

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc Australia

2024 Health Survey



The survey was conducted over a 4-month period from 23rd October 2024 until 22nd February 2025. The survey was sent out to our Club database, was distributed to other Clubs to send out to their database, linked on our Instagram and Facebook profiles and was promoted on as many legitimate Griffon Bruxellois-related groups as possible on Facebook. Some Facebook groups elected not to publish the survey which was unfortunate because we wanted it to reach as many current and former owners as possible.

The survey was anonymous and was conducted by Survey Planet. The settings allowed the survey to be completed once only by respondents.

Following the ban of breeding of brachycephalic breeds in The Netherlands and with numerous groups supporting such trends, the purpose of the survey was to collect data to gain an understanding of the overall health of the breed globally, compare the findings to past survey/s and as a Breed Club, assess whether any major issues need addressing. Our priority as a Club is to campaign for the preservation of the Breed and therefore breed health knowledge is of great importance.

This survey was designed to offer a snapshot highlighting the health of the breed. The survey has collected results from a specific period of time and indicates health issues impacting Griffons during this time as outlined by Owners and Breeders. Results will be made available to Breeders, Owners and Clubs. This survey is not intended to provide specific medical details, provide details of testing or treatment, identify countries, Breeders, Owners, researchers, veterinarians recommend future treatment, research or direction.

The survey consisted of 19 mandatory questions some of which required either entry of specific information or multiple choice options and 2 additional optional questions at the end of the survey that allowed free comments to be submitted.

We note that the survey did not distinguish between Owners and Breeders and it is possible that the results could be duplicated for an individual dog if both the new Owner of the dog and the Breeder reported on a particular condition. Duplication such as this is unavoidable but needs to be taken into consideration when assessing the results.

The survey:

- was completed 238 times and covers a total of 4561 dogs - 1782 owned and 2779 bred.
- saw the lowest number recorded from a single respondent as 0
- saw the highest number from a single respondent as 300.

The most common issue identified was Umbilical Hernia with 8.59% of dogs impacted and the second most common issue was Patella Luxation with 8.53% of dogs impacted by this issue. The most common issue identified by respondents related to breeding was Cleft Palate where 8.31% of dogs were impacted by this issue.

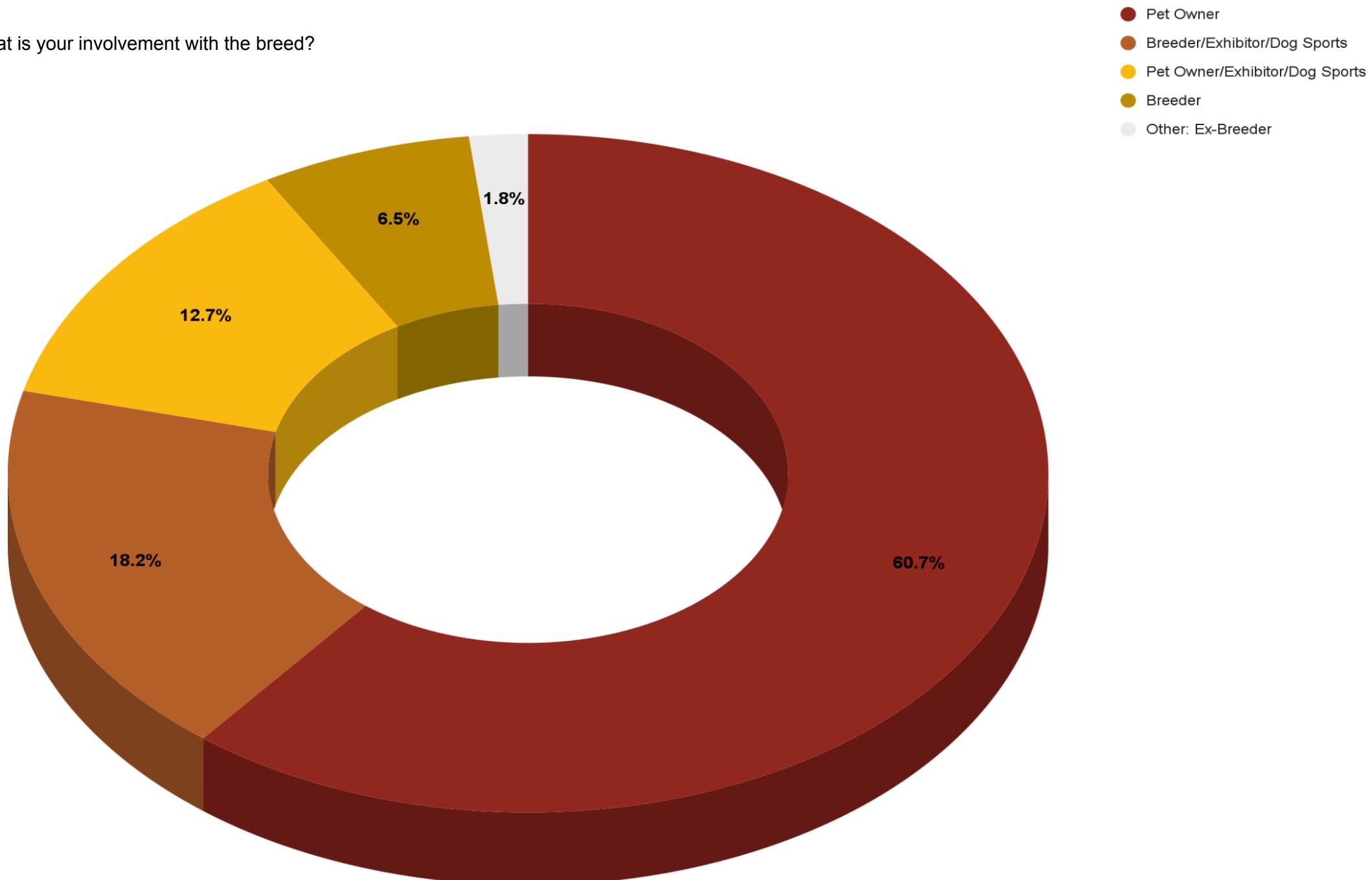
This survey will deliberately draw no conclusions - that is up to the individual breeders and clubs. A full break down of all responses – untouched and unadulterated can be seen on the following pages.

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What is your involvement with the breed?

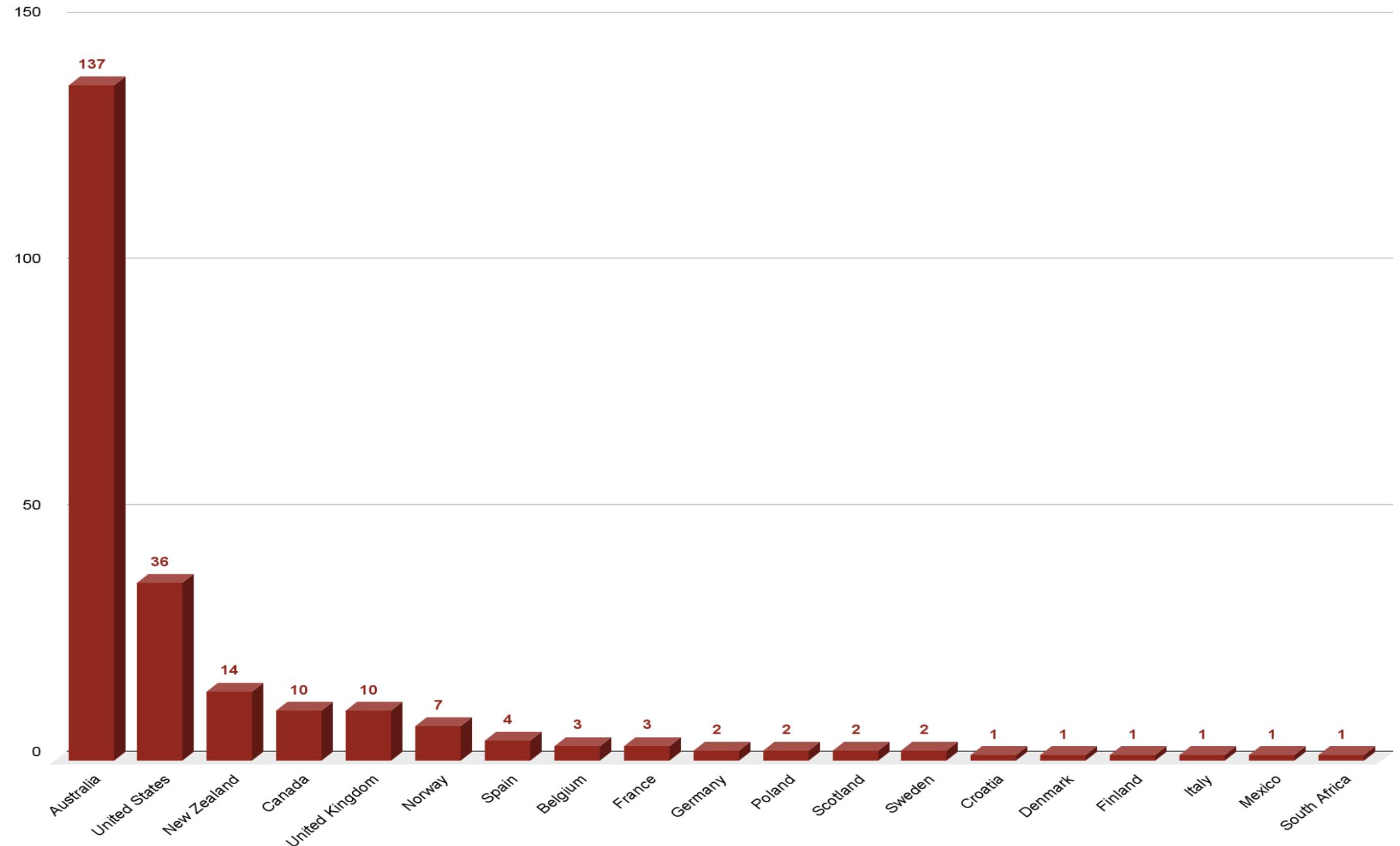


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Where are you located?

