

The purpose of this general health survey is to gather information regarding the health and genetic issues of the Yorkshire Terrier breed. The YTCA Foundation is requesting this information directly from owners who have experienced health and/or genetic problems with their Yorkshire Terriers. To assure confidentiality, do not identify yourself or your dogs. The completed survey should be sent before OCTOBER 31, 2006 to our independent statistician:

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Please answer the questions as completely as possible. If you need help with clarification of a disease you have experienced with one of your Yorkshire Terriers, please contact any of the Foundation board members, try an internet search for the specific disease name, or consult your veterinarian.

I. General Information

- A. What are your interests in Yorkshire Terriers? (Circle all that apply.) Breeder, Owner, Conformation, Handler, Obedience, Agility, Rescue, Other: _____
- B. How long have you been involved in the breed?
 1-5 years 6-10 years
 11-15 years over 15 years
- C. Below please list the age and primary cause of death of the six most recent Yorkshire Terriers you have owned.

Year	Age at Death	Primary Cause of Death

II. Testing Information

- A. Do you radiograph hips for hip disorders?
 Yes No only if a problem occurs
- B. Do you "CERF" eyes? Yes No
- C. Do you have a veterinarian check patellas?
 Yes No
- D. Which preventative tests do you perform?
- Heartworm _____
 - Fecal _____
 - Dental checkup _____
 - Blood work _____
 - Other _____

III. General Health Conditions

This is a fact finding questionnaire and lists canine diseases grouped by body system. This list is not comprehensive but includes many diseases that are believed to occur in Yorkshire Terriers. Please identify with a check mark all documented health conditions you have personally experienced in Yorkshire Terriers you have bred or owned.

A. SKIN

- Allergies resulting in skin condition
 Autoimmune skin disease
 Color-mutant/color dilution alopecia
 Demodectic mange
 Sarcoptic mange
 Sebaceous adenitis
 Seborrhea
 Tumors of the skin

B. NEUROLOGY

- Epilepsy/ Seizures
 Hydrocephalus
 "Shaker" syndrome

C. HEMATOLOGY / BLOOD DISORDERS

- Von Willebrand's disease (reduced factor VIII in the blood resulting in a prolonged bleeding time)
 Immune-mediated hemolytic anemia
 Immune-mediated thrombocytopenia

D. ENDOCRINOLOGY

- Cushing's disease (abnormal condition due to adrenal or pituitary hyper function)
 Addison's disease (primary hypoadrenocorticism)
 Diabetes mellitus (excessive sugar in the blood and urine due to inability to use insulin)
 Hypothyroidism (deficient activity of the thyroid gland)
 Puppy hypoglycemia

E. DIGESTIVE SYSTEM / GASTROENTEROLOGY

- Coprophagia (stool eating)
 Inflammatory bowel disease
 Intestinal lymphangiectasia (a generalized inflammation of the lymphatics of the intestines)
 Megaesophagus (abnormally dilated esophagus)
 Pancreatitis

F. LIVER DISORDERS

- Chronic active hepatitis (chronic liver inflammation / infection)
- Portosystemic shunt - Extrahepatic shunt (liver disease caused by abnormal blood flow)
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- Microvascular dysplasia (Hepatic)

G. OPHTHALMOLOGY

- Cataracts
- Conjunctivitis
- Dry eye, keratoconjunctivitis sicca
- Ectropion (eyelids turning inward)
- Entropion (eyelids turning outward)
- Epiphora (excessive watering of the eyes due to excessive tear production or blocked tear ducts)
- Eyelash disorders (distichiasis)
- Glaucoma
- PRA (progressive retinal atrophy)
- PPM (persistent pupillary membranes)
- Prolapsed gland of the third eye lid (Cherry Eye)
- Retinal dysplasia (folds or geographic detachment)

H. EARS

- Chronic ear infections
- Leather ear (slick ear)

I. HEART / CARDIOLOGY

- Congestive / chronic heart failure
- PDA - patent ductus arteriosus

J. DENTAL

- Gingivitis (gum infection)
- Premature tooth loss
- Retained baby teeth
- Lack of full dentition

K. CANCER/ONCOLOGY

- Lymphosarcoma (cancer of the lymph glands)
- Malignant melanoma (a form of skin cancer)
- Mammary cancer (cancer of the mammary glands)

L. MUSCULOSKELETAL

- Hip dysplasia
- Legg-Calve Perthes disease
- Luxated patellas

M. RESPIRATORY

- Tracheal collapse (collapsing trachea)
- Short soft palate
- Elongated soft palate

N. REPRODUCTIVE

- Abortion-spontaneous
- Cryptorchidism
- Dystocia (whelping difficulty)
- Eclampsia
- False pregnancy
- Herpes Virus
- Infertility- male
- Infertility- female
- Mastitis (inflammation of the breast)
- Pyometra
- Inguinal hernia (groin hernia)

O. BIRTH DEFECTS

- Born blue puppy
- "Water Baby" - anasarca (congenital lethal edema)
- Intestines outside/schistosomus reflexus (skin & muscles failure to close over umbilicus)
- Open fontanel
- Fading puppy
- Cleft palate

P. KIDNEY / URINARY

- Bladder stones (cystic calculi)
- Chronic renal failure (kidney failure)

Q. TEMPERAMENT PROBLEMS

- Aggressiveness
- Fear biting
- Fearfulness
- Shyness
- Submissive urinating

R. OTHER (Please list diseases or conditions experienced in your Yorkshire Terriers that may not have been identified in the above lists. If necessary use an additional sheet but be specific.)

Thank you for participating in the 2006 YTCA Foundation's General Health Survey.

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