

# Addison's disease (Hypoadrenocorticism) in dogs

## HEALTH STUDY RESULTS

### What is Addison's disease?

Addison's disease is caused by decreased hormone production from the outer part of the adrenal gland. Although Addison's disease is uncommon, affected dogs can present in a critical condition requiring emergency treatment.

Number of UK dogs in study



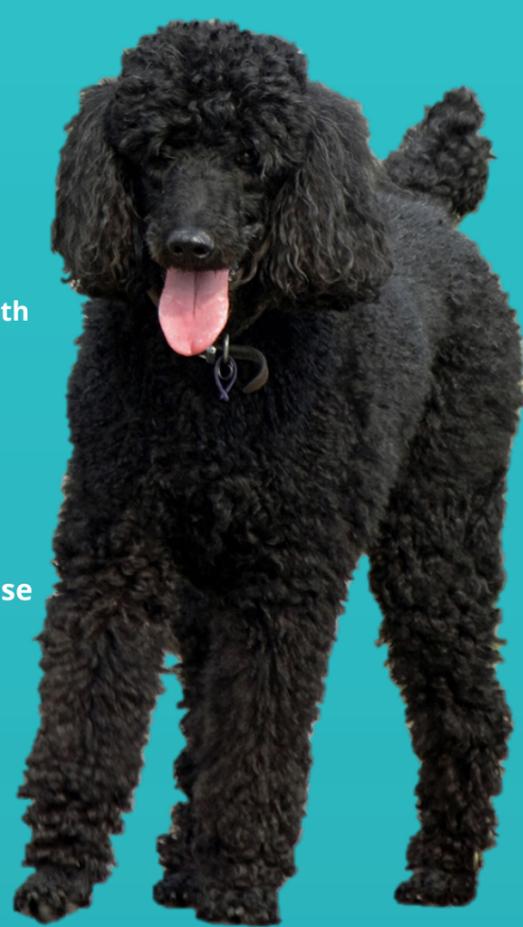
Percentage of UK dogs with Addison's disease