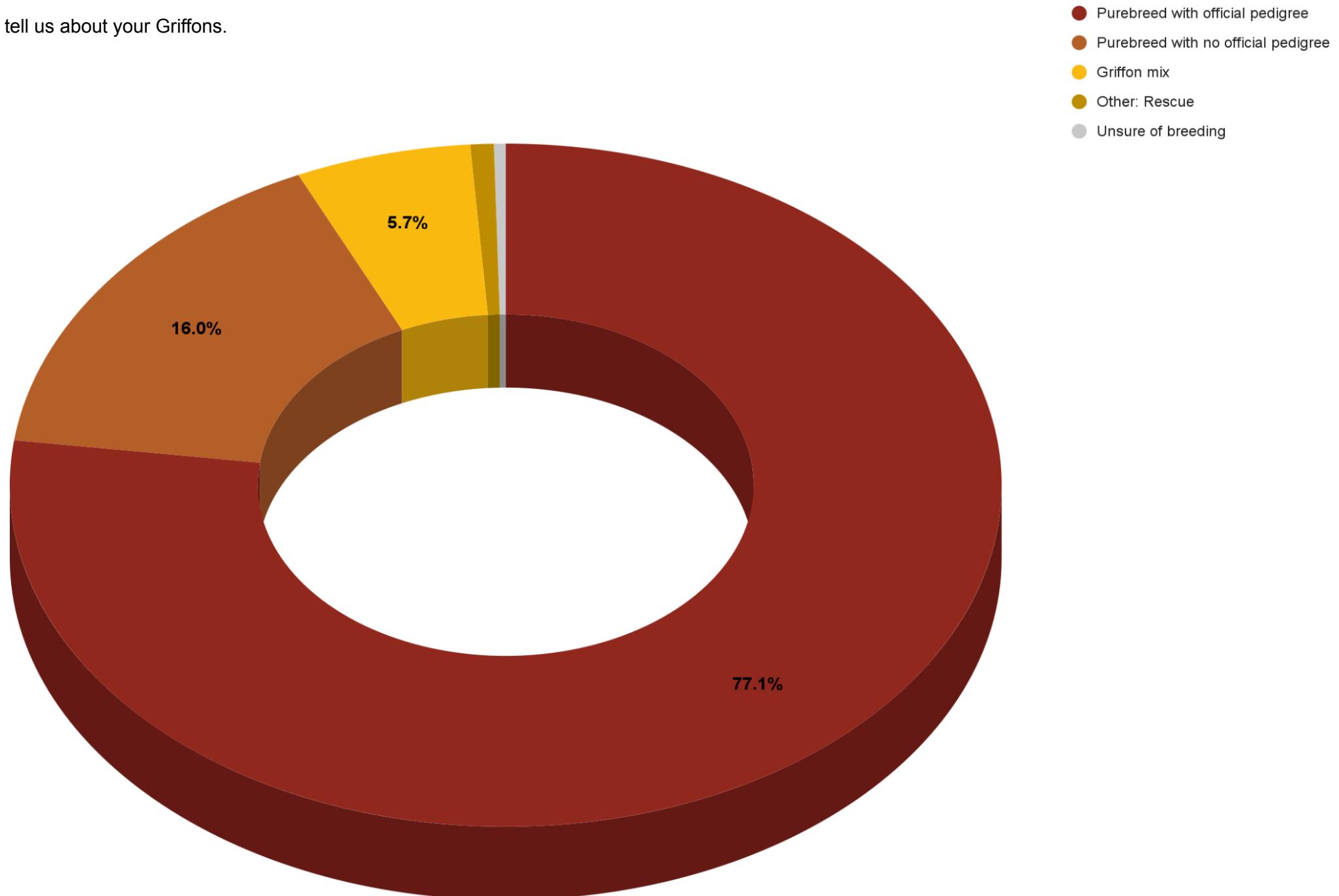


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Please tell us about your Griffons.

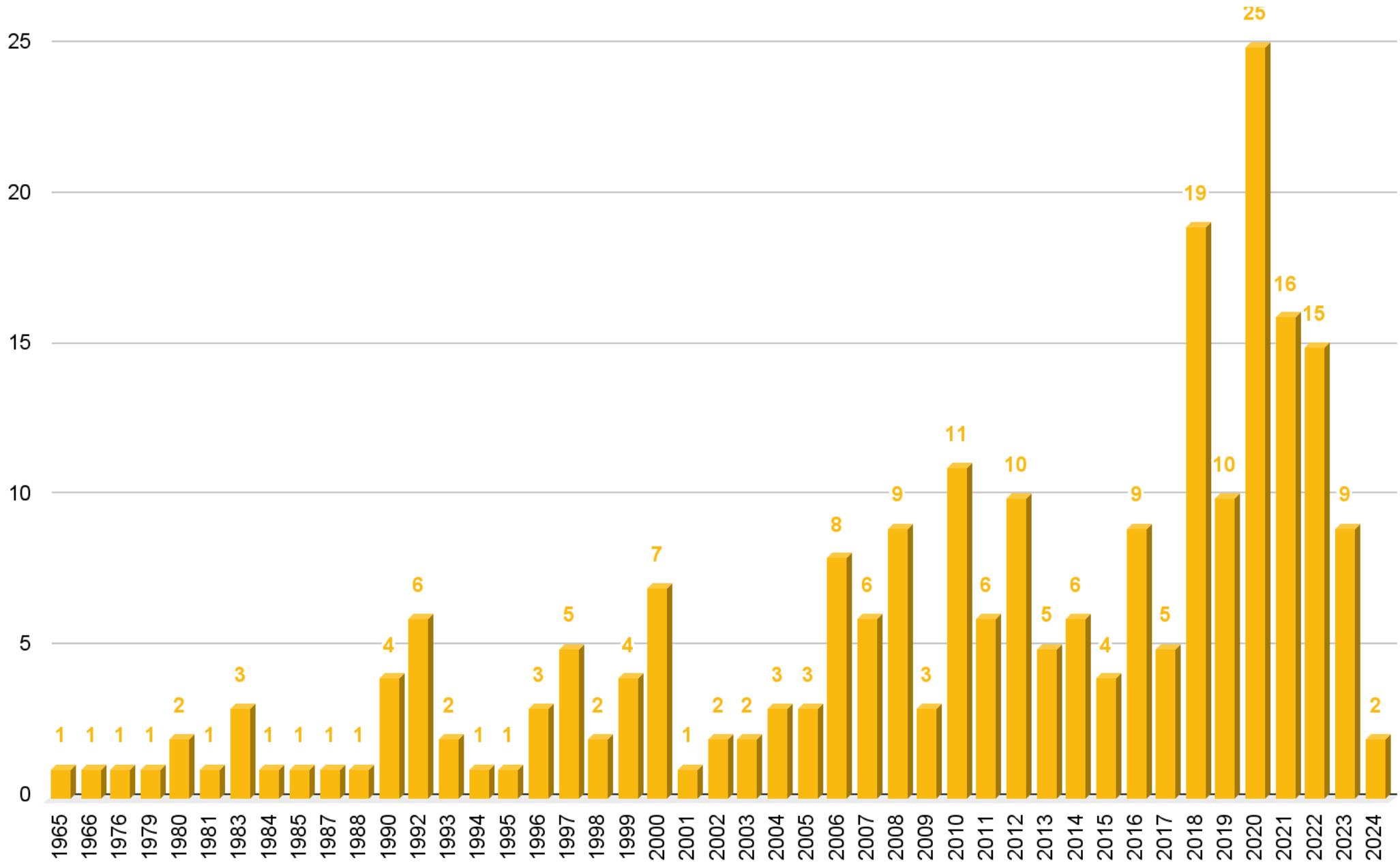


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What year did your involvement with Griffons begin?

