



THE KENNEL CLUB

Canine Body Condition Score questionnaire results

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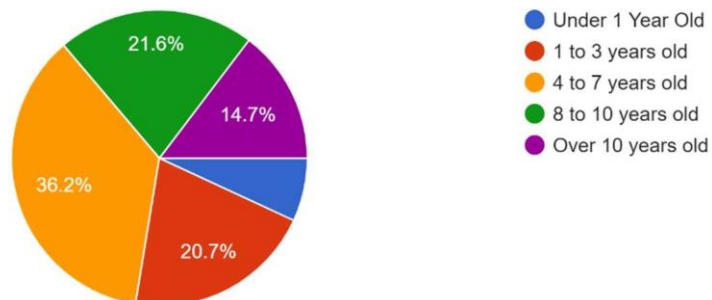
The object of survey was to assess obesity within obedience dogs. We used the Purina Body Score system which rates the dogs out of 9. 1/9 would be considered severe malnutrition whilst 9/9 would be considered extremely obese with a risk to health. The optimum score for a working dog would be either 4.5/9 or 5/9.

Please note there was a total of 116 responses – which was quite low in my opinion. We always knew that there would be bias but obviously hoped that some contributors would be extremely honest about the condition of their dogs.

Please note that whilst there are also a lot of very fit dogs in obedience I do often see many that are more than the recommended body condition score.

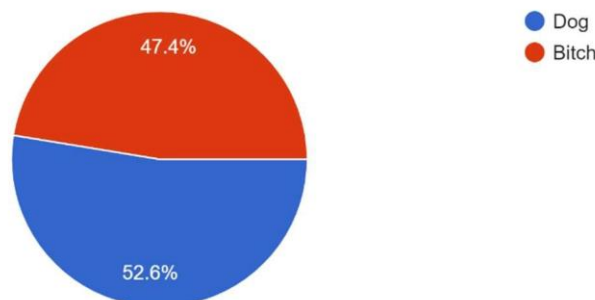
What lifestage is your dog?

116 responses



Dog or Bitch?

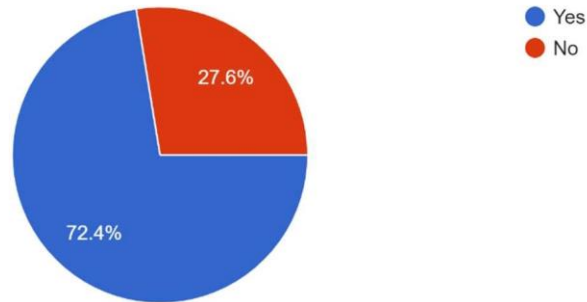
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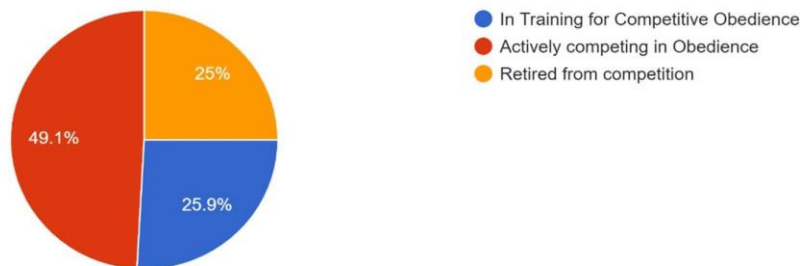
Is your dog/bitch neutered?

116 responses

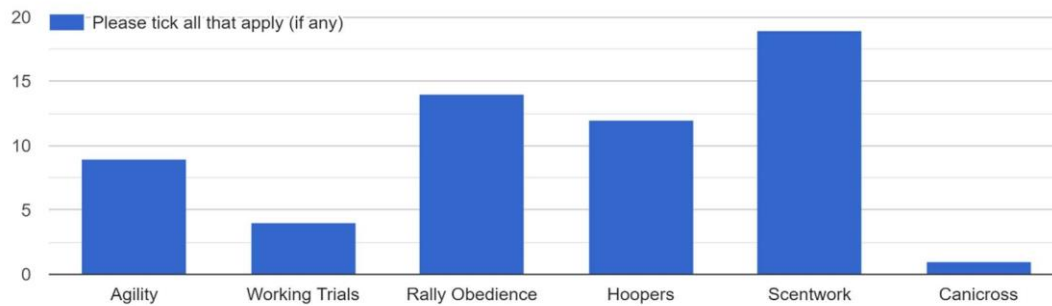


What competition status is this dog?

116 responses



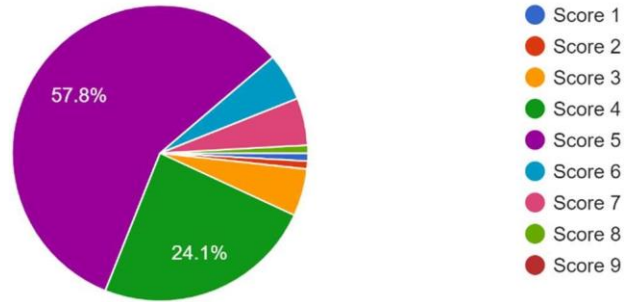
Do you train/compete in any other activities





When viewing the link in the description above, for this dog what would you say its Body Condition Score is? Please tick the option you think most closely matches this dog

116 responses



To help with the problem of reading small colour slices the breakdown was as follows :-

Row Labels	Count of Your Score
Score 1	1
Score 2	1
Score 3	6
Score 4	28
Score 5	67
Score 6	6
Score 7	6
Score 8	1
Grand Total	116