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Registration Statistics

Probably because of my professional training as an engineer, I am never quite satisfied with pictures and words, but rather need the numbers, the statistics, to solidify understanding. In the canine world, this means, on a country-by-country basis, how many pups are being whelped, which is usually taken to mean the number of registrations. There are, however, subtleties to this, for many dogs, indeed many very important dogs, are never actually registered in any studbook. Also, most nations at one time or another have competing registering entities, which means that a dog may be registered by one or the other, with both or with neither. Sometimes all of the pups are registered and named by the breeder, the usual European practice, but under the AKC the breeder only indicates the number of pups with litter registration, leaving it up to the purchaser to select the name and register the dog, which of course brings to the AKC that most desired of all things, the money. (It is said only half in jest that the AKC is in the business of selling made up numbers costing nothing for good hard cash.) It is speculated that some breeders overstate the number, so that they can have extra forms, "just in case." This of course tends to inflate the numbers.

Prior to the internet age yearly registration statistics were published in the various national and breed journals and other publications. Years ago *Dog World* magazine printed complete AKC statistics yearly, and sometimes had multiyear tables for comparison. Gathering this information together, especially if the desire is for many breeds, becomes a bit of a chore.

The internet age greatly simplified this, and although there is not a great deal of historical data in convenient formats, most major national entities such as the AKC and the various European FCI national clubs put yearly stats up on the internet, often for ten or more years in the past. Historically, the problem of gathering the statistics was that they were in many different places and formats, meaning that while the data was generally public getting it in the desire format could be a bit of a chore. There was no real reluctance to release the data routinely.

Beginning in about 2008 the AKC bureaucrats became increasingly hysterical and secretive. Rather than the actual numbers, they began to release only rankings, the actual numbers becoming virtual secrets of shame subject to the great head in the sands trick. Today the numbers are only released, one senses reluctantly, to the various national breed clubs.

These registration statistical tables are gathered from various public sources, mostly web sites of the particular kennel club. Great care must be exercised in interpreting registration information, as many dogs are not registered or registered with a competing registry. Under the AKC for instance, each litter registration comes with the appropriate registration forms, but unless the breeder or owner fills out the Dutch Police community, registration is unimportant, a dog is what he does on the field regardless of his background and thus generations of highly regarded dogs can exist without any paper trail other than the working trial certificates.

Malinois figures are particularly deceptive, for many KNPV dogs are without registration and NVBK dogs cannot easily be AKC registered. Numbers of non-

registered dogs are of course very difficult to estimate. (In the area of 1000 new KNPV titles are awarded annually, mostly Malinois and/or mixes.)

American

The AKC ceased publication of annual registration statistics after 2006.

AKC Registrations for 2006:

Breed	
German Shepherd	43,575
Boxers	35,388
Rottweilers	14,709
Doberman Pinschers	11,546
Collies	4,711
Bloodhounds	3,343
Airedale Terriers	2,243
Border Collies	2,181
Giant Schnauzers	855
Bouvier des Flandres	808
Belgian Malinois	716
Belgian Tervuren	434
Anatolian Shepherd	380
Briards	284
Belgian Sheepdogs	266
Black Russian Terriers	143

Year	GSD	Rottweiler	Doberman
1970	109,198	428	18,636
1978	61,783	2,439	81,964
1989	58,422	51,291	
1990	59,556	60,471	
1996	79,076	89,867	
2006	43,575	14,709	11,546
2007	43,376	14,211	

	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Dobermans	81,964	79,254	73,615	57,336	45,110	34,169	27,767	23,413	18,636
GSD	61,783	67,072	74,723	76,235	86,014	90,907	101,399	111,355	109,198
Labrador Ret	43,500	41,275	39,929	36,565	36,689	33,575	32,251	30,170	25,667
Golden Ret	34,249	30,263	27,612	22,636	20,933	17,635	15,476	13,589	11,437
Great Danes	16,600	17,892	19,869	19,255	20,319	19,314	18,339	16,349	13,180
Boxers	13,248	12,951	13,057	12,063	12,552	12,319	12,002	12,617	11,483
Airedale	6,601	6,745	6,835	6,532	7,088	6,687	6,974	6,976	6,325
Rottweilers	2,439	1,878	1,406	952	883	840	563	508	428
Bloodhounds	1,586	1,578	1,446	1,334	1,337	1,252	1,231	1,041	839
Bouvier	1,301	1,204	1,053	834	735	585	511	367	348

