



2017 Stafford Health Survey Results

254 total submissions
127 owners reporting

Country of residence

USA – 82%
Australia – 9%
UK – 5%
Other – 4%

How Many Staffords currently live with you?

1-3 (79%)
4-7 (18.5%)
8-11 (1.5%)

How Many Years Have You Owned Staffords?

Less than 5 years (30%)
6 – 10 years (27%)
11 - 15 years (16%)
16 – 20 years (9%)
More than 20 years (18%)

What Are Your Primary Interests/Activities?

Companion (89.7%) Therapy/Assistance (18%)
Conformation (65%) Tracking (13.4%)
Obedience/Rally (41.7%) Nosework (12.6%)
Barn Hunt (26.7%) Weight Pull/Dock Diving (11%)
Agility (24%) Lure Coursing (5%)

Have You Bred Your SBT?

No (58%)
Yes (42%)

If Yes, How Many Litters?

1 litter (45%)
2 – 4 litters (26%)
5 – 7 litters (15%)
8 – 10 litters (7.5%)
More than 10 litters (4%)

Before Puppies Go To Their New Homes, They Have Been:

Examined by a veterinarian & given 1st vaccines (100%)
Microchipped (75%)
CERF/PHPV tested (35%)
Other (BAER tested, cardio screened, spay/neuter) – (3%)

Do You Health Test Your Adults?

Yes (47%)
No (14%)
Only if using for breeding (24%)
Only if I suspect an issue (5%)
Other (3%)

Of The Dogs You Have Health Tested, How Do You Choose To Report The Results?

Submit All - Clear, affected, carrier, etc for public benefit and disclosure (76%)
Submit None – Keep for personal records (21%)
Submit Clear only (3%)

Sex Of Reported Dogs

Male (60%)
Female (40%)

Country of Birth

USA (75%)
UK/Scotland/Ireland (12%)
Australia (8%)
Canada (3%)
Other (2%)

Of Those Dogs Reported Deceased – Age At Passing

11 – 13 years (41%)
14 - 16 years (38%)
4 -7 years (10%)
8 – 10 years (7%)
1 – 3 years (3%)

Reported Cause Of Death

Elected Euthanasia (33%)
Cancer (31%)
Congestive Heart Failure (11%)
Accident (8%)
Brain Tumor (7%)
Epilepsy (4%)
Anesthetic Event (3%)
Cushings Disease (3%)



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Living Dogs – Age At Time Of Survey

1 – 3 years (39%)

4 – 7 years (30%)

8 – 10 years (15%)

11 – 13 years (10%)

14 – 16 years (5%)

And ONE 17 year old!!

What Is/Was Overall Health Of This Dog?

Excellent (63%)

Good (28%)

Fair (7%)

Poor (2%)

What Is/Was This Dog's Overall Temperament?

Confident (55%)

Boisterous/High-Energy (25%)

Quiet/Calm (14%)

Reserved (4%)

Timid/Shy (2%)

Was/Is This Dog Used For Breeding?

No (64%)

Yes (34%)

Unknown (2%)

Was/Is This Dog Spayed or Neutered?

No (56%)

Yes (44%)

If Yes, At What Age?

5 – 7 years (26%)

2 – 4 years (24%)

7 – 12 months (16%)

13 – 18 months (13%)

8+ years (8.5%)

19 to 24 months (6.5%)

0 – 6 months (6.5%)

This Dog Was Routinely Given:

All vaccines recommended by my veterinarian (39%)

Puppy vaccines, then Rabies only (25%)

3 year DHPP (Distemper) & Rabies only (24%)

No vaccines (6.5%)

3y DHPP, Bordatella & Rabies (2%)

Rabies only (1%)



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Did This Dog Ever Have A Reaction To Any Vaccine?

No/None (94%)

Yes, Life-Threatening (4%)

Yes, Minor – no medical attention needed (2.7%)

Yes, Major – medical treatment needed (1.5%)

Reaction to Rabies vaccine/Other (2%)

Does/did This Dog Receive Flea/ Tick Prevention?

