

HEALTH REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE WSS JOINT HEALTH GROUP HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2016

GLAUCOMA

Two dogs have been reported as developing Primary Glaucoma:
ARDINIA ANGEL BAYE and FIERGEN SILVER TRINKET AT JULITA.

A note has been received by the JHG from James Oliver thanking everyone for bringing their dogs to the September eye testing. He also mentioned that he has classed 2 dogs as affected and the rest as unaffected – two of these dogs were borderline unaffected. He also stated that he is working on another manuscript made possible by the JHG and WSS owners on the feasibility of a gonioscopy grading scheme – comparing the results of two panellists – Beverley and himself.

New information from the Kennel Club is that as of now, the advice has been changed with regard to Gonioscopy testing on all the BVA and Kennel Club's Health Schemes literature, to advise that testing should be carried out every 3 years, unless evidence to the contrary emerges. With this in mind please note that James Oliver is attending the WSSC Championship Show on 3rd September 2017 for eye testing. At present re-testing will cost the same as the original test ie £55.

RECEIVED FROM THE KENNEL CLUB – re their Website

"In the Health Area, two new areas for breeders have been created, which include a "[Breeding Advice](#)" area and an "[Understanding Canine Genetics](#)" area.

Summary of changes

- **Reorganisation** - We've divided the health content into better defined areas for particular users ("For breeders", "For owners", "For Breed Clubs and Breed Health Co-ordinators" etc.) and the "For breeders" section now clearly outlines all available breeding resources, such as Health Test Results Finder, Inbreeding Co-efficient calculators, World Wide DNA Testing List etc.
- **New areas** – We've two new areas for breeders, which include a "Breeding Advice" area and an "Understanding Canine Genetics" area.

NEW web areas

[Breeding Advice](#)

This section gives guidance on important factors to consider when breeding and how to appropriately use results from health tests and screening schemes.

This area includes detailed advice and information about;

- Complex diseases with no test
- Conformation
- Deafness (BAER testing)
- DNA testing
- Elbow dysplasia
- Estimated Breeding Values
- Eye Disease
- Hip Dysplasia

- Inbreeding – Using COIs
- Managing Genetic Diversity
- Syringomyelia (BVA/KC CM/SM).

[Understanding Canine Genetics](#)

If you would like to understand more about DNA, mutations and inheritance then the articles in this section will help you gain a basic understanding of canine genetics.

This area includes the following articles;

- DNA, Genes and Chromosomes
- Traits and inheritance
- From DNA to protein
- Mutations and disease
- Breeds and their gene pool
- Inbreeding and health
- The impact of popular sires.

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