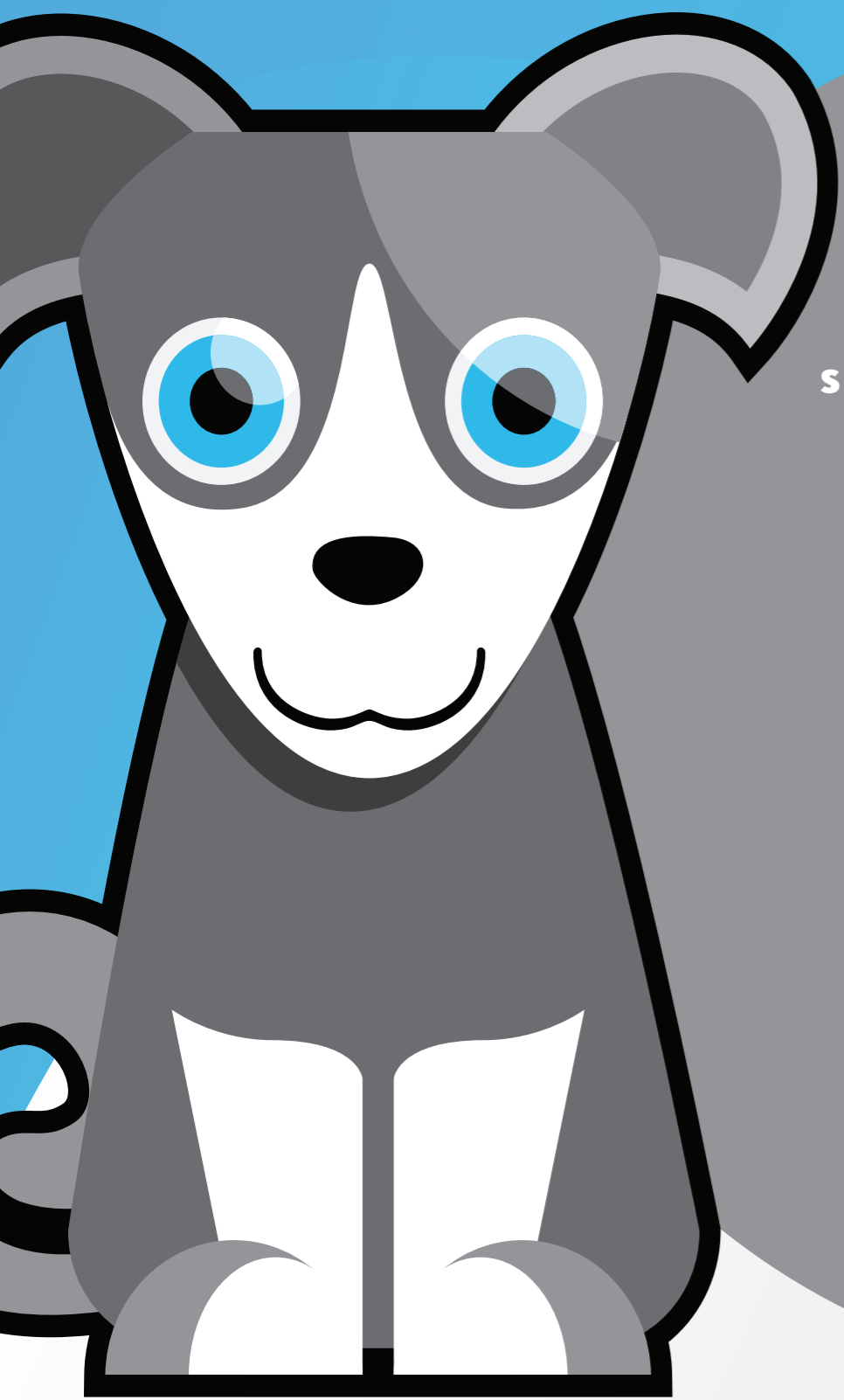


# How long do our dogs live?



'Hybrid Vigour' is the concept that crossbred animals have some specific health advantages over purebred animals, such as longer lives.

## The study

**The Aim** - To see if crossbred dogs live longer than purebred dogs.

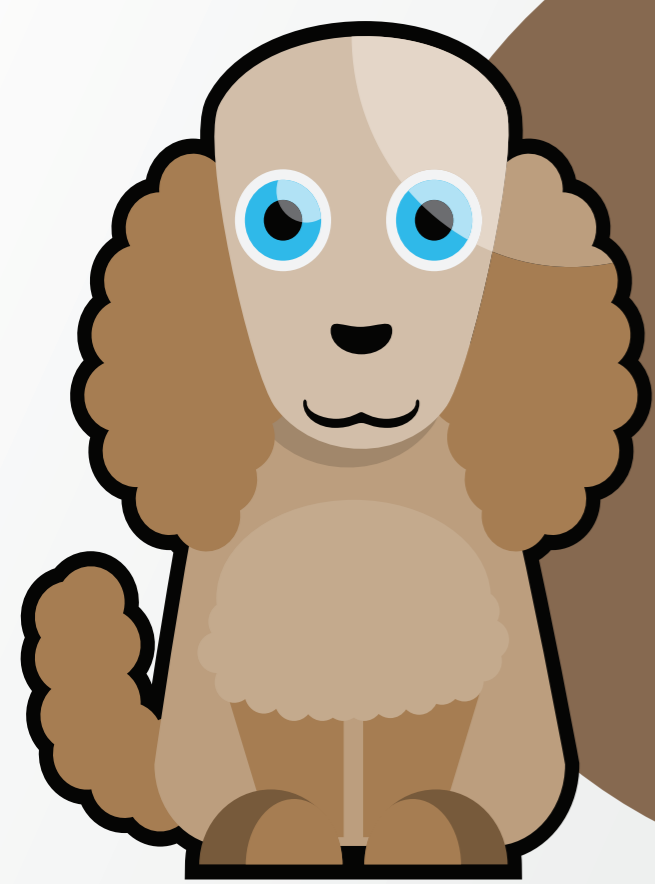
**The Data** - 5,095 confirmed deaths from 102,609 dogs attending 86 vet clinics

Does 'Hybrid Vigour' exist in dogs?