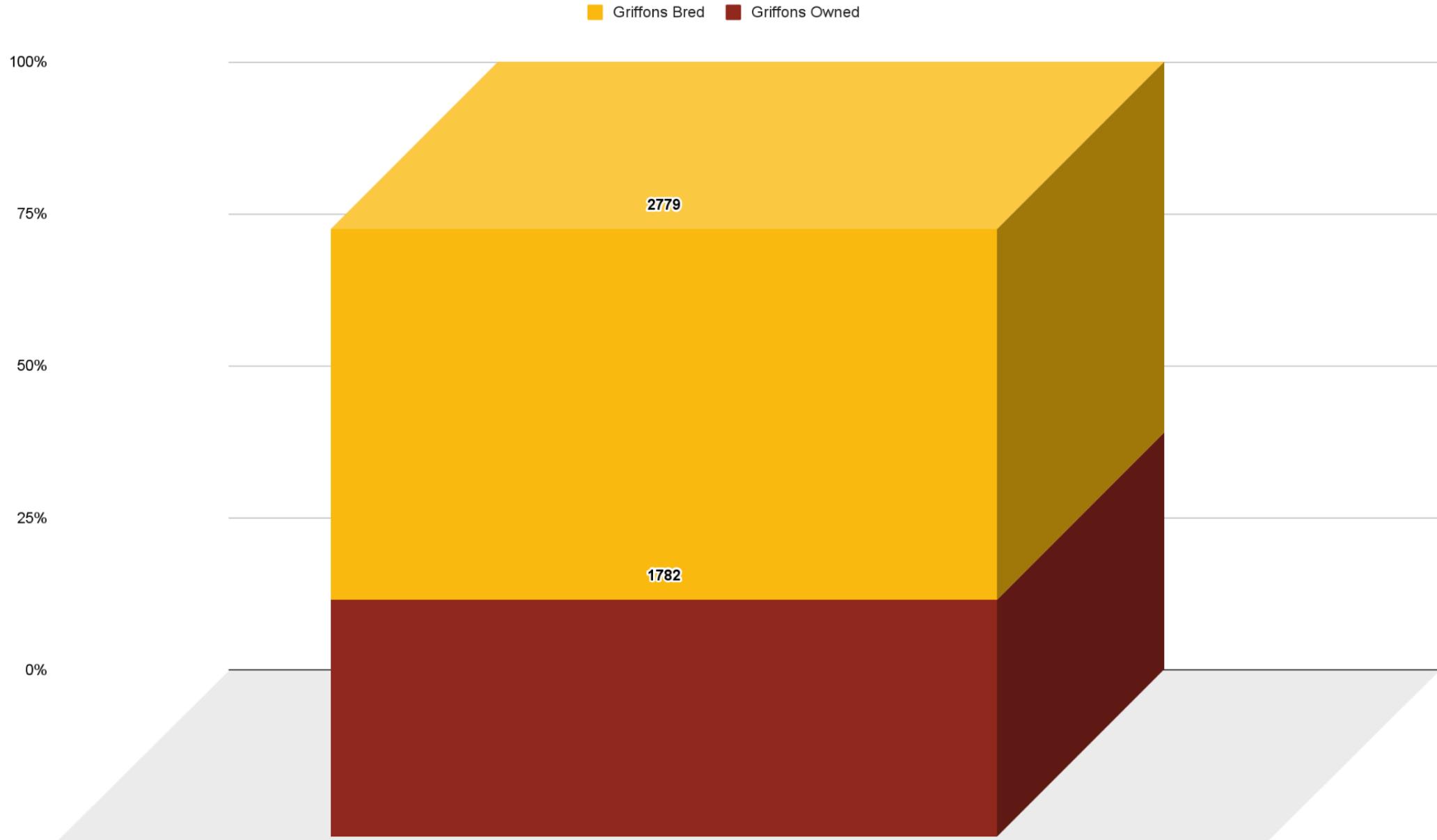


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Please tell us about your involvement with Griffons

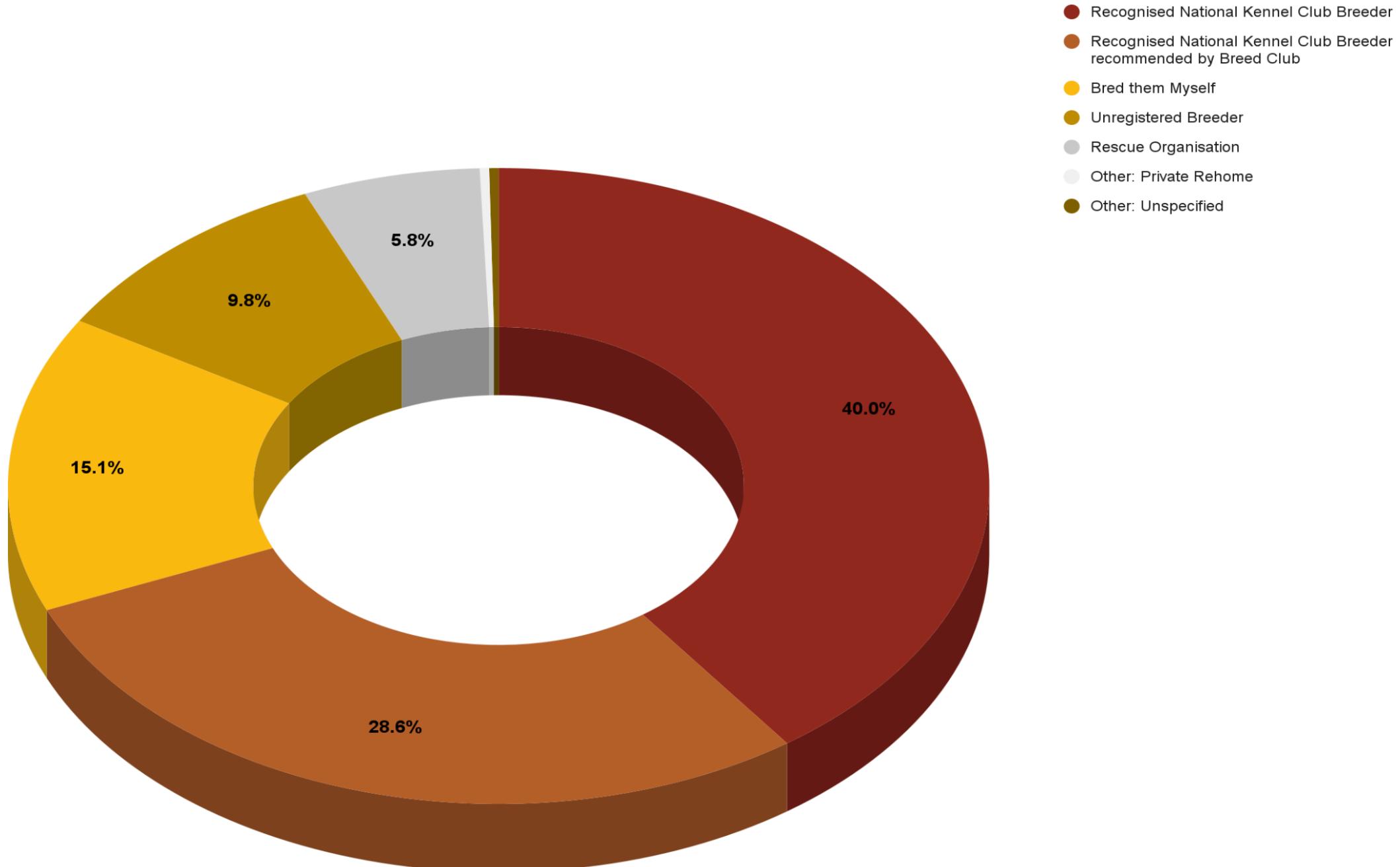


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Please tell us where you acquired your Griffons

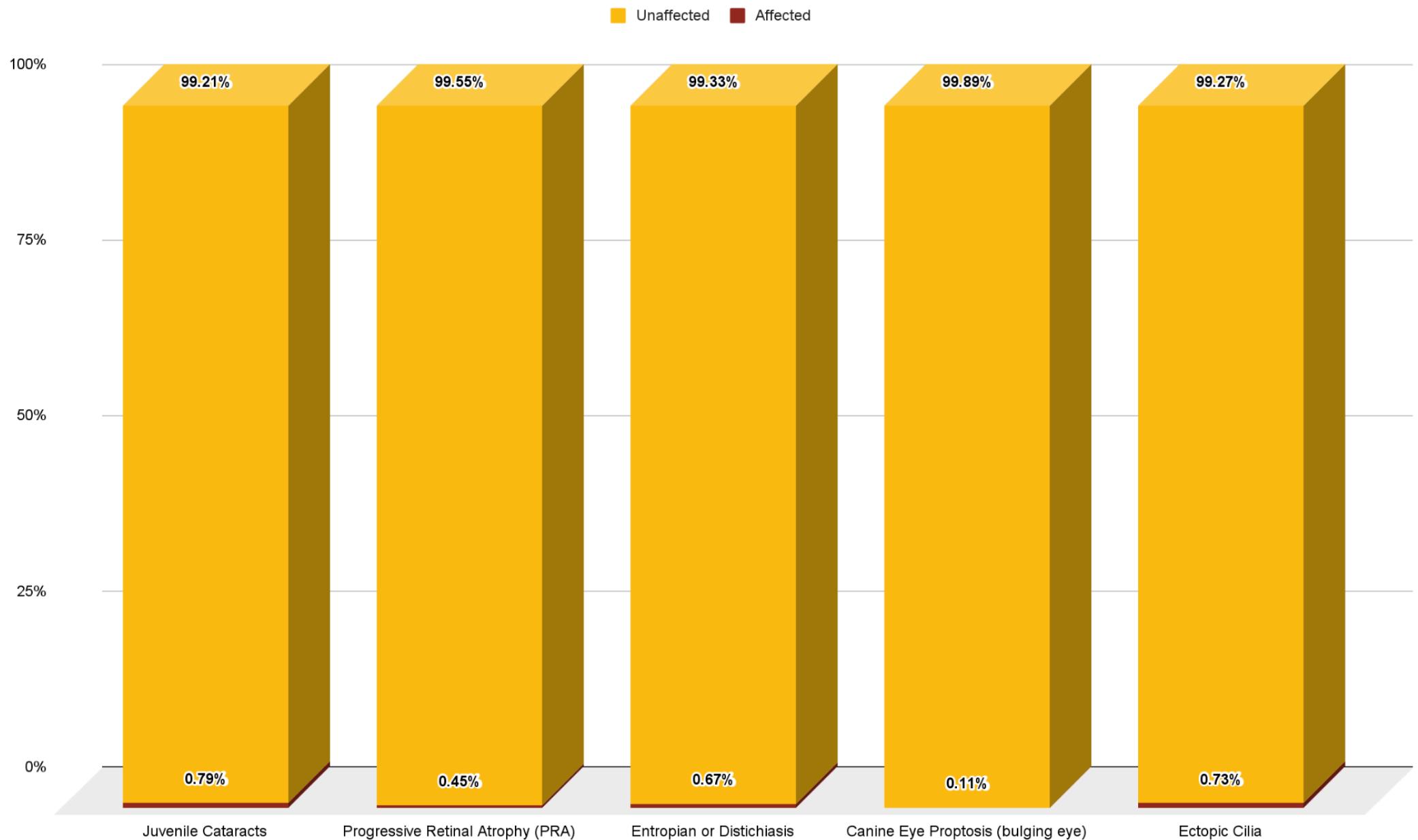


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How many Griffons have you bred or owned with the following eye conditions?