German Annual Registrations

Breed	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
GSD	9766	10202	10523	10470	11092	12786
Boxer	1559	1600	1614	1386	1637	1563
Great Dane	1095	1192	1245	1336	1445	1444
Rottweiler	1561	1633	1524	1566	1543	1409
G Schnauzer	847	1128	849	761	931	1003
Hovawart	836	927	818	863	858	1152
Airedale	753	784	821	792	814	764
Dobermann	491	583	478	635	597	604
Malinois	652	680	589	615	650	619

Breed	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
GSD	13,339	14,501	15,870	16,854	16,868	16,908	18,278	19,874
Boxer	1,579	1,783	1,681	1,735	1,864	1,722	1,836	1,669
Great Dane	1,336	1,488	1,609	1,699	1,905	1,685	1,807	1,890
Rottweiler	1,414	1,586	1,696	1,876	1,741	1,528	1,559	1,493
G Schnauzer	1,151	970	1,100	1,185	1,299	1,165	1,258	1,333
Hovawart	1,152	1,231	1,155	1,208	1,277	1,146	1,190	1,076
Airedale	890	997	930	958	1,080	1,054	1,206	1,208
Dobermann	616	802	704	773	580	757	750	804
Malinois	494	570	522	505	456	700	580	644

Breed	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
GSD	19,882	20,352	21,372	20,872	23,839	27,834	29,824
Boxer	1,690	1,704	1,600	1,966	2,106	2,594	2,659
Great Dane	1,771	1,800	1,574	1,641	1,701	1,630	1,853
Rottweiler	1,511	1,488	1,431	1,501	2,192	2,716	3,168
G Schnauzer	1,222	1,190	1,161	1,137	1,171	1,494	1,998
Hovawart	1,286	1,069	1,098	1,289	1,293	1,479	1,479
Airedale	1,089	1,115	1,065	1,056	1,150	1,235	1,423
Dobermann	784	734	712	864	860	1,312	1,577
Malinois	446	490	428	397	440	421	385

This listing highlights the rapid fall of in German Shepherd numbers in the mother country:

Breed	GSD	Doberman	Breed	GSD	Doberman
2017	9766	491	2004	19,874	644
2016	10,202	583	2003	19,882	446
2015	10,523	478	2002	20,352	490
2014	10,470	635	2001	21,372	428
2013	11,092	650	2000	20,872	397
2012	12,786	619	1999	23,839	440
2011	13,339	494	1998	27,834	421
2010	14,501	570	1997	29,824	385
2009	15,870	522	1996	30,802	
2008	16,854	505	1995	29,805	
2007	16,868	456	1994	28,730	
2006	16,908	700	1993	27,648	
2005	18,278	580	1992	28,000	

These listings illustrate the worldwide fall of "purebred" registrations in the last several decades.

French Registrations

	2010	2007	1970
German Shepherd	11265	11025	9020
Rottweiler	1928	4150	1
Malinois	5726	4084	1270
Beauceron	2797	3231	622
Boxer	2137	2270	1128
Tervueren	1421	1232	441
Doberman	920	1120	840
Briard	428	672	317
Groenendael	682	611	636
Bouvier des Flandres	438	388	276
Airedale	232	308	160
Giant Schnauzer	192	303	46
Hovawart	242	263	
Picardie Shepherd	160	224	82
Laekenois	28	19	2

In France all Ring competitors must be registered with the national system, so the Malinois numbers are directly comparable to other working breeds.

Belgian Registrations

Breed ranking & average yearly registrations (1990-2001)

1	German Shepherd	2,465
2	Belgian Shepherd	1,857
3	Golden Retriever	1,009
4	Bouvier des Flandres	965
5	Labrador Retriever	844
6	Dobermann	832
7	Rottweiler	820
8	Bernese Mount. Dog	743
9	Boxer	697
10	Great Dane	547
11	Teckel	519
12	Beauceron	484
13	Briard	414

Breed ranking and registrations in 2001

1	2,032
2	1,774
3	1,031
6	764
4	910
11	505
10	512
5	793
7	690
14	353
12	457
13	410
21	256

The Belgian Shepherd numbers include the four varieties.

Many working Malinois lines are NVBK registered and thus would not be included unless dual registered.

