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 **Obesity to pet dogs.**Author(s) : [Mason, E.](#)

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Abstract : In a survey of 1, 000 dogs over one year of age attending as outpatients at a hospital clinic, 28% were obese. The incidence of obesity was higher in females (34%) than in males (23%). In both sexes the incidence increased as the dogs approached middle age, from 12% to 34% in males and from 21% to 41% in females. The incidence varied in different breeds. Dogs receiving proprietary dog biscuits or meal-based diets showed a higher incidence of obesity than those which did not. Dogs receiving a main part of their food made up of table scraps or other home prepared food showed a higher incidence of obesity than those fed on proprietary canned dog meat.

was higher (44%) among dogs owned by obese people than among dogs owned by people of normal physique (25%). The incidence was higher (34-37%) among dogs owned by people in middle and elderly age groups than among dogs owned by people in younger years of age (20%). The owners of 31% of the dogs classified as obese considered their dogs to be normal, not obese.

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