoid purchasing these puppies on impulse or as accessories.
- Owners should be prepared for the costs of surgery for common problems in Chihuahuas such as dental disease, retained baby teeth, sliding kneecap and undescended testicle.
- Dental disease and obesity are particularly common problems in Chihuahuas, which owners can take measures to help prevent.

The study included 11,647 Chihuahuas from 336,865 dogs across the UK. O'Neill et al. (2019) "Demography and commonly recorded clinical conditions of Chihuahuas under primary veterinary care in the UK in 2016" <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12917-020-2258-1> BMC Veterinary Research (Freely available)