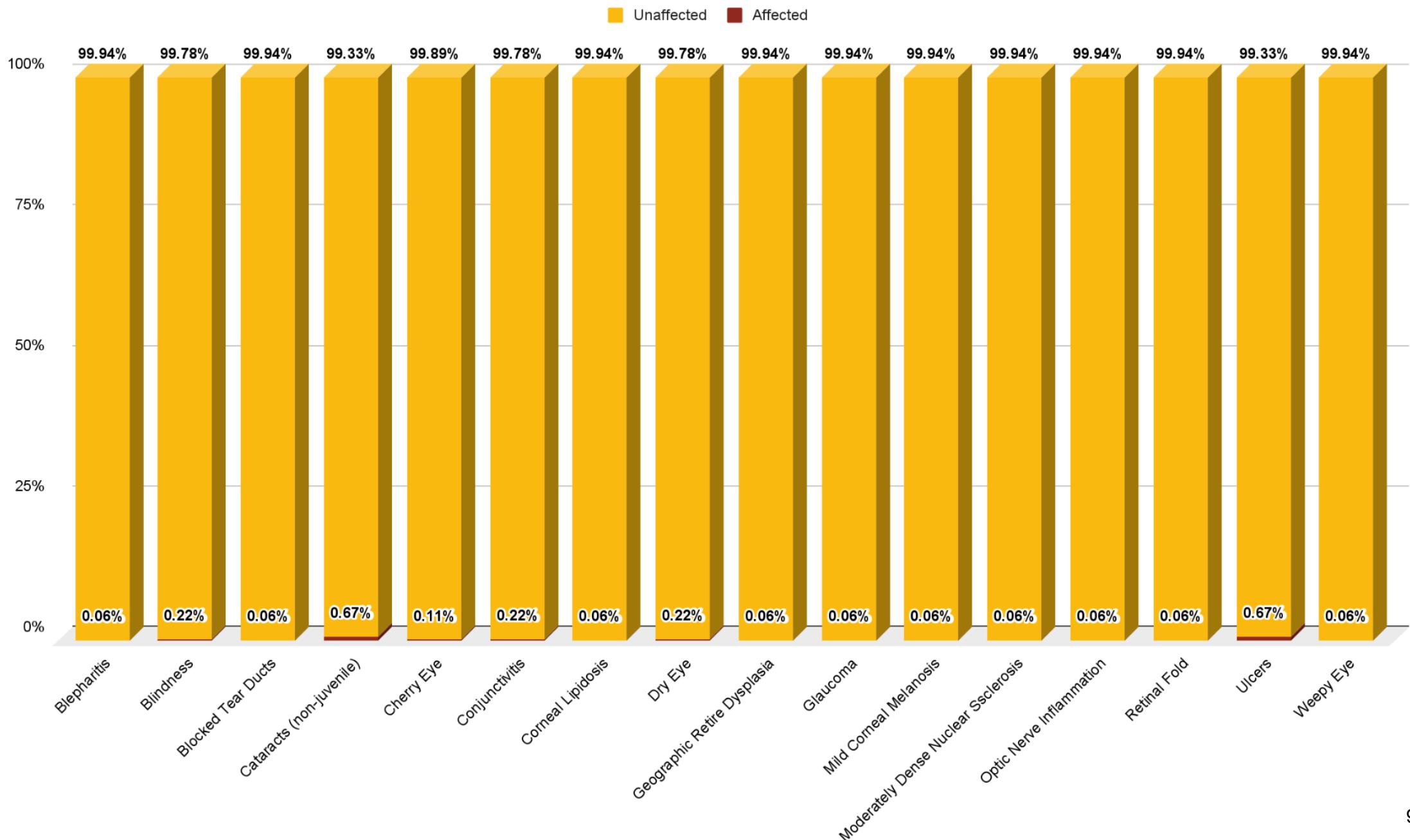


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Please tell us about any other eye conditions your Griffons have experienced

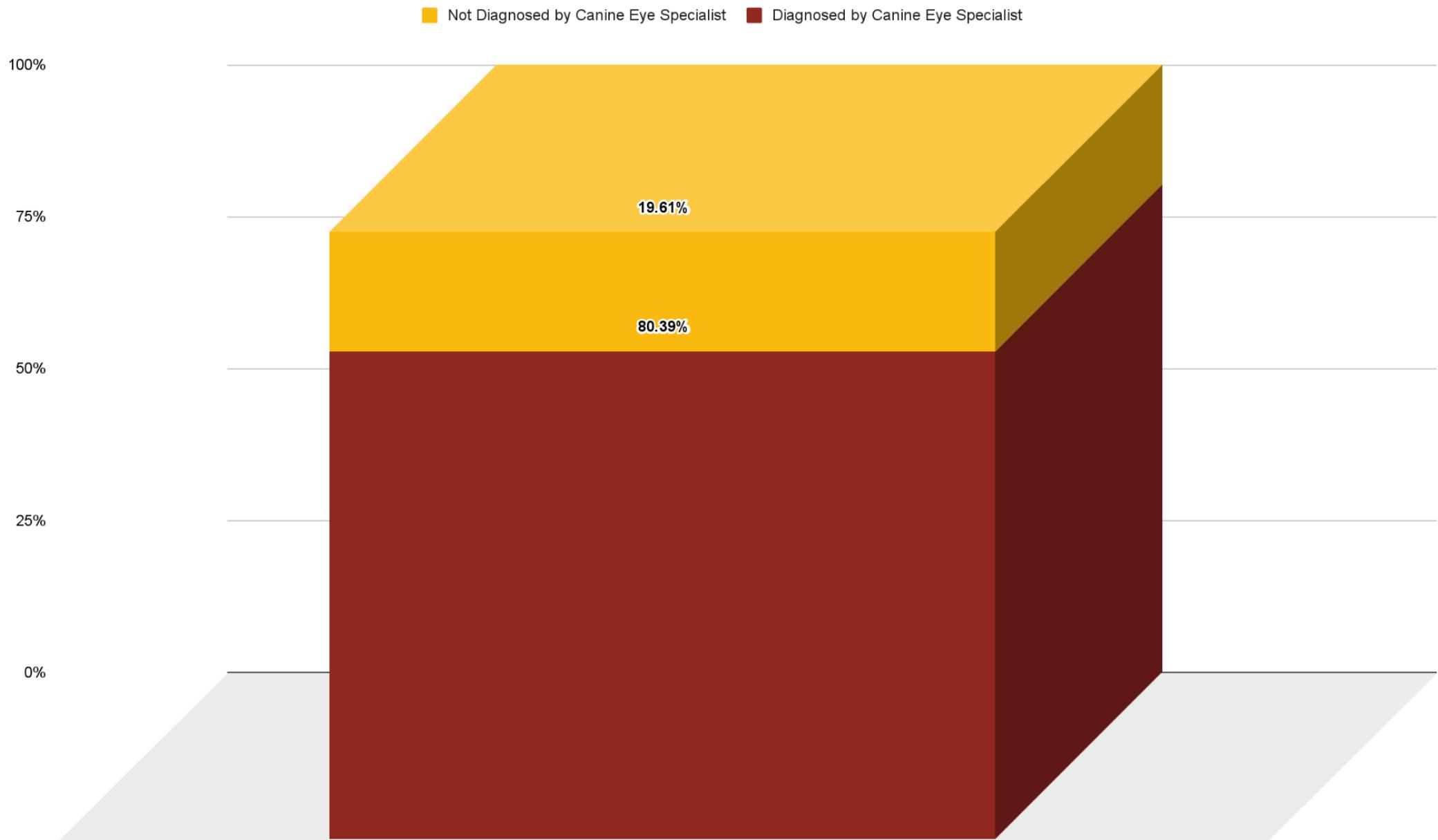


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Were all of the eye conditions listed above diagnosed by a canine eye specialist?

