

LABRADOR BREED CLUB HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING 11TH April 2013

Apologies:

Fiona Bradden Lynda Heron arrived late after notifying the meeting that this would be the case.

Those present:

Marion Hopkinson Caron Morton, Lynda Heron, Janet Cole, Penny Carpanini, Joy Venturi Rose

Minutes of the last meeting:

These were agreed as correct.

However, comments in relation to named laboratories have been removed from the web site edition as this is anecdotal and could be libellous. All items on health that go on the web site must be approved by the committee by seeing them prior to posting to ensure there are no comments made that may be impossible to defend.

Matters arising:

Alison Scutcher will hopefully feedback on Discover Dogs at breed council.

Web site has lots of good new health information on web site. FB and JVR had discussed more editing people and possible external link. FB to liaise with Alison Scutcher on suggestions regarding this..

Role of the health sub committee and breed health co-ordinators.JVR went through the KC Health Strategy document on the role of the committee and the breed health co-ordinators roles and the roles as we saw it were agreed (see attached). Also, the membership of the health sub-committee was discussed. The current members are still in position for another two years.

JVR will speak to [REDACTED] re attending health sub-committee

LH has approached Dr June Swinburn (geneticist) who has had 17 years at AHT and now has her own lab and would be happy to attend meetings and advise the committee .

[REDACTED] is a vet and is very interested in elbows we could invite her to a meeting to specifically discuss ED. [REDACTED] might also act as an adviser.

LH advised that Malcolm Ness orthopaedic vet (Northumberland) is offering free CT scanning alongside the hip and elbow X Rays. Owners must commit to send the plates to KC/BVA and be part of his comparative research.

The committee is up for re-election in 2015. **Clubs needs to consider their representatives carefully as some have not been able to attend many meetings due to other priorities**

The committee propose that we prioritise that the KC have a two tier system where they identify, and preferably have an increased registration fee, for puppies who's parents do not have the basic recommended ABS health screening tests undertaken.. **This proposal to go via the breed's liaison officer Mrs. S Walton 11.4.13 JVR to email once approved by Breed Council**

JVR will resend the electronic copy of the KC health strategy. **LH will re-circulate the health survey to members for final comments prior to release on the breed council web site..** Data comes back into a spread sheet which we can then circulate to committee. After this we can prioritise which conditions, if any, we wish to investigate further.

MH to re-circulate the Breed Health co-ordinators' meeting minutes. **JVR will try and change all word documents into PDF for Janet. She also advised JC to download the Microsoft compatibility pack, which is free, in order to open later versions of word documents.**

An update from Dylan Clements on the dogslife project was received. Initial figures can be found at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1746-6148/9/13/abstract>.

We would like links on web site to Homeopathic Veterinary Association and a useful behaviour association. **JVR will provide information on this to FB**

Nick Sutton KC addressed the meeting in the absence of A Lewellyn (Health manager for the KC). He agreed to circulate a copy of the GPRA letter used for Irish Setters or Dachshund which have been used in order to finalise the KC letter of advice to Labrador breeders of affected or carriers. He would feedback re the puppy pack. EIC the committee recommended that University of Minnesota (that have the patent for the DNA test) and issue results, that their publication remain voluntary as there seem to be a number of affected dogs that never collapse so the health committee have concerns about the significance of the test which does not seem to affect the health and welfare of many dogs in our breed and given the suggestions of widespread gene frequency if we go too far and too fast we will reduce the gene pool too sharply. The meeting also wanted to confirm whether the KC insurance acknowledge homeopathic veterinary treatment.

Notification of Go dogs obesity survey Link.

The link for this research project is: <http://www.godogs.org.uk/can-your-dog-help/eating-behaviour-survey/>

The next meeting could be a telephone conference. Or we can skype or google circles. **JVR will investigate costs.**