

Meeting at The Kennel Club 18th May 2010 with Dr Dylan Clements presenting “Dogslife”.

A group of mainly Labrador folk were invited to attend a meeting in The Gallery at The Kennel Club, London. Dr Jeff Sampson extended an invitation to all Labrador Breed Clubs to send a representative together with the Labrador Breed Council and the KC health reps.

Appx. 18 people attended.

Dr Dylan Clements from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Science in Edinburgh led the presentation. The basic idea is that the Kennel Club Charitable Trust has given a grant to the project “Dogslife” led by Dr Dylan Clements to conduct a study of Labrador Retrievers aged 12 months and younger registered with the Kennel Club. From 1st July 2010, the project will invite puppies to participate from date of transfer of registration for the next 12 months (they are hoping to make this longer but at present this is what the funding allows). “Dogslife” is hoping to attract appx. 20 000 Labrador puppies to participate in this study. The new owners are encouraged to fill in a diary of the puppies progress on line and from this the “doglife” study is hoping to build up a picture of how Labrador puppies development and future health are affected by different aspects in their upbringing.

The “Dogslife” study is hoping to be the biggest and most important study of Labrador health anywhere in the world.