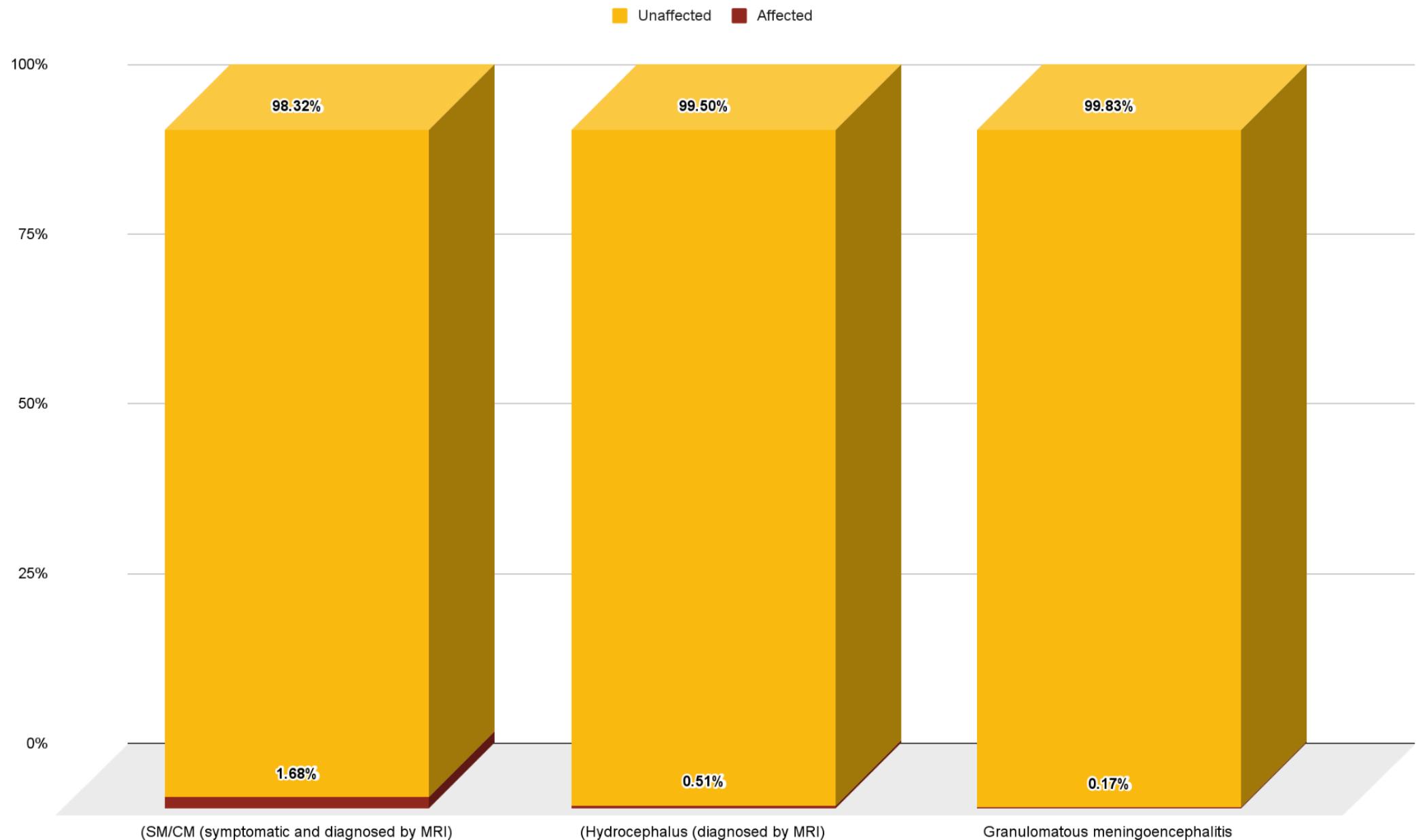


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How many Griffons have you bred or owned with the following neurological conditions?



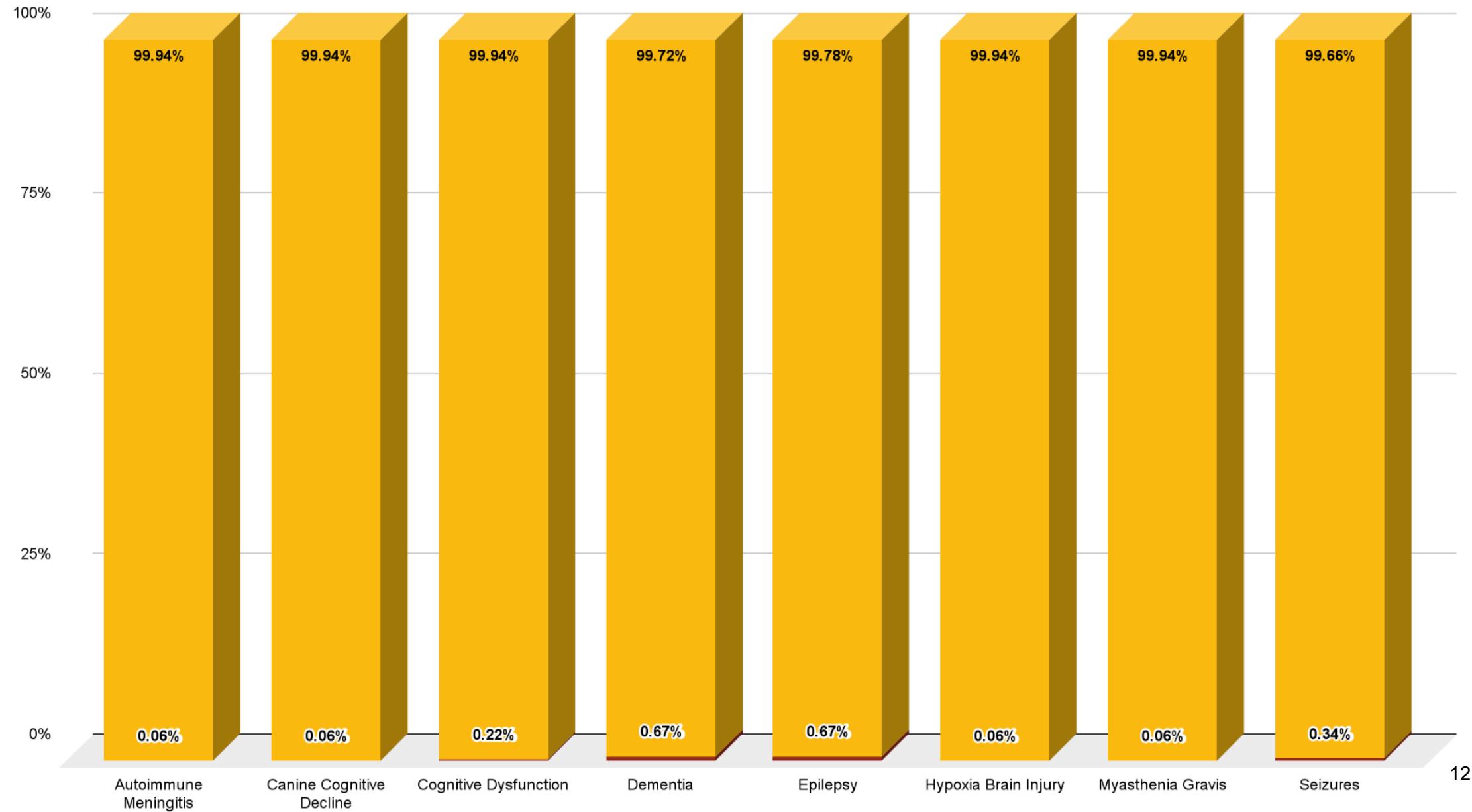
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Please tell us about any other neurological conditions your Griffons have experienced

■ Unaffected ■ Affected

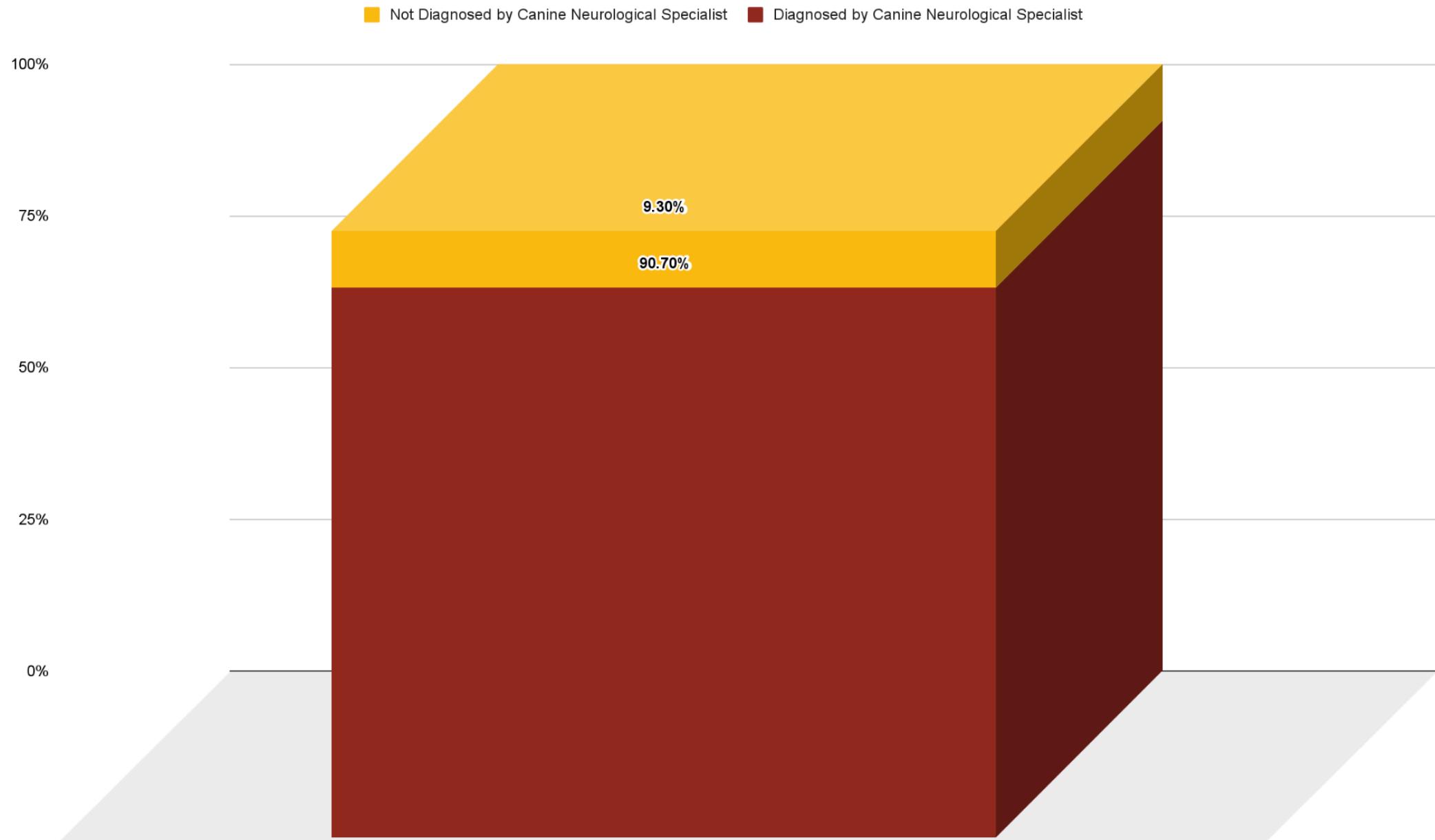


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Were all of the neurological conditions listed above diagnosed by a canine neurological specialist?