Oral/Topical as directed by veterinarian (70%)

None (28%)

Homeopathic/Herbal (6%)

Oral/Topical as needed/seasonal (3.5%)

Tick Collar/Seresto collars only (2%)

Over-the-counter brand (1%)

Has This Dog Ever Had A Reaction To Flea/Tick Prevention?

No/None (94%)

Yes, localized/skin reaction (2%)

Yes, Major – needed medical treatment (2%)

Yes, Minor – GI/lethargy (1%)

Has This Dog Ever Been Treated For A Tick-borne Disease?

No (99%)

Yes – Lyme Disease (1%)

Does/Did This Dog Receive Heartworm Prevention?

Year-Round as directed by veterinarian (38.5%)

Seasonal as directed by veterinarian (31%)

None (24%)

Homeopathic/Herbal (4%)

Injectable (1%)

Has This Dog Ever Had A Reaction To Heartworm Prevention?

No (100%)

Treated for Heartworm Disease?

No (98%)

Yes (2%)

This Dog Was/Is Fed Primarily:

Super-Premium Formula (Fromm, Natural Balance) – (32%)

Premium Formula (ProPlan, Eukanuba, Royal Canin) – (30%)

Raw/ Home-cooked diet - (26%)

Economical Formula (Purina, Iams, Diamond) – (6%)

Prescription/Veterinary Diet - (4%)

Cheapest - (1%)



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***Has This Dog Ever Been Anesthetized/
Sedated?***

Yes (62%)

No (38%)

Anesthetic Events Reported?

None (93%)

Issues with/Slow recovery (3%)

Respiratory Events while sedated (1%)

Seizures (1%)

Death Under Anesthesia (1%)

***Has This Dog Had Hips X-Rayed for Hip
Scoring?*** (252 reporting)

No (68%)

Yes – OFA (29%)

Yes – PennHip (3%)

Hip Grading (81 reporting)

Good (56%)

Excellent (21%)

Fair (16%)

Dysplastic (5%)

Elbow Grading? (251 reporting)

Not Done (72%)

Of Those Screened:

Normal (99%)

Grade I (1%)

***Screened for Luxating Patellas (252
reporting)?***

Not Done (66%)

Of Those Screened:

Normal (99%)

Grade 2-4 (1%)

Screened for Heart Disease?

Not done (98%) (250 reporting)

Of Those Screened:

OFA Auscultation prior to breeding (40%)

Will be done prior to breeding (26%)

OFA Auscultation Yearly (20%)

OFA Ausc w/Echocardiogram (14%)

Echocardiogram to check murmur (2%)

***Diagnosed With Cardiac Issue? (197
reporting)***

Normal (98%)

Congestive Heart Failure (1%)

Murmur – (1%)

Has This Dog Been CERF (eye) tested?
(253 reporting)

No (38%)

Yes, Yearly (15%)

Yes, as a puppy (12%)

Yes, Once as an adult (10%)

Yes, Prior to 1st breeding (10%)

Will be done prior to breeding (7.5%)

Yes, undefined (3.5%)



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(CERF) *Results (149 reported)*

Normal/Clear (82%)

Normal w/ Breeder Option (12%)

Fail – undefined (5%)

Issues Diagnosed By Veterinarian or Specialist? (209 reporting)

Normal (80%)

Senior Cataracts (4%)

Distichiasis – extra/abnormal eyelashes (4%)

Punctate Cataracts – Suspect not inherited (2%)

PHPV (1%)

Multifocal Retinal Dysplasia (1%)

Other Diagnoses (<1%)

~1 reported case of HC SBT type

Has This Dog Been DNA tested?

