



The German Wirehaired Pointer Club has recently established a health sub-committee. The purpose of this is to help us prioritise health issues currently facing the breed, link up with relevant medical research and support, provide breeders and owners with accurate health information and hopefully ensure that this wonderful breed continues to thrive in the future.

To do this we need the help of members and non-members alike. We need to identify the health problems that affect the breed and to that end we are carrying out this survey. This is going to be managed in the STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE. The data is being collected by Diana Durman Walters GWPC President. The aim of this exercise is to begin the process of seriously tackling any common health issues that emerge from the survey.

When sufficient data has been collected it will be forwarded to the Geneticist, Dr. Malcolm Willis, who will analyse the material and try to establish whether there are any health problems or patterns that are statistically significant and therefore need addressing.

The survey asks you to try to recall details of all dogs you have owned. What we need from GWP owners past and present is the following information:

- **The dogs registered name and date of birth**
- **If spayed/castrated and at what age**
- **Age of dog when it died if no longer alive**
- **The cause of death**
- **Any health issues experienced by the dogs in their life; even if they were not considered serious**

Hopefully we will be able to collect as much data as possible on dogs, some which died many years or even decades ago, right up to the present day.

This survey may very well become a vital tool in securing the future health and well-being of the breed, **so we need your input**. Remember data will be kept with complete regard for **confidentiality**. But also remember that the more open you are with the information the easier it will be for Dr Willis to analyse the findings and give us a true picture of what the breed is facing. The sooner we know for sure what we are facing the sooner we can link up with appropriate medical help and research so please do take part.

Lifespan and Mortality Details - Form Criteria

- **Dogs registered name** - as with Kennel Club UK, Irish KC, Dutch KC, American KC etc. And date of birth.
- **Spayed or castrated** – please answer Yes or No. If yes please give age at which this was done.
- **Age of dog** - in years and if possible months.
- **Cause of death** - i.e. natural causes such as old age, accidents, serious illness. Please be as specific as possible.
- **Health issues during dog's life for both dogs that have died and dogs still living**- what were/are the health issues affecting the dog during its life?



Lifespan, Mortality and Morbidity Details: German Wirehaired Pointers

Registered Name of Dog	D.O.B.	Spayed or Neutered At what age?	Age at death	Cause of Death: please give as much relevant information and be as specific as possible	Health/temperament issues experienced in life.

If any of the dogs named above have experienced seizures please give further details on the supplementary survey attached. This is to help us benefit from the European Research LUPA project which is working on finding a DNA test for canine epilepsy.



Supplementary survey: Seizures

If any of the dogs above have suffered from a seizure disorder please give further details.

Name of Dog in question	Age at first seizure	Subsequent frequency of seizures	Details of clinical investigations e.g. MRI scans, spinal tap, blood work.	Concluding diagnosis (e.g. Idiopathic Epilepsy, brain tumour, Poisoning etc.)	Eventual Outcome e.g. control of seizures, death etc.

Completed forms can be sent via email to diana@gwpclub.co.uk or via post to Mrs D Durman-Walters Waunlas Farm, Llysonnen Road Carmarthen, SA33 5EH



Supplementary survey: Litter mortality

Dr Willis feels that this is one of the most vital and valuable aspects of health information in any breed. If you are a breeder or have bred a litter of GWPs in the past we would welcome further data from you as follows:

Litter's Date of birth	Gestation period. E.G number of days from mating to birth	Number of pups whelped in total	Details of pups that died. E.g. cause of death, health issues just prior to death	Details of any medical intervention prior to the loss?	Was cause of death confirmed by a post mortem?

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