

# Nottingham University Bloat Survey

## Section 1

Condition(s) that your dog suffered from:

- GD alone
- GDV alone
- GD and subsequent GDV
- Never suffered from either

Age

Sex

- Male
- Female

Neuter Status

- Entire
- Neutered

How many dogs do you have in your household?

In what area of the country was your dog born?

Where does your dog now reside

Please give the full registered name of your dog (this is optional)

What area of the country were they in when they suffered from the event? (GD or GDV - please specify).

What time of year did your dog suffer from its episode of GD or GDV?

Was there any event that seemed to coincide with the onset of the GD or GDV?

## Section 2

How best would you describe your dog's temperament?

- Nervous and reluctant to have contact with other dogs or people
- Nervous and reluctant to have contact with other dogs but OK with people
- Nervous and reluctant to have contact with people but fine with other dogs
- Comfortable with new situations where other dogs and people may be present
- Reserved and cautious in new situations
- Outgoing and friendly in all situations

Would you describe your dog as active or sedentary?

- Active
- Sedentary

Would you consider your dog to be:

- Underweight (low body condition score)
- Lean but not underweight
- Just right
- Slightly overweight
- Overweight

Would you consider your dog to have a stable or fluctuating weight? (please give details)

Is your dog routinely vaccinated or wormed?

- Yes
- No

If done please give details of vaccination and worming

Has your dog ever travelled abroad?

- Yes
- No

### Section 3 - feeding practices

How frequently do you feed your dog?

What proportion of food (relative to its total daily amount) do you feed your dog at each meal?

What foods do you normally feed your dog?

Do you feed your dog any supplements or additional products other than its normal diet?

Did you feed your dog anything different prior to the episode of GD or GDV?

Do you have any particular feeding practices with your dog? (such as feeding from a height or specialised bowl?)

How do you feed your dog?

Alone

In the presence of another dog

In a group

How does your dog eat?

Eats its food slowly

Eats its food quickly

Does your dog gulp air when eating its food?

Yes

No

Please provide details of any unusual aspects to your dog's eating pattern

How long after eating do you routinely exercise your dog?

With what frequency do you routinely exercise your dog?

What extent of activity does your dog undertake during its period of exercise?

#### Section 4 - General health of your dog

Does your dog suffer from any chronic (long standing condition)?

Yes

No

If Yes, please give details

Does your dog suffer from gurgly guts (borborygmi)?

Yes

No

If Yes, please give details

Does your dog have a history of eructation (burping)?

Yes

No

If Yes, please give details

Does your dog have a history of abdominal pain (frequent or otherwise)?

Yes

No

If Yes, please give details

Has your dog ever had abdominal surgery in the past, other than routine neutering if female?

Yes

No

If Yes, please give details.

Has your dog had a splenectomy (not associated with surgery for GDV)?

Yes

No

If Yes, please give details:

Has your dog undergone a prophylactic (performed in advance of any problem) gastropexy at any point? Perhaps during routine neutering?

Yes

No

If yes please give details:

Do any relatives of your dog suffer from intestinal disease?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify:

## Section 5 - questions regarding GD in general

Does your dog suffer from repeated episodes of GD that do not progress to a full-blown GDV?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify - particularly the frequency and severity of the GD

How frequently does the episode of GD resolve without having to attend your veterinary surgeon?

Are there any common features to the episodes of GD?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify:

Are there any triggers that you feel bring the episodes on?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify:

Are there any actions that you carry out which seem to relieve the GD?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify:

What were the weather conditions like at the time(s) of the episode of GD or GDV?

Have any relatives of your dog suffered from GD or GDV?

Yes

No

If yes please provide details of relationship and whether this was a GD or GDV

## Section 6 - Details of the GD/GDV event

How old was your dog at the onset of its GD or GDV?

How old were any relatives of your dog at the time they suffered with a GD or GDV?

Was your dog at home when they suffered with a GD or GDV?

Yes

No

If not, please specify where this occurred

What time of day did the GD or GDV occur?

How did the GDV relate to the time your dog was fed?

How long after the onset of the signs of GD or GDV did your dog reach the veterinary surgery?

Was your dog receiving any medications at the time of the GD or GDV?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify:

Did your dog have any additional problems highlighted by the vet at the time he was presented for the GD or GDV?

Yes

No

If Yes, please specify:

Did your dog undergo surgery to correct the GDV?

Yes

No

If No, please could you explain why this was the case

Was the surgery for GDV performed by your own veterinary surgeon or were you referred to somewhere else?

If you were referred please specify where (the information contained in this questionnaire remains confidential).

When the surgery was performed did your dog have its spleen removed?

Yes

No

During the surgery did you dog have a gastropexy performed?

Yes

No

Don't know

Did your dog survive the the GDV surgery?

Yes

No

If your dog survived after the GDV surgery, were they discharged from the hospital?

Yes

No

If your dog sadly did not survive long enough to be discharged, what was the reported cause of death?

If your dog is no longer alive, what was the eventual cause of death?

Many thanks for completing this questionnaire, we appreciate your time and we hope very much the information we gather from it will inform us of any particular factors that can be altered to reduce the incidence of GD or improve the outcome for Deerhounds suffering from GDV.

Completed forms should be emailed to [sv-dogs@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:sv-dogs@nottingham.ac.uk)

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