

French Bulldogs

Soaring UK popularity

This study evaluated the demography, longevity and common disorders of French Bulldogs in the UK.

The average adult bodyweight was 12.7kg. Males (13.7kg) were heavier than females (11.5kg).

The most common coat colours were brindle (32.4%) and fawn (29.9%).

French Bulldog ownership rose steeply in the UK from **0.02%** of puppies born in 2003 to **1.46%** in 2013.

Most common causes of death

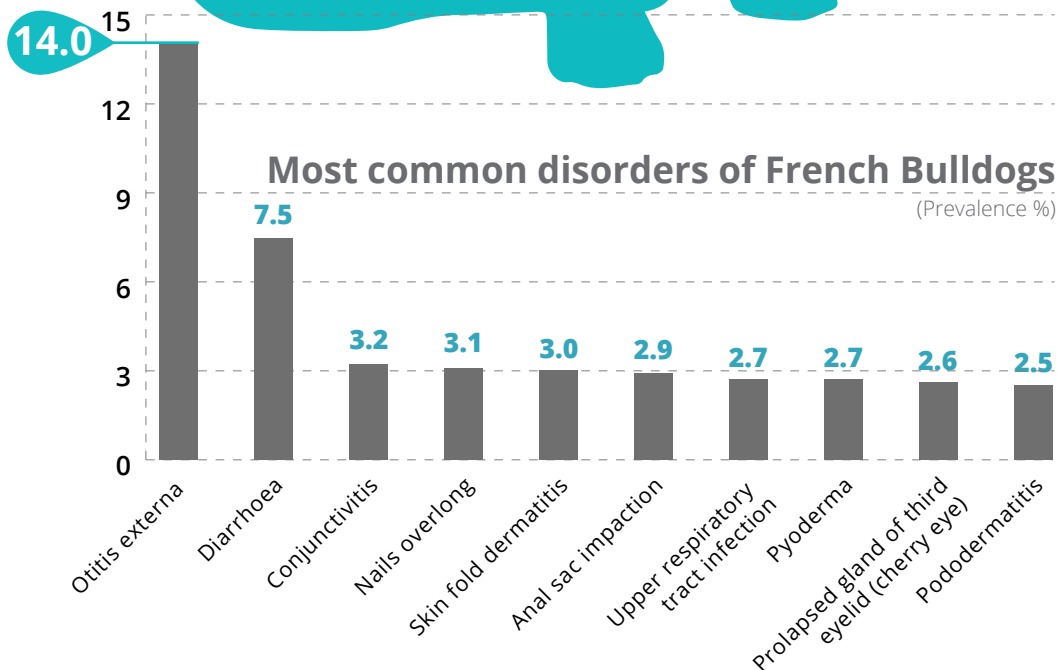
11.9%

BRAIN DISORDER

9.5%

SPINAL CORD DISORDER

The average age of French Bulldogs in the UK in 2013 was 1.3 years and the average lifespan was 3.6 years (which reflects the young population of dogs in the study).



CONCLUSIONS

- This study gives evidence on the rapidly rising popularity of French Bulldogs, which has been associated with welfare issues including mass puppy breeding and importation from long distances.
- The study findings provide owners and vets with information on common issues to expect and monitor for in French Bulldogs.
- The findings may assist potential owners to decide whether a French Bulldog is the right breed for them and encourage sourcing of puppies from responsible breeders.

The study included 2,228 French Bulldogs from 455,557 dogs across the UK. O'Neill et al. (2019) "[Demography and disorders of the French Bulldog population under primary veterinary care in the UK in 2013](#)" [Canine Genetics and Epidemiology \(Free Open Access\)](#)