

## HEALTH STUDY RESULTS

Dogs in study

**12,146**

Average lifespan

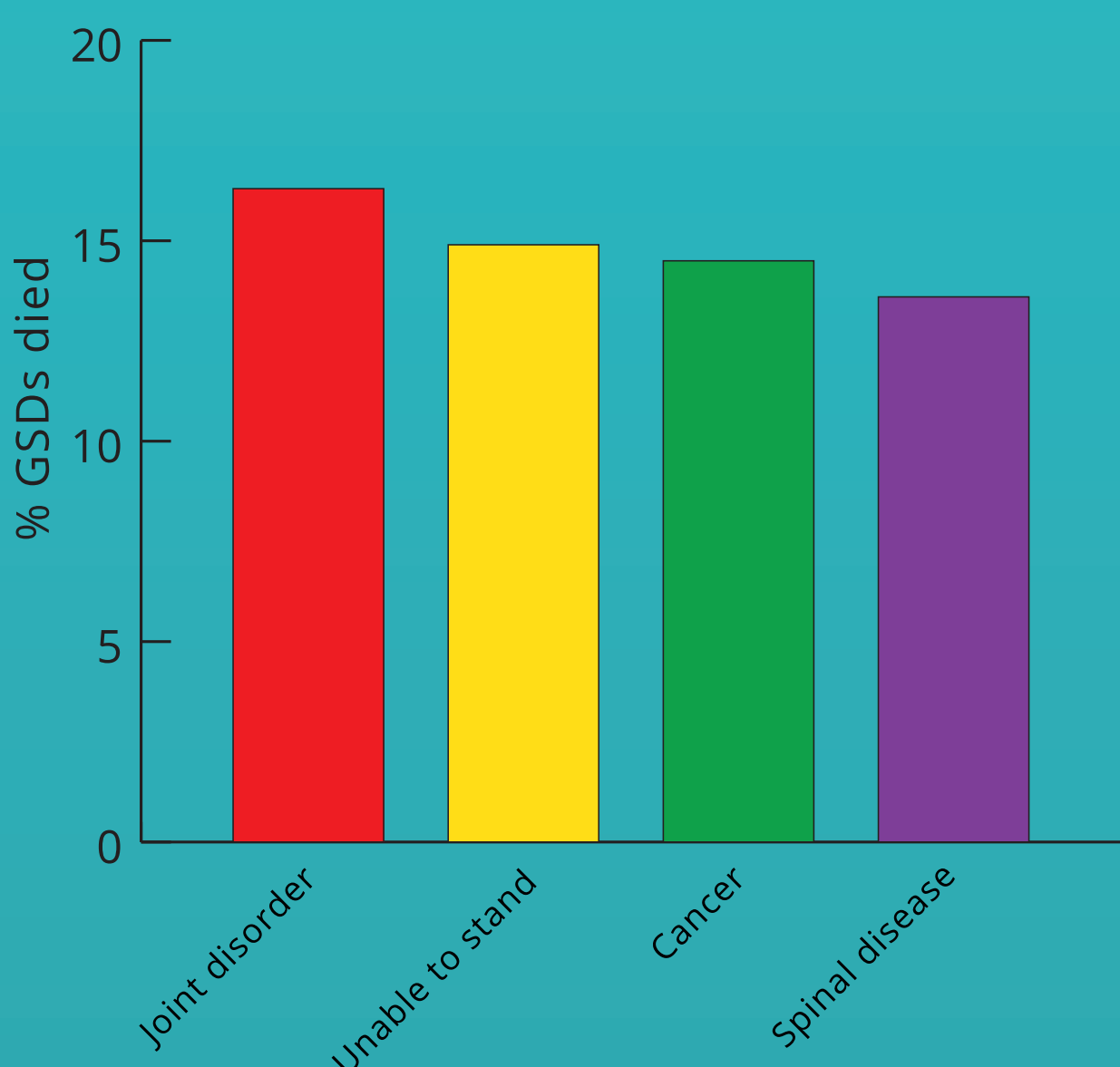
**10.3 years**

Average bodyweight

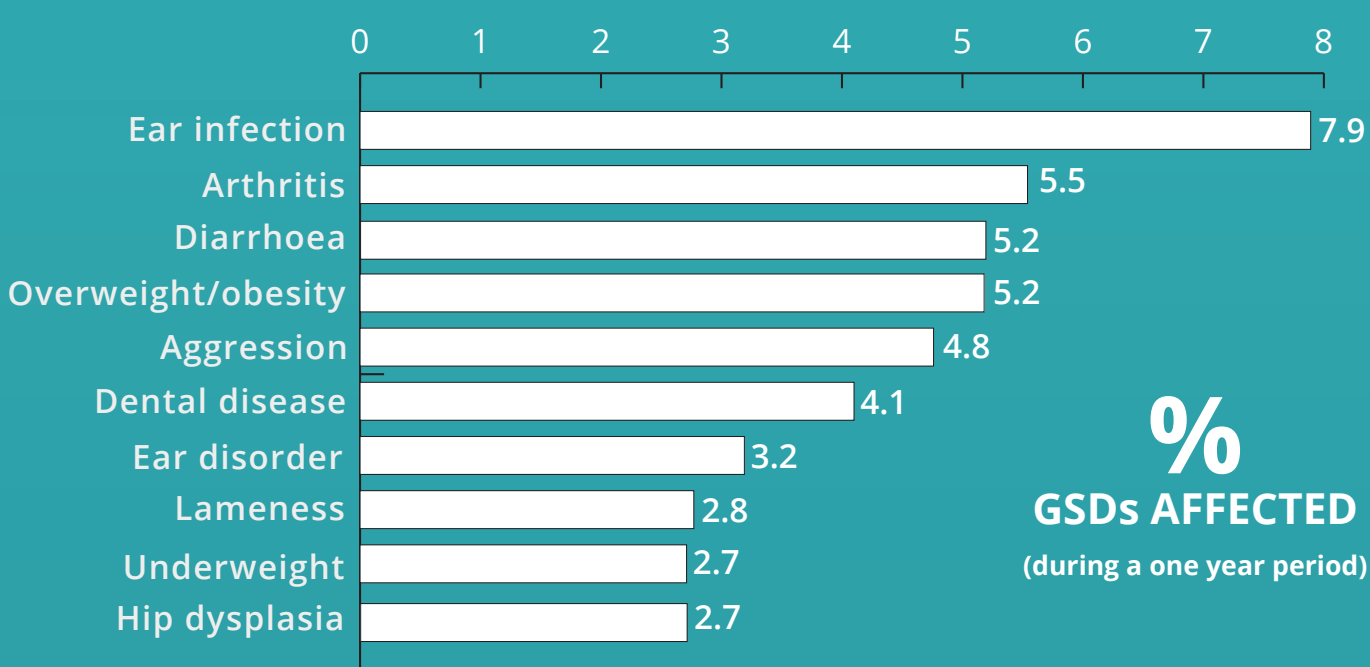
**Males - 36kg  
Females - 31kg**



### Most Common Causes of Death



### Most Common Specific Disorders



### Take Home Messages

- Owners should be aware of joint problems (especially osteoarthritis) and seek veterinary advice if concerned.
- Breeders could use the available [Kennel Club/British Veterinary Association schemes](#) to reduce the risk of puppies affected with musculoskeletal disorders.

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O'Neill et al. (2017) "Demography and disorders of German Shepherd Dogs under primary veterinary care in the UK" *Canine Genetics and Epidemiology*.