

HEALTH SURVEY 2005 -2010

A STUDY OF THE HEALTH IN THE PAPILLON

*Dedicated to improving
health information for the
Papillon/Phalene breed.*

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In the past 10 years, Papillons have gone from #46 to #37 in American Kennel Club's ranking of breeds according to registration statistics – a substantial increase in a breed with a small number of puppies per litter. While it's great that more and more people recognize the outstanding characteristics of the Papillon as a companion and competitor, this increased popularity may also expand the potential for health issues in our breed. Just this past year, two serious neurological issues have emerged in U.S.A. Papillons that were previously not on our radar.

The PCA Genetics Committee is launching a worldwide survey to update the "snapshot" of our breed's health, and asking for your support. This is a chance for EVERYONE to participate and identify health issues in our breed. The information will be used to better understand current and emerging health issues in the Papillon, and also to develop PCA's plan to support research aimed at identifying and eliminating genetic health issues in our breed. Members of PCA who breed Papillons, in particular, are asked to please make time to respond to this survey; we are looking for your responses regarding the dogs that live with you and also responses from the owners of any dogs you may have placed elsewhere.

Other than country of origin, there is NO personal information required by this survey. Responses will be used for general information and statistics only; individual dogs or breeding programs will not be identified in the data. The survey will begin March 1st and end December 31st, 2010, and response should be based on experience over the past five years (2005-2010). Breeders are requested to provide information on the dogs that live with them, and also solicit participation from owners of any dogs that may be placed elsewhere.

If your dog(s) has been healthy, the survey will take you about 2 minutes. If a dog has had a problem and you note this, you will be provided a series of additional questions regarding that specific problem. This additional detail will take a few more minutes, but it will be very valuable to our assessment.

You do not need to be a PCA member to participate. You need only to own or have owned a Papillon during the period 2005-2010. Thank you in advance for your support!

WEB ADDRESS TO TAKE SURVEY :

www.offa.org/surveys/survey_papillon.html