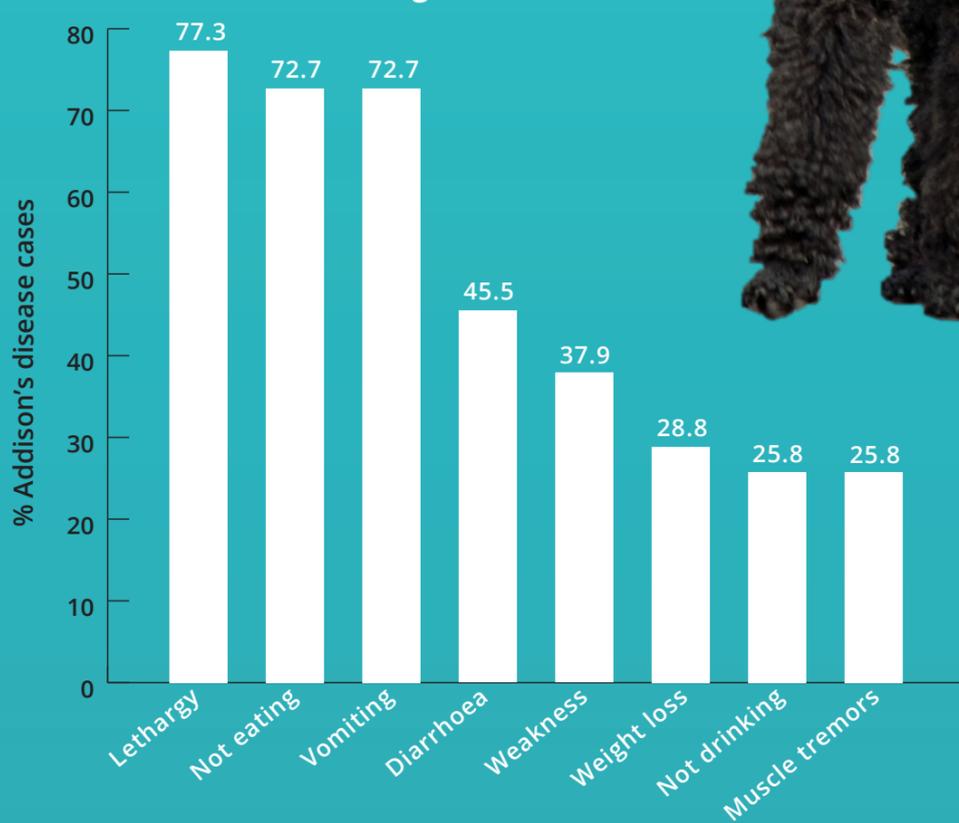
Average age at first diagnosis



Percentage of UK Standard Poodles with Addison's disease

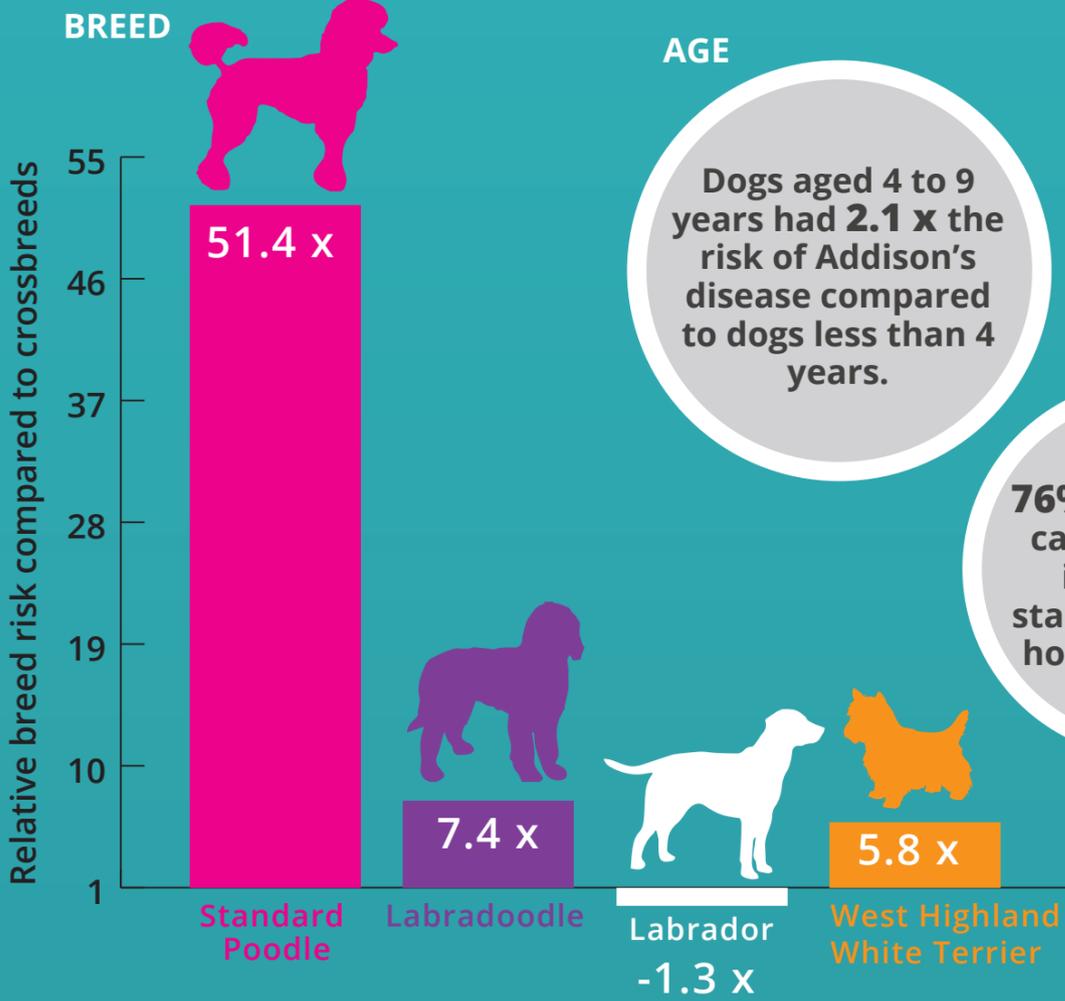


### Most common clinical signs of Addison's disease



### What factors are associated with Addison's disease diagnosis?

#### BREED



#### AGE

Dogs aged 4 to 9 years had **2.1 x** the risk of Addison's disease compared to dogs less than 4 years.

**76%** of Addison's cases required immediate stabilisation and hospitalisation.

### CONCLUSIONS:

Addison's disease is not very common in dogs overall. However, some breeds are highly affected.

Many of the clinical signs of Addison's disease are poorly specific, making it challenging for veterinarians to diagnose.

Addison's disease can be severe and requires life-long treatment.

Standard Poodles are particularly prone to Addison's disease. Owners of Standard poodles should be alert for the typical signs of Addison's disease and contact their vet if concerned.

### CLICK TO READ

Schofield et al. (2021) "Hypoadrenocorticism in dogs under UK primary veterinary care: Frequency, clinical approaches and risk factors" Journal of Small Animal Practice  
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