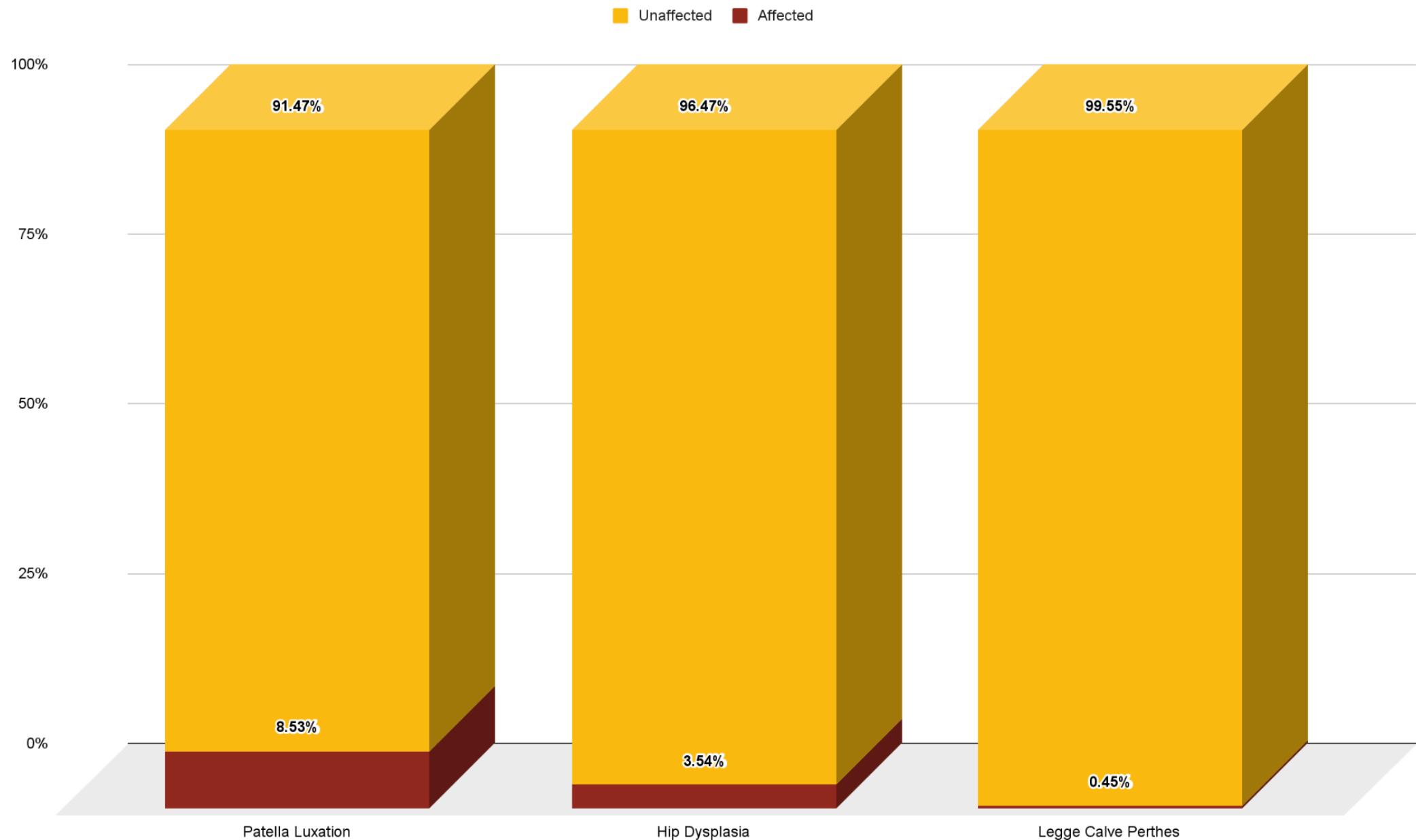


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How many Griffons have you bred or owned with the following structural conditions?



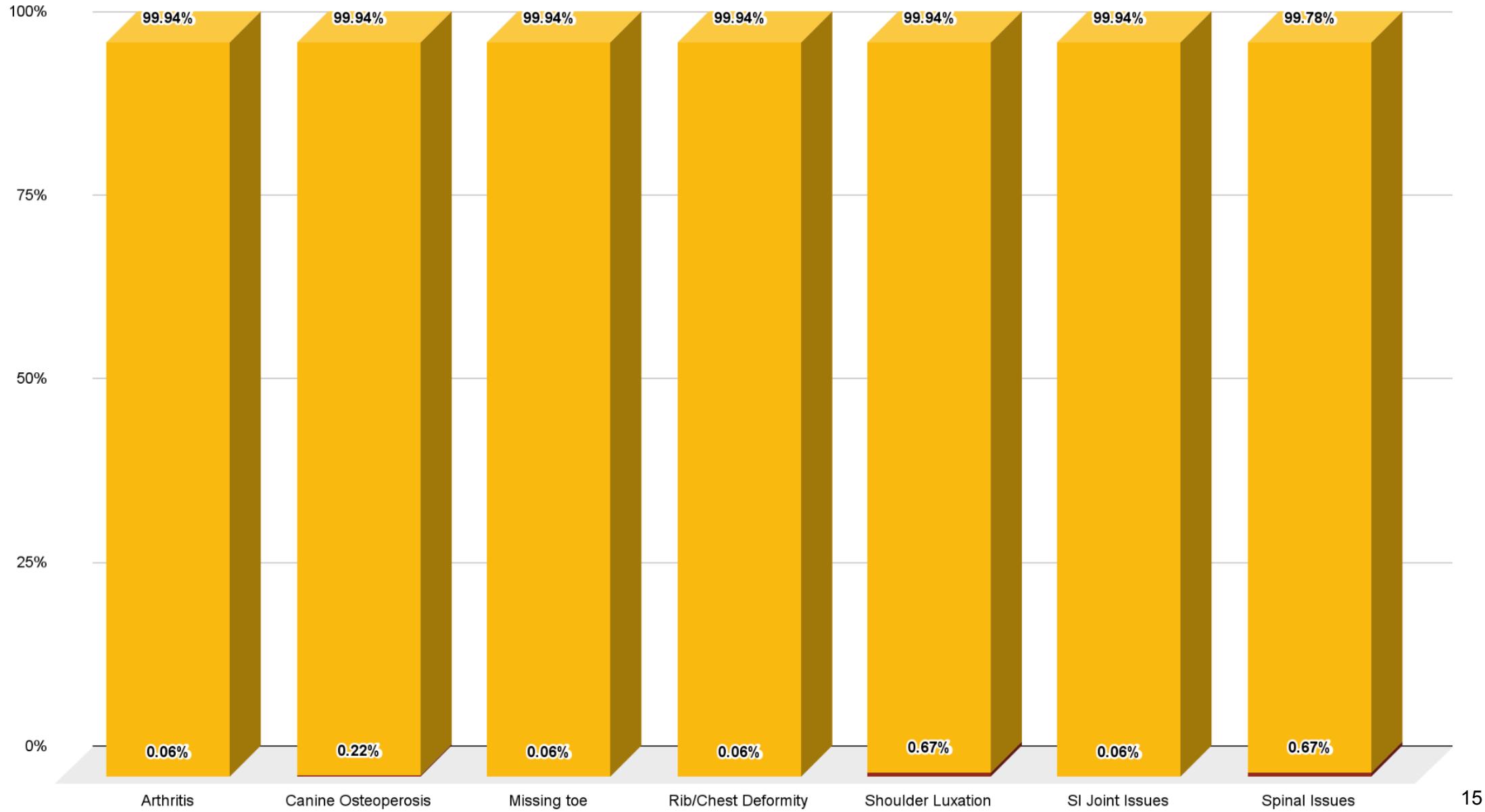
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Please tell us about any other structural conditions your Griffons have experienced

■ Unaffected ■ Affected



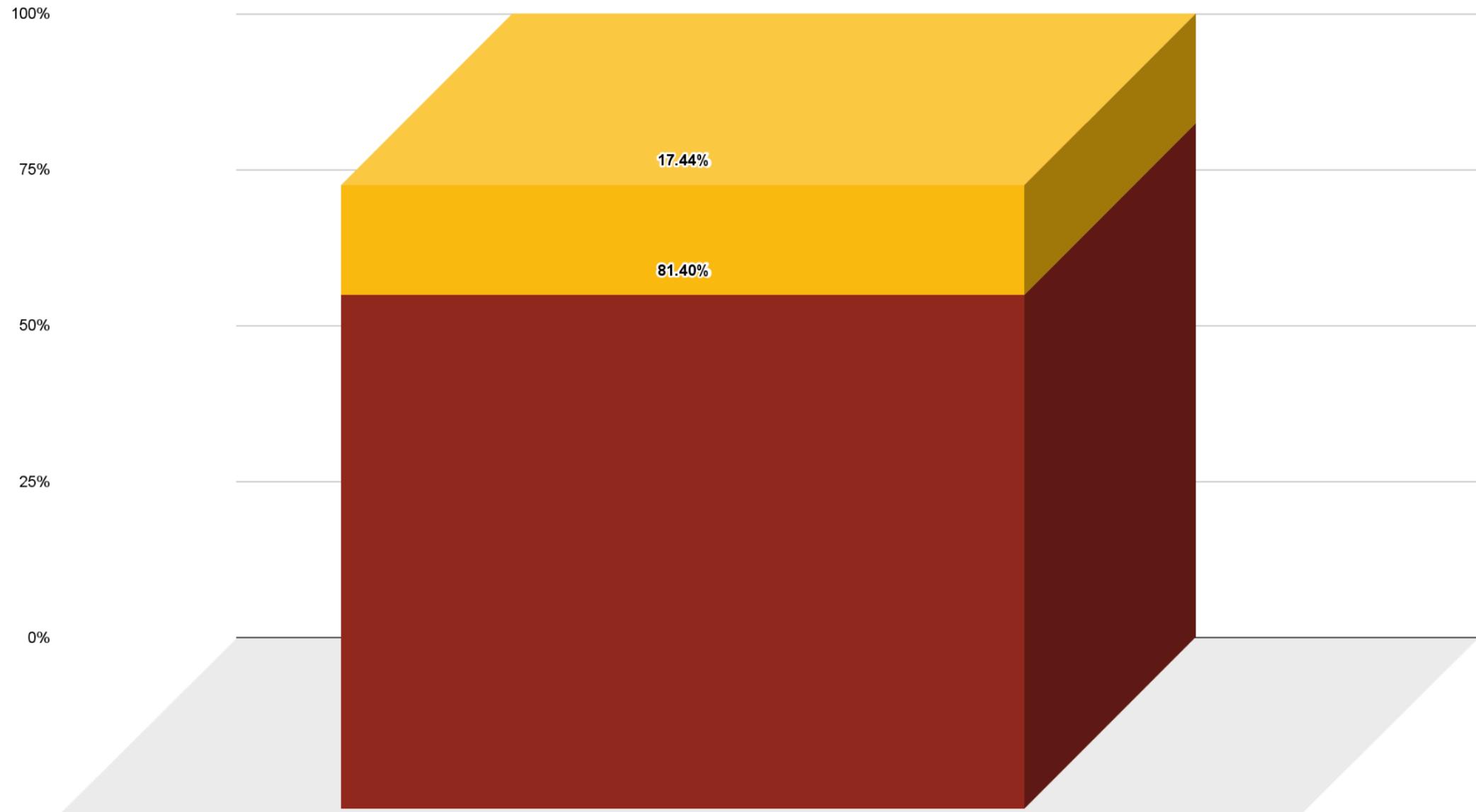
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Were all of the structural conditions listed above diagnosed by a canine specialist recognised by a national health scheme?

