



## **2023 Bloodhound Health Survey**

By The Joint health Group

**The 2023 survey , for hounds born 2012-2023, was completed by 83 people for a total of 186 hounds.**

**Overall the results were promising for the breed.**

### **Cancer**

26% of surveyed hounds had been affected by cancer, with no one type more prevalent. (Would suggest further research into this.)

### **Ears**

36% of surveyed hounds reported being affected by an ear condition.

However a build up of wax was the most common issue reported, and accounted for 37% of the affected ears and the more serious conditions of stenosis accounted for 6% of the reported ear conditions and Pseudomonas reported only in 3%.

### **Eyes**

30 hounds had been BVA eye tested, and 4 more under the breeds own eye health scheme.

The most reported condition is entropion but still only 4.3% of all of the hounds surveyed were affected, with “cherry eye” coming in at 3.7% of total surveyed.

### **Gastrointestinal**

36% of surveyed hounds had been affected, with 13.4% of total hounds surveyed suffering with GDV. A more detailed survey into this condition is still available on the site for you to complete.

### **Heart**

14% of the surveyed hounds had been heart tested, with a VSC cardiologist, and only 4.8% of all hounds surveyed reported a heart condition which is really good news for the breed.

### **Hormonal Conditions**

3.8% of all hounds surveyed, reported hormonal conditions.

### **Hips and Elbows**

21% of Surveyed hounds were Hip/elbow scored, under The KC/BVA system and another 3.6% under overseas systems. This is a great improvement and means we are meeting targets for our breeding strategy.

5.3% of surveyed hounds suffered from Elbow Dysplasia and 4% suffered from Hip Dysplasia.

### **Neurological Disorders**

5% of hounds showed some indication of neurological issues.

DM affected 3.2% of surveyed hounds but there were NO cases of epilepsy reported.

### **Skin Conditions**

21% of hounds reported skin conditions, with 10% of total surveyed having allergies.

A lot of skin conditions appear to have an inconclusive diagnosis/source uncertain.

### **Kidney/bladder Conditions**

6% of hounds surveyed appear to have related conditions.

### **Liver/hepatic Conditions**

3.6% of hound surveyed have been affected.

### **Mortality**

The overall figures showed that 12% of hounds died from a cancer condition, and 7.5% from GDV.

The Average age of death of those that had died was 6.2 years.