No/Not Done (43%)

Yes, HC/L2HGA Clear (37%)

Will be done in future/prior to breeding (10%)

Clear by parentage – (3.5%)

Yes, L2HGA Clear (2.3%)

Clear by parentage – verified (1%)

Yes, HC/L2HGA/DM clear (1%)

Has/Was This Dog Ever Diagnosed With Cancer/Tumor? (250 reporting)

No (88%)

Yes (12%)

Type? (30 reporting)

Mast cell (30%)

Testicular/Mammary(12%)

Lipoma (10%)

Hemangiosarcoma (10%)

Brain Tumor (6%)

Anal Adenocarcinoma (6%)

Splenic Mass (6%)

Other (<3%)

Does This Dog Have Any Chronic GI Issues? (247 reporting)

None (91%)

Food Allergies (4.5%)

IBD (1.6%)

Chronic HGE/colitis (1%)

Pancreatitis (1%)

Reflux (<1%)

Chronic Ear (Aural) Issues? (248 reporting)

None (93%)

Chronic Ear Infections (3%)

Occasional Ear Infections (2%)

Deaf (acquired/senior) – (1%)

Deaf (congenital) – (1%)

Respiratory Issues? (248 reporting)

None (98%)

Brachycephalic Syndrome (1%)

Elongated Soft Palate (1%)



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Neuromuscular Issues? (250 reporting)

None (94%)

Head/Leg Tremors/"Stafford Shake" (3%)

Epilepsy (1%)

Other (1%)

1 reported case of L2HGA

Dermatological Issues? (246 reporting)

None (76%)

Seasonal Allergies (15%)

Demodectic Mange (5%)

Atopy (2%)

Alopecia (1%)

Chronic Staph/Seborrhea (1%)

Metabolic Disorders? (248 reporting)

None (98%)

Cushings Disease (1% - 3 cases)

Hypothyroid Disease (1% - 2 cases)

Miscellaneous (249 reporting)

Bladder Stones – undefined type (2% - 4 cases)

Chronic UTIs (2% - 4 cases)

Orthopedic Issues/Diseases? (249 reporting)

None (90%)

ACL tear/rupture (3%)

Osteoarthritis (2%)

Spondylosis (2%)

Canine Hip Dysplasia (1% - 3 cases)

CCL tear/rupture (1%)

Intravertebral Disc Disease (<1%)

Other (<1%)

Dentition: This Dog Has – (243 reporting)

Normal dentition/occlusion (81%)

Underbite (6.5%)

Retained Puppy Teeth (4%)

Inverted/Converging Canines (3%)

Overbite (3%)

Missing Teeth (2.5%)

Base Narrow Canines (1%)

Level Bite (1%)

Cleft Palate/Wry Mouth (<1%)

Female – Reported Reproductive Issues (129 reporting)

None (73%)

C-section (16%)

Pyometra (6%)

Litter Resorption (5%)

Dystocia (2%)

Malformed Uterus/Eclampsia (1%)

Female – First Heat Cycle (137 reporting)

6 – 8 months (52%)

9 – 12 months (36%)

13 – 15 months (3%)

9% reported were spayed before first heat



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***Female – Frequency of Heat Cycles (108 reporting)**

Every 6 – 8 months (76%)

Every 9 – 12 months (10%)

Every 4 – 5 months (8%)

Sporadic/Unpredictable (4%)

Every 12 – 14 months (2%)

Female – Number of Litters Whelped (85 reporting)

1 litter (58%)

2 litters (18%)

3 litters (14%)

4 litters (6%)

Never/None (4%)

Female – Age at Last Whelping (80 reporting)

2 – 4 years old (60%)

5 – 6 years old (24%)

7 – 8 years old (14%)

9 – 11 years old (2%)

Male – Reported Reproductive Issues (90 reporting)

None (97%)

Cryptorchid (2%)

Low Sperm Motility (1%)

Average Litter Sizes (79 reporting)

3 -5 puppies (56%)

6 – 9 puppies (40%)

1 – 2 puppies (4%)

Reported Congenital Defects (36 reporting)

Cleft palate (25%)

Cleft lip (22%)

Stillborn (22%)

Fading Puppy/Failure to Thrive (8%)

Short/Bob Tail (8%)

Neurologic – unknown (6%)

Deafness (3%)

Hemi-vertebrae (3%)