

# *Maintaining the health of our breed is a mission for all the folks owned by Standard Schnauzers, again in 2015*

The Standard Schnauzer Club of America is currently conducting a survey to document the health status of the breed.

The goal of the survey is two-fold:

- (1) identify diseases/conditions, genetic and non-genetic, that may exist in our breed, and
- (2) confirm that many diseases do not exist in Standard Schnauzers, that is, the Standard Schnauzer is still REALLY a healthy breed.

To obtain an accurate picture of the health/disease status of our breed, as well as the common causes of death, we need information on a large number of dogs; the goal for 2015 is to enroll AT LEAST 2,200 dogs who were alive at any point between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014.

**YES – WE NEED INFORMATION ON HEALTHY DOGS.** We need data on dogs who are “pets” (are not they all), dogs who died during the last 7 years, dogs NOT in breeding programs, un-registered dogs and, yes, dogs who were enrolled in the 2008 survey.

*EVERY Standard Schnauzer enrolled provides valuable information!!*



*The forms may be downloaded and completed electronically or printed and completed as a paper copy.*

Be sure to save your work as you complete the form and remember to attach the completed and saved file to the email.

**Make time for our dogs -  
Be Champions for our dog  
Complete the 2015 Standard Schnauzer  
Health Survey!  
DO IT TODAY!!**

**Discuss the importance of this survey with every Standard Schnauzer family.**

**Encourage them to participate!**

If questions, contact the Health Survey Taskforce: Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser ([mohrenweiser@wvi.com](mailto:mohrenweiser@wvi.com)), Diana Wall ([JFUN100@aol.com](mailto:JFUN100@aol.com)), Dr. Diana Barber ([irondogs@earthlink.net](mailto:irondogs@earthlink.net))

## Standard Schnauzer Health Survey of 2015

We are the voice for all Standard Schnauzers. Whether we are breeders, fanciers or pet owners, we have the ultimate responsibility for maintaining the health of our breed. To maintain the high quality of health and protect the future of our breed, it is imperative that breeders and owners know of and understand the health problems that may exist in our breed. This is the first step in developing tests for a genetic disease.

This health survey seeks information on all Standard Schnauzers alive at any time (be that one day or the entire period) during the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2014. **We need information on all Standard Schnauzers.** We want to know the frequency of disease and causes of death (not simply have a catalog or list) so it is as important to have data on healthy dogs as it is dogs with health problems.

**We encourage you to discuss the importance of this survey with every Standard Schnauzer family, and especially owners who are not members of SSCA or regional clubs. This community owns 75% of all Standard Schnauzers; a successful survey depends upon YOU and THEM.**

The data are submitted to an Independent party for removal of any/all personal identifiers; this insures confidentiality and that no data can be linked to a breeder/owner. No list of names of individuals providing data will be maintained, nor will any names be shared with the Health Survey Taskforce. Only de-identified survey forms will be transferred to the Taskforce. The Taskforce will summarize the data; only aggregate information for any disease/trait will be reported.

### Instructions for completing health survey

Please answer the questions as completely as possible. Use the “**disease codes**”, being as specific as possible. For clarification, conduct an internet search for the disease/condition or consult your veterinarian. Age at diagnosis is important in helping to understand a disease. Dates should be reported as month and year, with ages reported as years and months.

***Remember to include information for healthy dogs.*** just check the “**health issues – none**” box for each healthy dog! And include information for dogs who died during this period; Age and cause of death are critical information and very informative regarding potential health issues,

“Puppy Health” are conditions observed at birth (or within the first few days) – use codes 16xx for any conditions observed. These dogs should also be individually enrolled in the survey.

Additional information for any dog may be added at the bottom of Page 3 or use an additional page. Indicate the dog to which the “additional information” refers. (The additional information section expands if you are completing the form electronically.)

If submitting data for more than 4 dogs, make additional copies of the survey form, with the accompanying “additional information” page. This makes it appear that no one is providing data for more than 4 dogs and provides an additional level of confidentiality.

Co-owners of a dog should decide who has the best knowledge of a dog’s health and will provide the information. Similarly, only one individual should submit data for a dog that has had multiple owners.

Although it is preferable that data be supplied by the current owner of a dog, we will also (gladly) accept data from breeders who have knowledge of the past/current health of puppies they whelped, **if the current owners will not complete the survey.** (*Hint to Breeders – start the survey form and then forward to owners for completion and submission.*)

For the Taskforce to produce an initial report for the National Specialty in July of 2016, we must have data by September 30, 2015. ***Please take the time NOW to complete the survey. Most returns are received within the first weeks of distribution. Do not put it off, fill it out as soon as you receive it and send it in.***

email completed (SAVED) forms (as attachment) to: [StandardSchnauzer@LMHopkins.com](mailto:StandardSchnauzer@LMHopkins.com)

Or mail to: Larry Hopkins, Std Schnauzer Health Survey, 14202 N Park Road, Hurley WI 54534

## Standard Schnauzer Health Survey 2015

Please fill out by clicking in the area with the dark space (or tabbing through the form).