2009 Belgian Registrations		2010 Belgian Registrations	
German Shepherd	1363	German Shepherd	1608
Berger Belge Malinois	977	Berger Belge Malinois	1108
Berner Sennenhund	601	Border Collie	943
Border Collie	595	Golden Retriever	854
Golden Retriever	563	Berner Sennenhund	708
Labrador Retriever	544	Labrador Retriever	656
Bulldog	379	Bulldog	487
Rottweiler	367	Bouledogue français	486
Bouvier des Flandres	338	Rottweiler	455
Great Dane	289	Great Dane	415
Berger de Beauce	245	American Staf Terrier	332
Berger Belge Tervueren	243	Bouvier des Flandres	296
American Staffordshire Terrier	235	Chihuahua Pelo largo	292
Australian Shepherd Dog	191	Berger Belge Tervueren	291
Dogue de Bordeaux	162	Chihuahua Pelo corto	264
Boxer	150	Whippet	261
Dobermann	127	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Ret	249
Shetland Sheepdog	123	Cavalier King Char Spaniel	249
Collie Rough	116	Australian Shepherd Dog	243
Berger Belge Groenendael	112	Boxer	237
Berger de Brie	103	Dachshund	230
Airedale Terrier	86	Berger de Beauce	223
		Newfoundland	210
		Leonberger	202
		Berger Blanc Suisse	195
		Dobermann	186
		Berger de Brie	179

Netherlands Registrations

		2004	2009	2011
1	Labrador Retriever	5,107	3491	3529
2	Duitse Herdershond - GSD	3,461	2341	2131
3	Golden Retriever	2,137	1852	1806
4	Berner Sennenhond	1,774	1469	1518
5	Boxer	1,141	1052	877
6	Cavalier King Char Spaniel	1,069	976	730
7	Engelse Bulldog	946	921	780
8	Border Collie	887	838	898
9	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	877	1287	1325
10	Bouvier des Flandres	840	559	420
11	Engelse Cocker Spaniel	810	732	687
12	Dashond	805	744	805
13	Cairn Terrier	689	319	376
14	Duitse Dog	670	496	470
15	West Highland White Terrier	662	394	317
16	Belgische Herder, Mechelse	644	505	463
17	Jack Russell Terrier	630	386	422
18	Chihuahua	606	437	1365
19	Franse Bulldog	583	770	988
20	Dwerg Dashond, Ruwhaar	578	539	630
21	Flatcoated Retriever	576	823	487
22	White Swiss Shepherd Dog	555	483	
23	Bordeaux Dog	548	498	511
24	Rhodesian Ridgeback	536	541	794
25	Dwergschnauzer	526	512	417
	TOTAL	49763	43887	43226

NHSB/Dutch Pedigree Book 2011

Breed	Pups	Import	Total
Belgische Herdershond, Groenendaeler	172	9	181
Belgische Herdershond, Laekense	96	2	98
Belgische Herdershond, Mechelse	425	38	463
Belgische Herdershond, Tervuerense	264	7	271

These are NHSB or Dutch Kennel Club records, many Malinois and Malinois cross breeds competing in KNPV police trials are not registered and thus not included.

Dutch 2011 Registrations, puppies & imports

Labrador Retriever	3529
German Shepherd	2131
Golden Retriever	1806
Berner Sennenhond	1518
Chihuahua	1365
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1325
Franse Bulldog	988
Border Collie	898
Boxer	877
Dachshund	805
Rhodesian Ridgeback	794
Engelse Bulldog	780
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	730
Engelse Cocker Spaniel	687
Dwergdashond, ruwhaar	630
Zwitserse Witte Herdershond	582
Stabyhoun	512
Bordeaux Dog	511
Flatcoated Retriever	487
Newfoundlander	472
Duitse Dog, alle kleuren	470
Belgische Herdershond, Mechelse	463
Rottweiler	454
American Staffordshire Terrier	453
Beagle	444
Shih Tzu	425
Cane Corso	422
Jack Russell Terrier	422
Bouvier des Flandres	420
Bullmastiff	417
Belgische Herder, Tervuerense	271

Some breeds omitted beyond this point:

Belgische Herder, Groenendaeler	181
Airedale Terrier	156
Hovawart	155
Dobermann	152
Bearded Collie	146
Duitse Staande Hond Korthaar	145
Briard	144
Hollandse Herdershond, korthaar	144
Sint Bernard, kort- en langhaar	130
Beauceron	85
Hollandse Herdershond, langhaar	85
Riesenschnauzer	71

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