

Dear NTCA Members,

We are pleased to announce that the highly anticipated Norwich Terrier Breed Health Survey is ready!

We invite you to take the [Norwich Terrier Breed Health Survey](#).

Your participation is appreciated. Thank you.

**Health Committee
Norwich Terrier Club of America**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I access the survey?

Click here: [Norwich Terrier Breed Health Survey 2021](#) or

Copy this link into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorwichTerrierHealthSurvey2021>

You may also access the survey by scanning this code with your phone:

What is the purpose of the survey?

The purpose is to understand the current health, morbidity, and mortality of Norwich terriers. For several years, the Health Committee's focus has been on respiratory disorders (upper airway syndrome, puppy lung development disease), however, it is also important that we monitor changes in overall disease incidence. The AKC Canine Health Foundation encourages parent clubs to do this periodically.

How long does the survey take to complete?

The survey is detailed, but we can't possibly cover everything. Questions are grouped by organ systems (e.g., cardiology, respiratory) or when multiple systems are involved, by discipline (e.g., oncology, infectious diseases, immune-mediated disorders). The estimated completion time is 7 minutes per dog. For deceased dogs, there are just a few questions, and the estimated completion time is less than 1 minute.

Who is being surveyed?

We are most interested in AKC-registered Norwich terriers. Anybody with a Norwich terrier can complete the survey. There is a question that asks if the dog is AKC-registered. Please pass the survey link on! Email your puppy owners and your

Norwich terrier owner friends. We will be making the survey available via Norwich terrier social media too. We want a large sample.

What if I own more than one Norwich? Can I take the survey more than once?

Yes. This survey pertains to ONE dog. If you have more than one Norwich terrier, please complete a separate survey for each dog. You will need to go back to the survey link to begin a fresh survey. This isn't ideal for those with multiple dogs, but we are doing this survey within a reasonable budget and didn't purchase expensive survey features.

You may assign an identifier to keep track of your dogs (e.g., Name, or Dog 1, Dog2). We suggest doing this and keeping the list for your records. This will help organize your data entry.

What if my Norwich is deceased? Can I take this survey?

Yes. Please take this survey, for all your Norwich, whether alive or deceased.

What about dogs that I co-own?

We want to avoid duplicate entries for the same dog. Please coordinate with your co-owners. The questions are detailed and the person most knowledgeable about the lifetime health of the dog should complete the survey. For deceased dogs, we only ask about cause of death, year of death and age at death.

Is the survey data confidential?

Yes. Only summary data will be made public. Also, we do not collect personally identifying information about the dog or owners/breeders.

What can I do if I made a mistake on the survey?

Make sure your responses are accurate because once you hit "submit", you can't go back to make changes. If you hit submit, and realize you made a mistake, you can contact the [survey administrator](#) to tell us and we may be able correct it – but to do this, we will need the identifier, and the date and approximate time you completed the survey. Another option is we can clear out your entry so you can start fresh.

Will I get to see the results?

Yes. The results will be presented at the NTCA annual health seminar and posted on the NTCA website (October 2021). If you want to be notified when the summary results are posted, there is an option to provide your email address at the end of the survey. The NTCA will not use the email address provided for anything other than notification of posting of the survey results and/or future surveys and health studies.