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	<b>DOG # 1</b>	<b>DOG# 2</b>	<b>DOG # 3</b>	<b>DOG # 4</b>
Date of birth				
Current age (if alive)				
Country of birth	US/Can <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/>	US/Can <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/>	US/Can <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/>	US/Can <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Coat Color:	Pepper/Salt <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Pepper/Salt <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Pepper/Salt <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Pepper/Salt <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/>
Spayed/Neutered: If yes, age Spay/Neut:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> age-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> age-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> age-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> age-
Date of death				
Age at death				
Cause of death				
<b>Screening Test</b>	<b><u>Result/Age</u></b>	<b><u>Result/Age</u></b>	<b><u>Result/Age</u></b>	<b><u>Result/Age</u></b>
Hip evaluation-OFA				
Eye exam ("CERF")				
Thyroid {list test}				
Cardiac {list test}				
DCM genotype (See below for codes)				
Other {list test}				
<b>Health issues</b>	None <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Disease/condition</b>	<b><u>Code # / age</u></b>	<b><u>Code # / age</u></b>	<b><u>Code # / age</u></b>	<b><u>Code # / age</u></b>
<b>Reproduction</b>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>
# of breedings				
# of litters whelp/sired				
Average litter size				
<b>Puppy health</b>	<b><u>Code # / # affected</u></b>	<b><u>Code # / # affected</u></b>	<b><u>Code # / # affected</u></b>	<b><u>Code # / # affected</u></b>
Are you a member of: SSCA <input type="checkbox"/> Regional SS Club <input type="checkbox"/> Neither <input type="checkbox"/> All-Breed Club <input type="checkbox"/>				
Do you participate in: Conformation <input type="checkbox"/> Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Companion <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/>				
Additional information (comments): Dog # Dog #				

**For DCM genotype test** – (1) is normal; (2) is heterozygote or carrier; (3) is affected; (4) BOTH parents tested AND genotyped normal; (5) not genotyped

**Remember to "save changes" when finished and before sending as email attachment.**

0100	<b>Cancer</b>	0500	<b>Gastroenterology (GI)</b>	1100	<b>Female reproduction</b>
0101	Hemiangiosarcoma (blood)	0501	Bloat	1101	Anestrus
0102	Lymphosarcoma	0502	Irritable bowel syndrome	1102	Pyrometria
0103	Mast cell tumors (skin)	0503	Chronic colitis	1103	Vaginitis (inflammation)
0104	Melanoma	0504	Gastritis - chronic	1104	Abnormal estrus cycle
0105	Osteosarcoma (bone)	0505	Vomiting - chronic	1105	Primary uterine inertia
0106	Squamous cell tumors (skin)	0506	Diarrhea - chronic	1106	Infertile
0107	Mammary	0529	other	1129	other
0108	Ovarian				
0109	Testicular	0600	<b>Hematology (blood)</b>	1200	<b>Male reproduction</b>
0110	Stomach	0601	Inherited hemolytic anemias	1201	Cryptorchidism
0111	Kidney	0602	Platelet dysfunction	1202	Monochidism
0112	Liver	0603	Autoimmune anemia	1203	Testicular atrophy
0113	Leukemia	0629	other	1204	Lack of semen/sperm
0114	Bladder			1205	Prostatitis (inflammation)
0115	Brain	0700	<b>Nephrology (kidney/urinary)</b>	1206	Prostatic hypertrophy
0116	Thyroid	0701	Bladder disease	1229	other
0117	Lung	0702	Bladder/Kidney stones		
0118	Toe	0703	Familial renal disease	1300	<b>Temperament</b>
0119	Nasal	0704	Urinary tract disorder	1301	Aggressive (to people)
0129	other	0705	Cystitis (bladder inflammation)	1302	Aggressive (to dogs)
		0729	other	1303	Overly protective
0200	<b>Cardiovascular</b>			1304	Fearful
0201	Dilated cardiomyopathy	0800	<b>Neurology / Muscular</b>	1305	Shyness
0202	Sudden cardiac arrest	0801	Epilepsy	1306	Unstable
0203	Restrictive cardiomyopathy	0802	Seizures (non-specific)	1329	other
0204	Heart murmur	0803	Trembling/tremors		
0205	Valve dysfunct-structural	0804	Muscle weakness	1400	<b>Nonmalignant cysts</b>
0206	Congestive heart failure	0805	Nerve degeneration	1401	Hemangioma
0207	Stroke	0806	Degenerative myelopathy	1402	Histiocytoma
0208	Heart attack	0829	other	1403	Lipomas
0229	other			1404	Mammary adenomas
		0900	<b>Ophthalmology</b>	1429	other
0300	<b>Dermatology</b>	0901	Cataracts		
0301	Allergies	0902	Progressive retinal atrophy	1500	<b>Infectious Disease</b>
0302	Pigment abnormalities	0903	Retinal dysplasia	1501	Brucellosis
0303	Allergies (seasonal)	0904	Retinal disease	1502	Leptospirosis
0304	Allergies (food)	0905	Persistent hyaloid artery	1503	Lyme Disease
0305	Allergies (common)	0906	Corneoconjunctival dermoid	1504	Coronavirus
0306	Seborrhea (extreme dandruff)	0929	other	1505	Canine Parovirus
0307	Sebaceous cysts			1506	Parainfluenza
0308	Mange	1000	<b>Endocrinology</b>	1507	Tryp. cruzi (Chagas disease)
0329	other	1001	Diabetes mellitus	1529	Other
		1002	Diabetes insipidus		
0400	<b>Orthopedic</b>	1003	Hypothyroidism	1600	<b>Birth defects in puppies</b>
0401	Arthritis	1004	Thyroiditis (inflammation)	1601	Cleft palate
0402	Hip dysplasia	1005	Pancreatic insufficiency	1602	Failure to walk (swimmers)
0403	Elbow dysplasia	1006	Addison's disease	1603	Incomplete abdominal closure
0404	Cruciate ligament (ACL)	1007	Cushing's disease	1604	Hydrocephalus
0405	Spine/back injury	1029	other	1605	Failure to thrive
0429	other			1606	Stillborn
				1629	Other



Your input **will**  
make a difference.