

## Standard Schnauzer Health Survey of 2008

We are the voice for all Standard Schnauzers. Whether we are breeders, fanciers or pet owners, we have the ultimate responsibility for maintaining the health of our breed. To maintain the high quality of health and protect the future of our breed, it is imperative that breeders and owners know of and understand the genetic health problems that may exist in our breed. This is the first step in developing genetic tests for any disease that may be identified. **Equally important**, we want to know that many diseases are not issues for our breed, so it is as **important to have data on healthy dogs** as it is dogs with health problems.

This health survey seeks information on all Standard Schnauzers alive at any time (be that one day or the entire period) during the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2007. **We need information on all Standard Schnauzers**, not just dogs showing in conformation, participating in performance events or existing in breeding programs.

**Discuss the importance of this survey with all Standard Schnauzer families, especially owners who are not members of SSCA or regional clubs; a successful survey depends upon you and them.**

The data are submitted to an Independent party for removal of any/all personal identifiers; this insures confidentiality and that no data can be linked to a breeder/owner. No list of names of individuals providing data will be maintained, nor will any names be shared with the Health Survey Taskforce or any third party. Only de-identified survey forms will be transferred to the Taskforce. The Taskforce will summarize the data; only aggregate information for any disease/trait will be reported.

### Instructions for completing health survey

Please answer the questions as completely as possible. Use the “disease codes”, being as specific as possible. For clarification, conduct an internet search for the disease/condition or consult your veterinarian. Age at diagnosis is important in helping to understand a disease. Dates should be reported as month and year, with ages reported as years and months.

**Remember to include information for healthy dogs**, just check the “**health issues - none**” box for each healthy dog!

Additional information for any dog may be added at the bottom of Page 2 or use an additional page. Indicate the dog to which the “additional information” refers.

If submitting data for more than 4 dogs, make additional copies of the survey form, with the accompanying “additional information” page. This makes it appear that no one is providing data for more than 4 dogs and provides an additional level of confidentiality.

Co-owners of a dog should decide who has the best knowledge and will provide the information. Similarly, only one individual should submit data for a dog that has had multiple owners.

Although it is preferable that data be supplied by the current owner of a dog, we will accept data from breeders who have knowledge of the past/current health of puppies they whelped, **if the current owners will not complete the survey**. (*Hint to Breeders – start the survey form and then forward to owners for completion and submission.*)

“Puppy Health” are conditions observed at birth (or within the first few days) – use codes “15xx” for any conditions observed.

For the Taskforce to produce a report for the National Specialty in October of 2008, we must have data by June 30, 2008. ***Please take the time to complete the survey. Statistics show that most returns are received within the first weeks of distribution. Do not put it off, fill it out as soon as you receive it and send it in.***

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0100	<b>Cancer</b>	0500	<b>Gastroenterology (GI)</b>	1100	<b>Female reproduction</b>
0101	Hemiangiosarcoma (blood)	0501	Bloat	1101	Anestrus
0102	Lymphosarcoma	0502	Irritable bowel syndrome	1102	Pyometria
0103	Mast cell tumors (skin)	0503	Chronic colitis	1103	Vaginitis (inflammation)
0104	Melanoma	0504	Gastritis - chronic	1104	Abnormal estrus cycle
0105	Osteosarcoma (bone)	0505	Vomiting - chronic	1105	Primary uterine inertia
0106	Squamous cell tumors (skin)	0506	Diarrhea - chronic	1106	Infertile
0107	Mammary	0519	other	1119	other
0108	Ovarian				
0109	Testicular	0600	<b>Hematology (blood)</b>	1200	<b>Male reproduction</b>
0110	Stomach	0601	Hemophilia A	1201	Cryptorchidism
0111	Kidney	0602	Hemophilia B		(undescended testicles)
0112	Liver	0603	Inherited hemolytic anemias	1202	Monorchidism
0113	Leukemia	0604	Platelet dysfunction	1203	Testicular atrophy
0119	other	0605	von Willebrand's disease	1204	Lack of semen/sperm
		0619	other	1205	Abnormal sperm
0200	<b>Cardiovascular</b>			1206	Congenital defects
0201	Cardiomyopathy	0700	<b>Nephrology (kidney/urinary)</b>	1207	Prostatitis (inflammation)
0202	Heart murmur	0701	Bladder disease	1208	Prostatic hypertrophy
0203	Patent ductus arteriosus	0702	Bladder/Kidney stones	1219	other
0204	Pulmonary valve stenosis	0703	Familial renal disease		
0205	Valve dysfunction	0704	Urinary tract disorder	1300	<b>Temperament</b>
0206	Ventricular septal defects	0705	Cystitis (bladder inflammation)	1301	Aggressive
0219	other	0719	other	1302	Fearful
				1303	Shyness
0300	<b>Dermatology</b>	0800	<b>Neurology / Muscular</b>	1304	Unstable
0301	Allergies	0801	Epilepsy	1319	other
0302	Pigment abnormalities	0802	Seizures		
0303	Sebaceous adenitis	0803	Trembling/tremors	1400	<b>Nonmalignant cysts</b>
0304	Seborrhea (extreme dandruff)	0804	Muscle weakness	1401	Hemangioma
0305	Sebaceous cysts	0805	Nerve degeneration	1402	Histiocytoma
0306	Mange	0819	other	1403	Lipomas
0319	other			1404	Mammary adenomas
		0900	<b>Ophthalmology</b>	1419	other
0400	<b>Endocrinology</b>	0901	Cataracts		
0401	Diabetes mellitus	0902	Progressive retinal atrophy	1500	<b>Birth defects in puppies</b>
	(insulin dependent)	0903	Retinal dysplasia	1501	Cleft palate
0402	Diabetes insipidus	0904	Retinal disease	1502	Failure to walk (swimmers)
0403	Hypothyroidism	0919	other	1503	Incomplete abdominal closure
0404	Thyroiditis (inflammation)			1504	Hydrocephalus
0405	Pancreatic insufficiency	1000	<b>Orthopedic</b>	1505	Failure to thrive
0406	Addison's disease	1001	Arthritis	1506	Stillborn
0407	Cushing's disease	1002	Hip dysplasia	1519	Other
0419	other	1003	Elbow dysplasia		
		1019	other		



Your input **will**  
make a difference.