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STATEMENT (CONCLUSIONS)

Although shown here as a common diagnosis in primary-care practice, obesity is still not yet universally accepted as a disease, despite negative health and welfare consequences. This study suggests veterinarians

should particularly emphasise obesity prevention and management in brachycephalic and neutered dogs, and that future obesity should be considered during neutering decision-making, especially in high-risk breeds.

Veterinary consultations, expenditure and healthcare issues in newly adopted Romanian rescue dogs

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OBJECTIVES

The aim of this study is to describe the preliminary veterinary and health care findings from a wider cross-sectional survey of UK adopters of Romanian rescue dogs (RRDs) that sought to identify risk factors for an adopter dissatisfaction with their dog or the rescue process.

METHODS

An online survey that targeted UK people that had adopted a RRD was distributed using social media during June–July 2019. Respondents were asked several veterinary and healthcare related questions.

RESULTS

Of 1727 respondents, 201 (11.7%) reported being given inaccurate or little/no information on their adopted dog's pre-adoption physical health. 1405 (81.4%) had a veterinary consultation within the first month of adoption (85.1% for a routine healthcare check-up). Veterinarians diagnosed healthcare issues probably present at adoption in 229 (16.3%) dogs, with 6 and 52 of these potentially infectious to human or other animals respectively. Most had one (64.5%) or two (26.3%) conditions diagnosed. Two dogs had 4+ conditions diagnosed. Most conditions either did not require treatment (29.7%) or were short-lived/quick to resolve conditions (62%) but three dogs were euthanised within 1 month. In the first three months post adoption, most adopters (n = 189) spent £500 or less treating these health issues (38.5% < £100), but 2.7% spent more than £2500.

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Most adopters of RRDs will not require non-routine veterinary treatment for newly adopted dogs. However, most new adopters will attend a veterinary practice anyway which provides an opportunity for informed healthcare discussions and support.

Field efficacy and safety of a novel oral chewable tablet containing sarolaner, moxidectin, and pyrantel against naturally acquired gastrointestinal

nematode infections in dogs presented as veterinary patients in Europe

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