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Lead Breed Health Coordinators Report

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Unknown Neurological condition

Following the payment made for the complete DNA sequencing, the KCGC have discovered a potential mutation for another neurological condition, which was initially thought to be a mutation of L2HGA due to the similarities. I have spoken with the KC to see if anything can be done to trace related dogs to try to get further DNA samples, we just need one more dog to check, for them to be certain that the markers found are the relevant ones.

Samples from the breeder have not been forthcoming.

Brachycephalic health

The research has been in the main greatly supported and the required number of dogs (100) has been exceeded, with some people still contacting to take part in it.

Jane will provide feedback once the research has been completed. In my last discussions with her she was very happy with the results, and the breed as a whole.

Calls are now being made for anybody with affected dogs to come forward for the free dental and CT scan, to evaluate the physical characteristics related to the condition to further understand it, specifically within our breed.

Breed Health Awareness

This remains something to be considered and ran simultaneously within the breed clubs, with social media influence.

The 'health tent' and various testing/research at the EA Championship Show was very successful. BOAS Research, eye screening, DNA testing and samples taken for the Stud Dog DNA bank. I must highlight the work that goes into all of these and express thanks to those that often run eye clinics etc.

Breed Health Survey

I have received no requests for items to be included, this is another future item to be considered.

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Breed Health Talks

A further breed health talk was given, with additional focus on breeding considerations, selection of animals for breeding, and the huge importance of being open and honest. Recent events have highlighted just what can be hidden and the potential effects of this. It is my hope the RKC will take necessary action.

Other

Patella tables to be updated.

Carly Bingham will be coming on board with me to help within my role, she is a veterinary nurse and has great contacts!

One final mention, if any of you get an older dog eye screened and they have no eye conditions, the KCGC are always wanting DNA samples from healthy examples to use for comparatives in research.