■ Not Diagnosed by Canine Specialist Recognised by a National Health Scheme ■ Diagnosed by Canine Specialist Recognised by a National Health Scheme

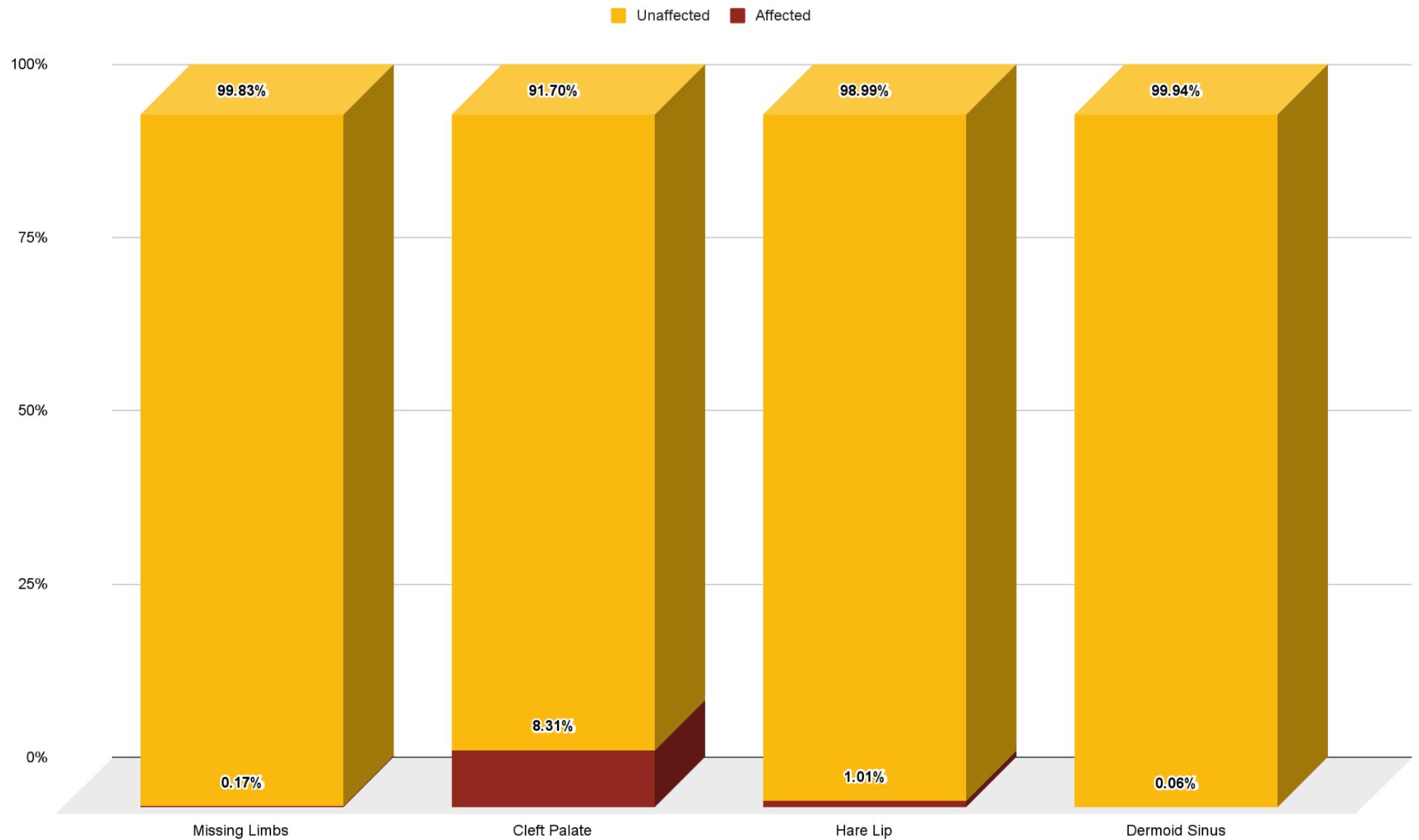


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How many Griffons have you bred or owned with the following birth defects?



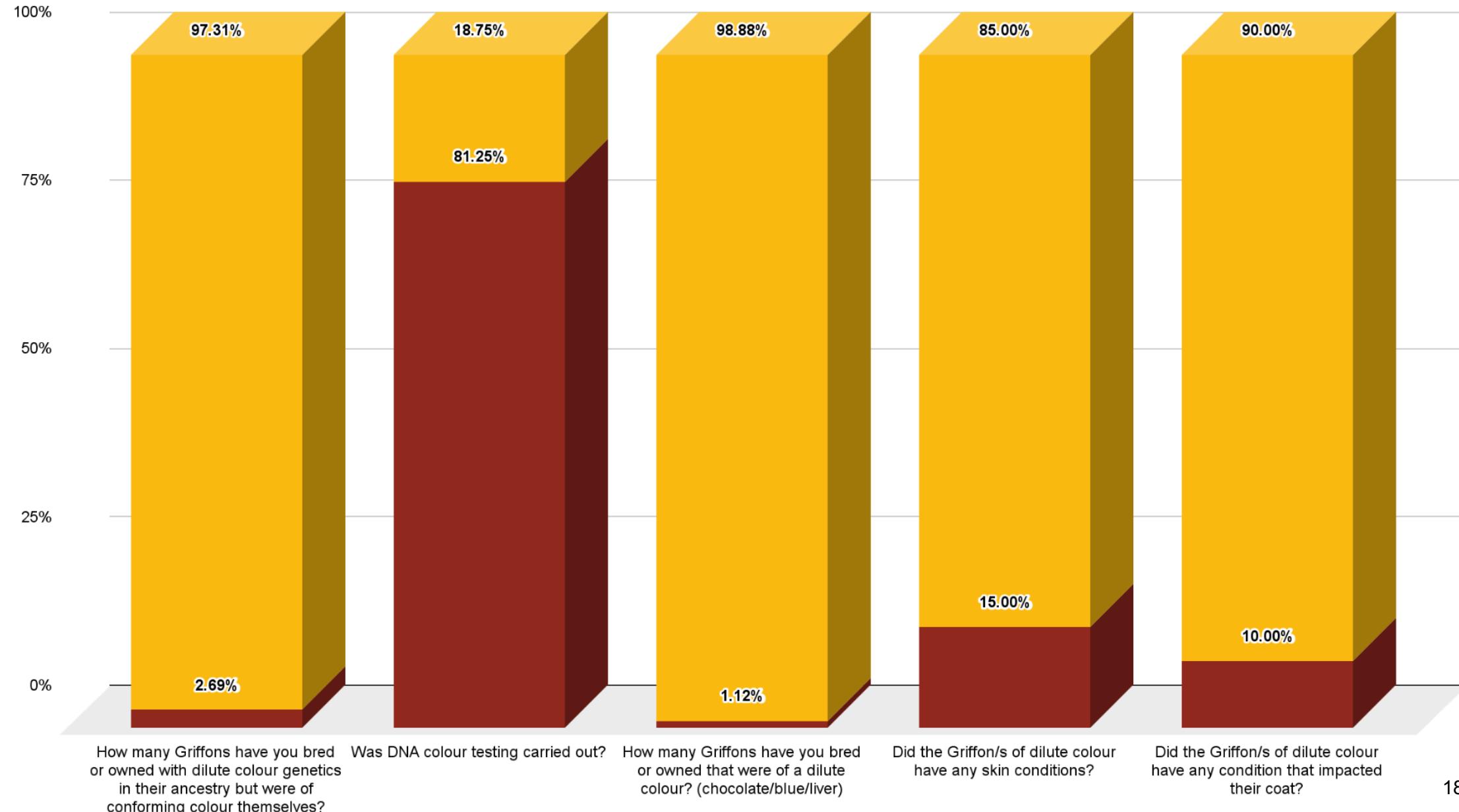
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Please tell us about your experience with Coat Colour Genetics?

■ Unaffected ■ Affected



How many Griffons have you bred or owned with dilute colour genetics in their ancestry but were of conforming colour themselves?

