

Zoomerang Survey Results

2008 ECSCA Health Survey
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INTRODUCTION Last year at this time we conducted our first online comprehensive health survey. Statistical results from that survey showed where respondents had the greatest concerns regarding various health issues. Those areas were: Temperament, Patella Luxation, deafness, allergies, seizures. This survey will focus on these areas with more specific questions. We hope to collect data that will provide us with more factual information so that we can decide what course of action, if any, should be taken. Why participate in a breed health survey? 1). It's an opportunity for breeders and owners to share information and provide a comparison of their animals' health concerns with others. 2). It serves as a means for documenting common health problems for our breed. 3). It provides a foundation for measuring our future needs and where to focus our concerns. 4). The results can provide a forum for discussion of health concerns within our breed. This survey will have a cut-off date of FEBRUARY 14, 2008. After this date no responses will be accepted. All respondent email addresses will be stripped from the information so the results will remain confidential.

DIRECTIONS: Check the appropriate answer and/or use the drop down box to respond. Once you respond and move to the next page you can't go backwards in the survey to change a response. If the question doesn't apply to you skip it and go on to the next. All responses are anonymous. The questions are in short sentence form. Once you start the survey please finish it and be sure to hit SEND. Completion time should be approximately 15 minutes or less. There are 3 pages with a total of 67 questions. If you have not experienced a given health concern once you state you have not had the condition scroll down to the next section.

SHYNESS/FEAR AGGRESSION Answer this section if you've had one or more dogs that were shy/fearful--answer for all dogs. DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS...

1. I have never had a shy/fearful or aggressive English Cocker. If you answer "NO" SKIP THIS ENTIRE SECTION. If you answer "YES" to shy/fearful OR aggressive continue with the questions below.

Yes	176	57%
No	135	43%
Total	311	100%

2. Have you had a shy/fearful English Cocker?

Yes	155	73%
No	58	27%
Total	213	100%

3. Have you had an English Cocker that was aggressive toward other dogs?

Yes	124	58%
No	91	42%
Total	215	100%

4. Have you had an English Cocker that was aggressive toward kids/adults?

Yes	56	26%
No	160	74%
Total	216	100%

5. If you've had a dog with a temperament issue what sex was the dog?

In-tact male	80	42%
In-tact female	82	43%
Neutered male	38	20%
Spayed female	37	19%

6. What was the age of onset?

3-6 months	20	11%
6-18 months	102	54%
18-36 months	49	26%
36+ months	27	14%

7. What behaviors did the dog display?

Backing up, cowering, tucking tail	93	48%
Hiding	36	19%
Urination, defecation, anal sac expression	10	5%
Growling, barking	122	63%
Piloerection (raised hackles)	35	18%
Snapping, biting	63	33%

8. Where did the dog live and what were the geographic surroundings?

Kennel/run	22	11%
Crated in the house	14	7%
Sometimes crated in the house	108	56%
Free to roam the house	96	50%
Farm/rural setting	34	18%
Sparsely populated neighborhood	46	24%
Heavily populated neighborhood	38	20%
Apartment/condominium	4	2%

9. What were the dog's activities at an early age?

Not sure, was with breeder for first 4-6 months	24	13%
Puppy kindergarten	39	21%
Basic conformation, obedience, or agility classes	112	61%
Doggy day care	2	1%
Leash walks in neighborhood	96	52%
Walks in rural settings (woods, fields, mountains, etc.)	58	32%

10. What was the make-up of the household?

1-2 adults	135	69%
Male only home	1	1%
Female only home	35	18%
1 or more children ages 0-3 yrs. of age	6	3%
1 or more children ages 3-9 yrs. of age	22	11%
1 or more children ages 9+	31	16%
Other pets	141	72%

11. What was the adult owner(s) work situation?

All adults worked full-time & were away during the day.	57	29%
One or more adults worked part-time & one was home part of day.	38	20%
All adults worked different shifts & at least one was home part of day.	28	14%
One or more adults worked at home.	25	13%
One or more adults were at home or retired.	61	31%

12. If you've had more than one shy/aggressive dog, what was the relationship of the dogs?

Siblings	17	11%
Parent/offspring	14	9%
Grandparent/grandchild	4	3%
Extended family (niece, cousin, etc.)	29	19%
No relation	34	22%
Not applicable	69	45%

13. If you've owned an aggressive English Cocker and it was female, was she aggressive only to other females?

Yes	28	27%
No	75	73%
Total	103	100%

14. If you've owned an aggressive English Cocker female was she aggressive only to males?

Yes	2	2%
No	91	98%
Total	93	100%

15. If you've owned an aggressive English Cocker male, was he aggressive to other males?

Yes	77	73%
No	29	27%
Total	106	100%

16. If you've owned an aggressive English Cocker male, was he aggressive toward females?

Yes	30	30%
No	70	70%
Total	100	100%

17. My English Cocker is aggressive toward all dogs, either sex, and to people.

Yes	19	17%
No	94	83%
Total	113	100%

PATELLA LUXATION (slipped stifle) DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS...

