

**Health Survey 2006** (run by the Flatcoated Retriever Society):

It is believed that this was the largest survey undertaken on the breed's health in the UK; a total of 1229 dogs were reported on. The survey will be repeated in 2011 which should give an insight into any trends towards or away from certain conditions and those that may need further investigation.

The following statistics relating to the cause of death in the Flatcoated Retriever were taken from the survey:

1. 351 deaths were recorded of which 57% died from cancer
2. Of those dogs that died as a result of neoplasia (cancer), almost half (43%) were over ten years old
3. The cause of death of the remaining 156 dogs included organ failure, old age, gastric torsion and accident
4. The mean age reached was 9.3 years

The Flatcoated Retriever Society would like to thank all those enthusiasts who participated in the survey by completing the anonymous questionnaire.

The following is a quote from Dr Jane Dobson, Cambridge Oncology Department, regarding their Health Study into neoplasia in the Flatcoated Retriever: "it does show (from Cambridge's Health Study) reasonable longevity in those dogs that did not die from tumours, which is something the breed might wish to flag somehow. This study was quite unique, very few other breeds have been subject to such scrutiny and who knows what the figure might be for others".