Was DNA colour testing carried out?

How many Griffons have you bred or owned that were of a dilute colour? (chocolate/blue/liver)

Did the Griffon/s of dilute colour have any skin conditions?

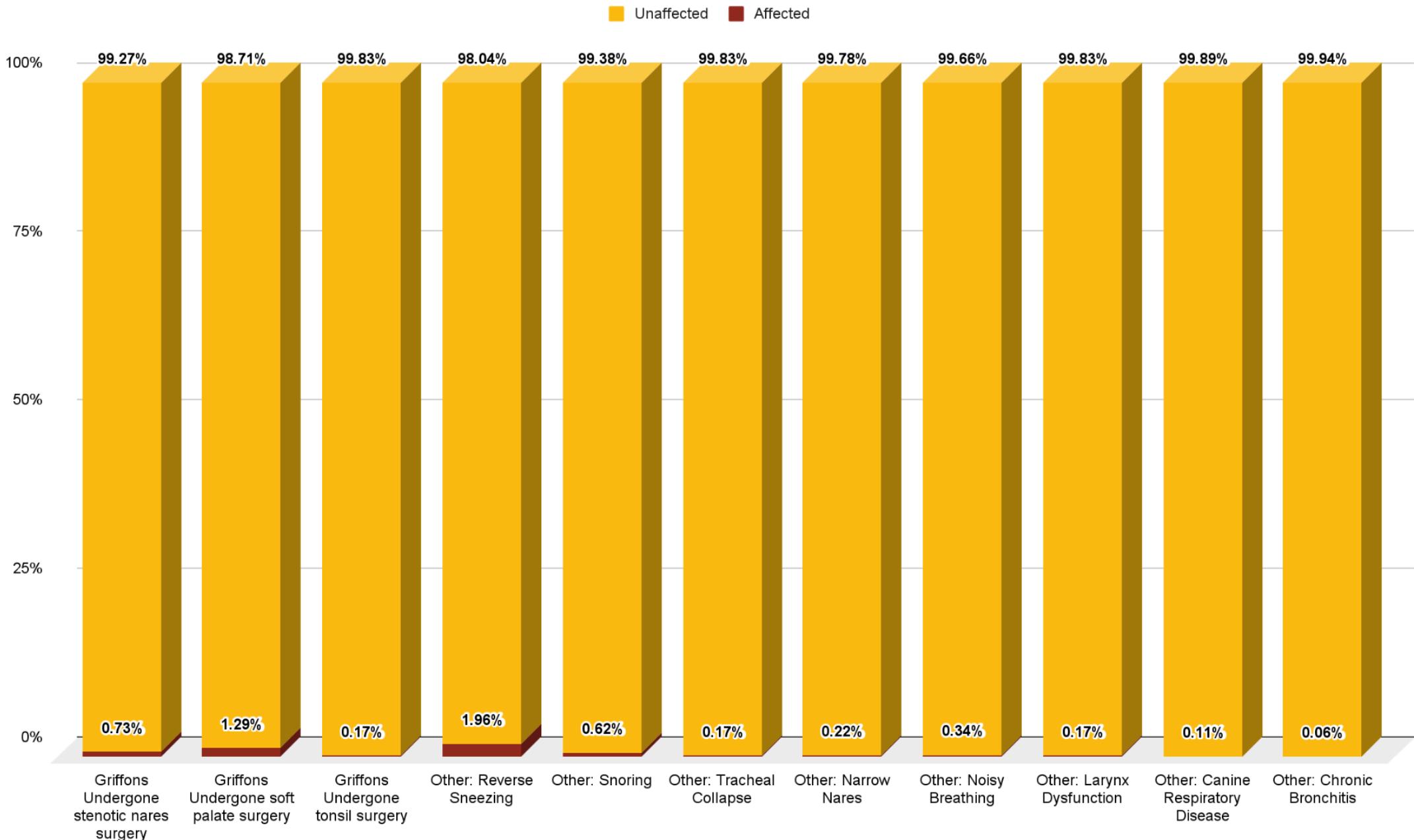
Did the Griffon/s of dilute colour have any condition that impacted their coat?

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Please tell us about any breathing related issues your Griffons have experienced?



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Please tell us about your experience with Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome?

■ Unaffected ■ Affected

100%

95.68%

99.05%

64.71%

41.18%

75%

50%

25%

0%

4.32%

0.95%

35.29%

58.82%

How many Griffons have you bred or owned that have undergone Respiratory Grading Testing?

How many Griffons have you bred or owned with Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome?

Was the condition diagnosed by a canine respiratory specialist?

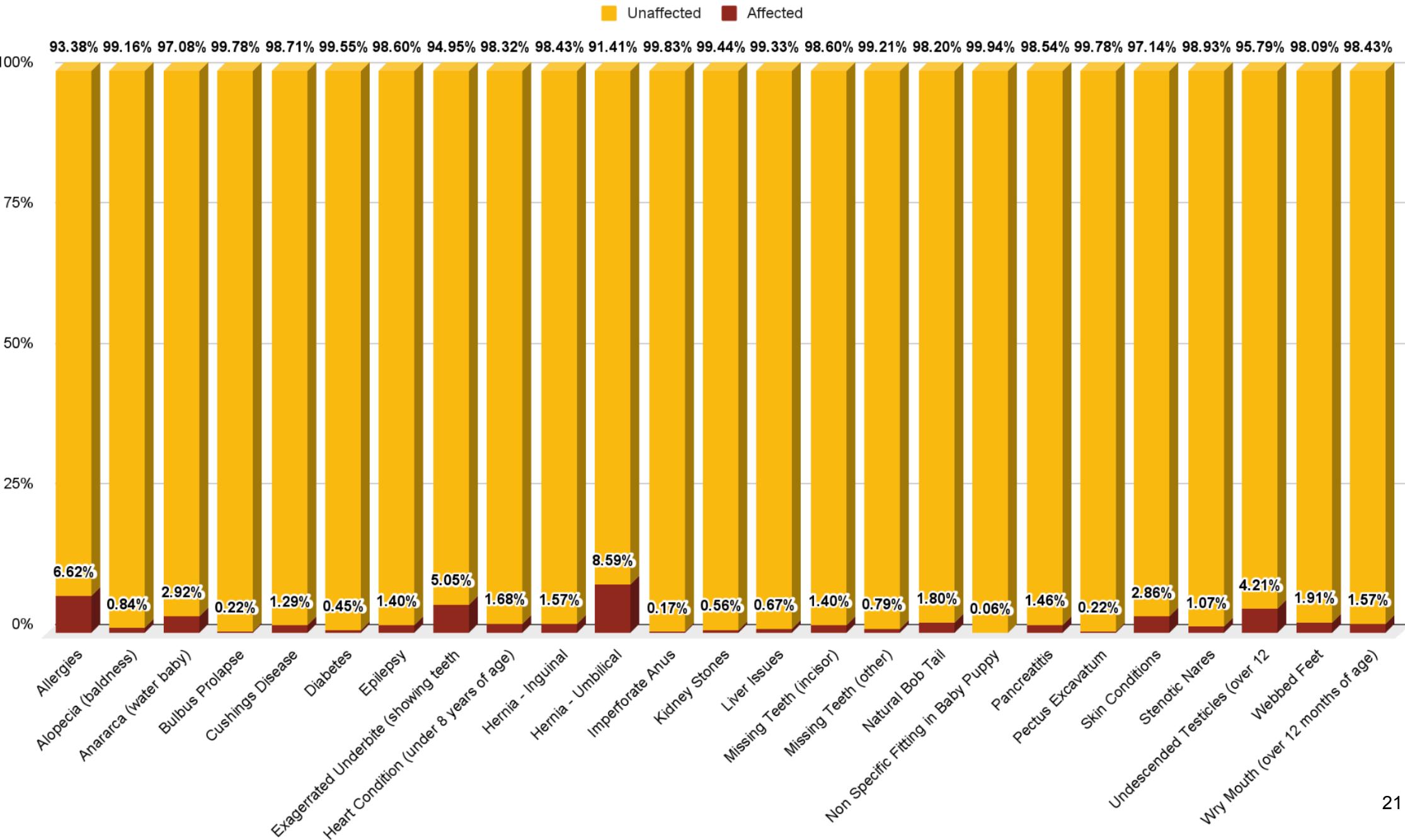
Did the Griffon/s undergo an operation?

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How many Griffons have you bred or owned with the following?



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Please list any other health issues (not covered in previous questions) you have experienced with any Griffons you have bred or owned

Acid reflux	IVDD
Addison's Disease	Juvenile Cellulitus
Allergies: Cooked chicken, Bees, Mould, Dust Mites, Protein, Meloxicam	Kidney Issues
Anal Gland issues	Liver Issues
Anxiety	Lymphoma
Arthritis	Mast Cell Tumour
Bladder Stones	Melanoma
Blood Disorder	Misshapen Kidneys
Cancer: Stomach, Testicular, Prostate, Blood, Ovarian, Breast	Myasthenia Gravis
Canine Atopic Dermatitis	Nervous Breakdown
Cognitive Heart Failure	Nose Ketosis
Demadetic Mange	Oesophagitis
Dental Disease	Pancreatitis
Enlarged Prostate	Precursor-Targeted Immune-Meditated Anemia
Extra Front Teeth	Protein Losing Enteropathy
Gallbladder Mucocele	Pyrometra
Gastroschisis	Sensitive Stomach
Haemorrhagic Gastroenteritis	Soft Tissue Sarcoma
Heart Murmur	Underdeveloped in Size
Hemangiosarcoma	Underdeveloped Tail Vertebraes Loose in the Skin
Idiopathic Itchiness	Urinary Tract issues
Idiopathic Poliradiculoneuritis	Vestibular Disease
Immature Digestive System	Warty Growths
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Yeast Infections