18. I have not had any English Cocker with this condition. If you answer "NO" SKIP THIS ENTIRE SECTION. If you answer "YES" continue with the questions below.

Yes	48	16%
No	260	84%
Total	308	100%

19. Do you have your veterinarian examine your dogs for patella luxation?

Yes	47	77%
No	14	23%
Total	61	100%

20. If so, at what age?

6 wks.-6 months	27	57%
18 months	3	6%
2 yrs. or older	12	26%
Annually	9	19%

21. Have you had an English Cocker with a medial slipped patella? (Medial patella's slip to the inside).

Yes	14	25%
No	43	75%
Total	57	100%

22. If you've had a dog with a medial OR lateral slipped patella, how old was the dog when the diagnosis was made?

6 wks.-6 months	17	45%
6 months-1 year	6	16%
1 year-2 years	7	18%
Over 2 years	9	24%

23. Was the dog a male or female?

Male	15	39%
Female	16	42%
I've had the condition in both sexes	7	18%

24. Have you had an English Cocker with a lateral slipped patella? (Lateral slipped patella moves to the outside).

Yes	18	33%
No	37	67%
Total	55	100%

25. If you've had an English Cocker with a lateral slipped patella how old was the dog when the diagnosis was made?

6wks.-6 months	11	52%
6 months-1 year	1	5%
1 year - 2 years	6	29%
Over 2 years old	3	14%

26. Was the dog a male or female?

Male	9	38%
Female	8	33%
I've had the condition in both sexes.	7	29%

27. Was the patella problem caused by an injury?

Yes	2	6%
No	34	94%
Total	36	100%

28. Did the dog require surgery?

Yes	10	24%
No	31	76%
Total	41	100%

29. If you've had a dog with a patella problem were both parents examined by a veterinarian and found to be normal?

Yes	34	89%
No	4	11%
Total	38	100%

30. If you've had an English Cocker with Patella Luxation was the dog OFA HIP certified?

Yes	9	23%
No	20	51%
OFA Excellent	2	5%
OFA Good	10	26%
OFA Fair	1	3%
OFA DYSPLASTIC	2	5%

31. If you've had an English Cocker with patella luxation did you breed the dog?

Yes	6	11%
No	47	89%
Total	53	100%

32. If so, did the dog produce the trait?

Yes	1	6%
No	16	94%
Total	17	100%

ALLERGIES DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS...

33. I have not had any English Cocker with an allergy problem of any type. If you answer "NO" skip this section. IF you answer "YES" you have had a cocker with allergies continue with the questions in this section.

Yes	95	30%
No	219	70%
Total	314	100%

34. Do you have a dog with food/contact/drug/inhalent allergies?

Yes	87	78%
No	25	22%
Total	112	100%

35. Is the English Cocker allergic to food? If so check all that apply.

Wheat	33	69%
Corn	31	65%
Soy	6	12%
Beef	13	27%
Chicken	12	25%
Lamb	11	23%
Milk	6	12%
Eggs	5	10%

36. Does the English Cocker have contact/inhalent allergies? If so, check all that apply.

Carpet	3	6%
Grass	26	48%
Fleabite hypersensitivity	29	54%
Pollen	31	57%
Molds	18	33%
Housedust mites	8	15%

37. Does the English Cocker have allergies to drugs? If so, check all that apply.

Flea products	3	21%
Combination shots	6	43%
Heartworm medication	2	14%
Other	6	43%

38. Does the dog suffer from Otitis Externa (ear infections) and other skin problems due to allergies?

Yes	46	45%
No	56	55%
Total	102	100%

39. Does the English Cocker suffer from diarrhea/digestive problems due to allergies?

Yes	16	16%
No	83	84%
Total	99	100%

40. How old was the dog when the allergy started?

3 months-6 months	6	6%
6 months-1 year	23	23%
1 year-3 years	43	43%
Older than 3 years	30	30%

41. If the dog had food allergies did you try an 'avoidance' diet which eliminated certain grains, proteins from the diet?

