

## **Breeder Survey Detail Report**

### **Purpose:**

Pug health is an important part of any Pug breeding program. PDCA preservation breeders rely on their club and its health committee to help discover new DNA tests and screenings that will aid club members in their breeding decisions. One goal of the PDCA Breeder Development Committee is to Identify and prioritize health concerns to aid the Board and the Health Committee in the development of future screenings and genetic tests. There have been several health surveys in the past directed to pet owners. We felt it was essential to identify health concerns from our PDCA breeders.

### **Method:**

We created a Likert Scale Survey with a scale from 1-7. Likert Surveys are commonly involved in research that employs questionnaires. It is the most widely used approach to scaling responses in survey research. The Survey was sent out to our breeders by email and was also published in the Bulletin. We received a total of 59 responses. We compiled the data in google sheets and created a series of tables and a Graph to represent the results.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15fXNdFCRN9cMnh\\_EaYBI\\_ncvPTSj4CChaWRt7Dgleog/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15fXNdFCRN9cMnh_EaYBI_ncvPTSj4CChaWRt7Dgleog/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Results:**

If you add both "Strongly agree" responses with "Agree" responses we have the following concerns from our breeders that are over 50% "a majority".

BOAS 80%

PUG MYELOPATHY 74.14%

PDE 71.88% (Test Available)

CANCER 57.69%

LIVER SHUNT 53.45% (Screening Available)

PIGMENTARY KERATITIS 50.85%

### **Conclusion:**

1. There are 6 health concerns that rank over 50%. We recommend The board and health committee use these concerns when making future health research decisions.

2. Only 38.6% of all PDCA breeders support CHIC, yet the PDCA website claims the PDCA supports the OFA CHIC program. The Board may want to explore this further. Also if the Board wants to increase support and participation in this program by its breeders it may want to revise the recommended tests to only include available health tests from the health concerns identified and listed above.

Thank you

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