

HEALTH REPORT 2018

In order to complete and submit the Kennel Club a set form of Annual Health Report by the 1st of September, your Health Committee had a meeting and placed as our three most important conditions in the breed Heart, Cancer and Epilepsy. We moved Heart into first place as we had been hearing of various problems and we want, for the time being, to concentrate on monitoring this with a view to ascertaining the type and level of problem. We left cancer as second and you should by now be aware of our inclusion in the Nottingham University research into frequency and types of cancer in Otterhound and other breeds. I have attached the Questionnaire for those who have not had access on the Facebook Health page and would ask again please would everyone who has ever had a hound with Cancer fill in the form as best you can and forward it to Notting University as soon as you read this, before time runs out for responses. Thankyou. We put epilepsy as third as we are waiting to hear from the AHT regarding the final result of the gene mapping of the two hounds and there is nothing else we can do at the moment.

With further regard to epilepsy and other research into the health of Otterhounds in the future I would point out that not all of our Senior Breeders are send DNA samples into the AHT as was approved in AGM before their puppies are 8 weeks old or leave their first home. I hope this can be efficiently and easily rectified now it is the law that all puppies must be microchipped before they leave their first home, so breeders could collect their DNA at the same time. Should you need swabs please do not hesitate to ask me or obtain them direct from the AHT.

Over the year we had several meetings with Katy Evans of the Kennel Club so that they could draw up and finalise the new Kennel Club Breed Health Conservation Plan for the breed. I will have the final plan put on the Otterhound Club Health Website and also on the Facebook Health page, but if any of you would like a printed copy please do not hesitate to ask either the Club Secretary or myself and we will happily supply you with one.

Collapsed lung lobe

Liver Shunt and Liver Disease

Glomerulonephritis

Canine Cataracts