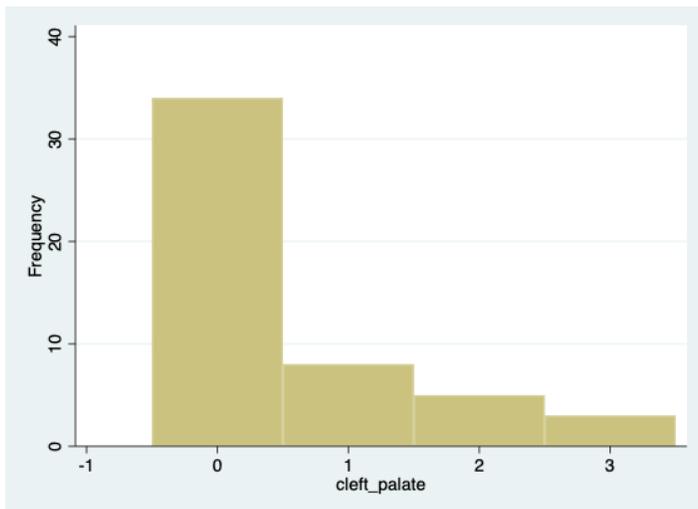


Results of NTCA Cleft Palate Survey

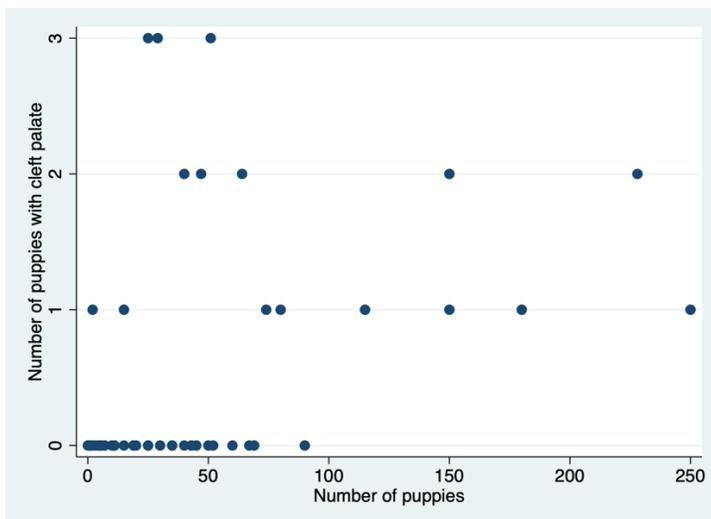
The survey link was sent by the NTCA Corresponding Secretary to the membership on behalf of Lisa Sons on 5-19-23. In her letter Lisa asked that members send the link to non-NTCA member breeders. The survey was anonymous and no identifying information was collected. The survey closed 7-31-23.

RESULTS: 50 responses were received. A total of 27 puppies with cleft palates were reported out 2,328 puppies (862 litters). **This computes to an incidence rate of 1.16%**

34 respondents reported having no puppies with cleft palate. Eight reported one cleft. Five reported 2 clefts, and three reported 3 clefts.



NOTE: 2 respondents did not answer the question about estimated number of puppies, and a litter size of 3 was used to compute number of puppies for the analysis in those 2 cases.



The survey questionnaire was kindly prepared by Melanie Bryson using Google Forms.

Jane Schubart, Chair, NTCA Health Committee, 8-6-23