Yes	60	79%
No	16	21%
Total	76	100%

42. If you tried an avoidance diet was this method successful?

Yes	44	66%
No	23	34%
Total	67	100%

43. Did you do intradermal tests (skin tests)?

Yes	18	19%
No	75	81%
Total	93	100%

44. Did you use allergen-specific IgE serology tests (serum tests)?

Yes	16	18%
No	71	82%
Total	87	100%

45. Did the dog require allergy shots?

Yes	12	13%
No	77	87%
Total	89	100%

46. If shots were needed, was this method successful?

Yes	11	55%
No	9	45%
Total	20	100%

**47. If your dog suffers from seasonal allergies, which season triggers the allergy?
Check all that apply.**

Winter	5	8%
Spring	14	23%
Summer	17	28%
Fall	14	23%
More than one season	20	33%
All Seasons	15	25%

48. What type of allergic reaction(s) does your English Cocker experience? Check all that apply.

Itchiness, leading to excessive scratching	66	72%
Chewing	45	49%
Loss of hair	18	20%
Runny eyes	35	38%
Other	23	25%

DEAFNESS DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS...**49. Do you BAER test your dogs?**

Yes	213	69%
No	97	31%
Total	310	100%

50. Have you had a dog that tested unilaterally deaf?

Yes	51	19%
No	215	81%
Total	266	100%

51. If so, was the dog solid, parti colored, hybrid? Check all that apply...

Solid	4	7%
Parti	54	93%
Hybrid	1	2%

52. Have you had a dog that was bilaterally deaf at birth?

Yes	26	12%
No	187	88%
Total	213	100%

53. If so, was the dog solid, parti-colored, or hybrid? Check all that apply...

Solid	3	11%
Parti-colored	24	86%
Hybrid	3	11%

54. Have you had a dog that was BAER tested normal, but appears to have a diminished hearing response?

Yes	46	23%
No	155	77%
Total	201	100%

55. Do you have a dog that is deaf due to chronic ear infections? (Conductive hearing loss).

Yes	25	12%
No	190	88%
Total	215	100%

SEIZURES DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS...

56. I have not had any English Cocker with seizures. If you answer "NO" SKIP THIS SECTION. If you answer "YES" you have had a cocker with seizures continue with the questions.

Yes	62	20%
No	244	80%
Total	306	100%

57. Was the dog seen by a veterinarian?

Yes	54	90%
No	6	10%
Total	60	100%

58. If the answer to #1 was yes, was the veterinarian a:

General practice veterinarian	42	74%
Neurologist	3	5%
Both	16	28%

59. If diagnostic tests were done, was the cause determined to be:

Lead poisoning	1	3%
Other toxins	3	9%
Thyroid	6	17%
Allergies	2	6%
Liver shunt or other liver problems	3	9%
Brain tumor or other brain diseases	3	9%
Epilepsy	23	66%

60. Were the seizures:

Generalized, tonic-clonic grand mal	27	45%
Simple focal or minor motor	19	32%
Complex focal or psycho-motor	5	8%
Fly biting	6	10%
Gum Chewing	3	5%
Other	4	7%
Don't know	11	18%

61. Were any of the seizures ever in clusters?

Yes	14	22%
No	50	78%
Total	64	100%

62. Is/was the dog maintained on medication? If so, indicate all forms.

Phenobarbital	22	40%
Bromide	10	18%
Diazepam/valium (for emergencies)	11	20%
Keppra, Gabapentin, or Zonisamide	4	7%
Other	6	11%
Alternative therapies (acupuncture, herbs, gold beads, diet, etc.)	5	9%
None	27	49%

63. How frequent were the seizures?

Once, never again	13	22%
fewer than 1 a year	8	14%
1 a year	8	14%
2-3 a year	14	24%
4-6 a year	9	15%
More than six a year	14	24%

64. If you've had more than one dog with seizures, what was the relationship of the dogs?

Siblings	5	11%
Parent/offspring	2	5%
Grandparent/grandchild	1	2%
Extended family (niece, uncle, cousin, etc.)	9	20%
No relation	9	20%
Not applicable	25	57%

AUTOIMMUNE HEMOLYTIC ANEMIA DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS...**65. Have you owned a dog that had Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia?**

Yes	22	7%
No	287	93%
Total	309	100%

66. If you are a breeder, have you encountered this problem in your breeding program one or more times?

Yes	25	18%
No	116	82%
Total	141	100%

67. If you have owned a dog with AIHA did the dog survive after the attack?

Lived 3 months & relapsed	6	24%
Lived 6 months & relapsed	4	16%
Lived more than a year no relapse	10	40%
No relapse, lived a long life	9	36%