Purebred dogs  
Average lifespan:  
11.9 years

Crossbred dogs  
Average lifespan:  
13.1 years

Crossbred dogs do appear to benefit from a Hybrid Vigour effect for a longer life.



## Main causes of deaths in dogs under 3 years:

- Behavioural 14.7%
- Gastro-Intestinal 14.5%
- Car accidents 12.7%

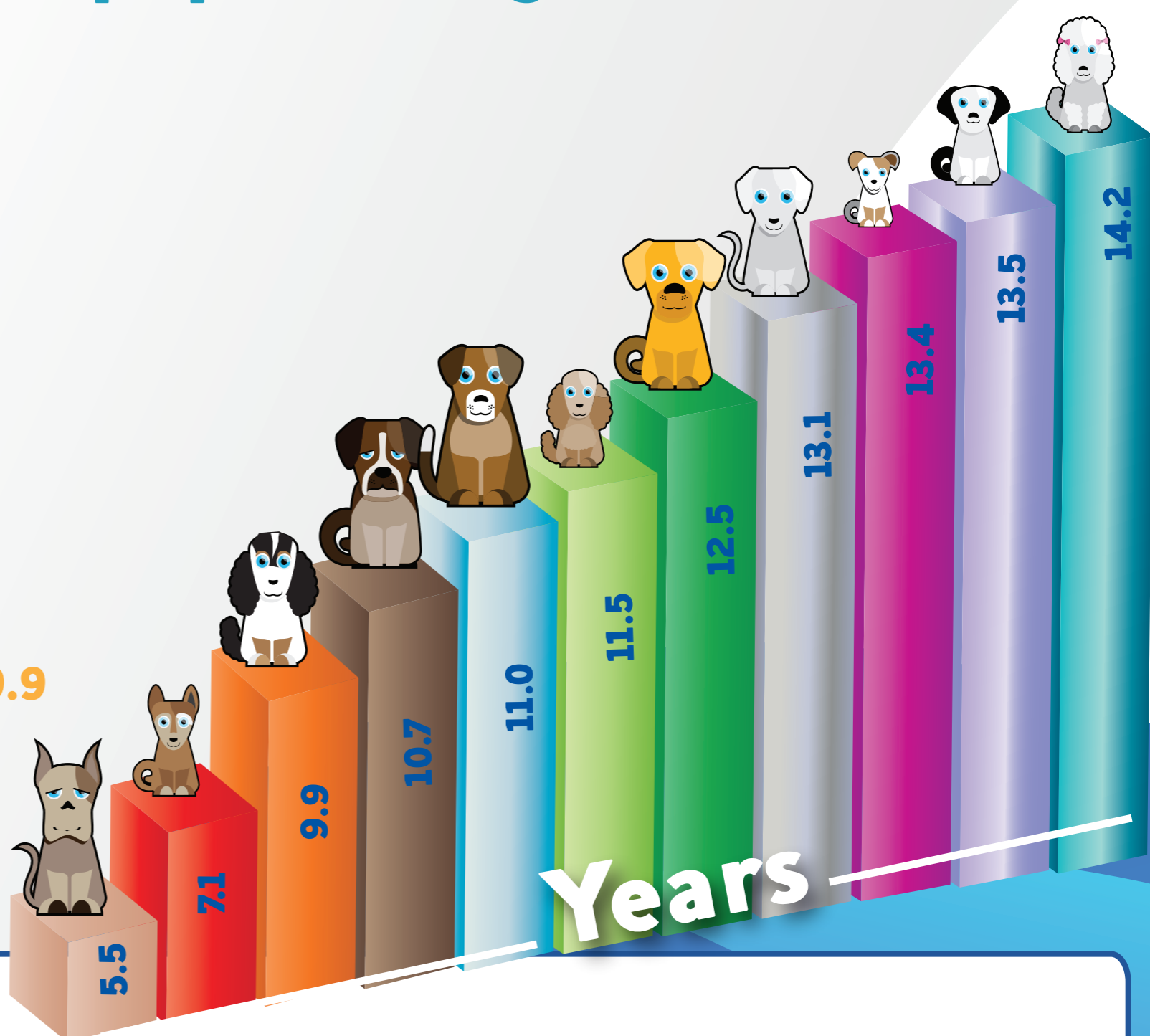


## Main causes of deaths in older dogs:

- Cancer 18.2%
- Arthritis 12.4%
- Neurological 11.6%

## Average lifespan of popular dog breeds

Miniature Poodle	14.2
Border Collie	13.5
Jack Russell	13.4
Crossbreed	13.1
Labrador Retriever	12.5
Cocker Spaniel	11.5
German Shepherd	11.0
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	10.7
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	9.9
Chihuahua	7.1
Dogue de Bordeaux	5.5



### Conclusion

Thanks to modern veterinary science and an increased understanding of their needs, the majority of our dogs now live long and happy lives. On average, crossbred dogs live about one year longer than purebred dogs.

### Preventive Health Advice

- Annual veterinary health checks help to manage problems earlier and more effectively.
- Socialisation of young puppies can help to avoid undesirable behaviour.
- Microchipping helps to re-unite lost or stolen dogs with their owners.
- Older dogs that limp or are stiff may be in pain. Ask your vet practice for advice.