

# Glen of Imaal Terrier Enthusiasts & Fanciers Club (EFG)

## Health Report

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, Mappleborough Village Hall, Studley*

### Health test statistics

**DNA testing for crd3** : More important than the number of Glens being tested for crd3, is the number of litters born from crd3 tested or known status Glens, with at least one CLEAR parent i.e. litters where the puppies are not at risk of developing crd3.

- 34 litters have been registered since DNA testing became available in June 2010 \*
- 5 litters (15%) from 3 breeders are from parents with no record of crd3 testing
- AS has written to two of the breeders with information about Val Tiller's recent Optigen 20/20 session and one breeder has now had the sire of her 2 litters DNA tested

**Eye testing** : Under the ABS Recommendations, eye testing is listed as "Annual" ... but this is not happening.

- 29 Glens have been eye tested since June 2010 \*
- Only 11 (38%) of these Glens have been bred from since June 2010
- Only one stud dog owner and one brood bitch owner have had their Glens tested annually
- Of the 28 bitches who have whelped litters since June 2010, only 9 (32%) have had an eye test since then
- Of the 15 dogs who have sired litters since June 2010, only 2 (13%) have had an eye test and both were in 2010

Do we need to revise our guidelines for eye testing (screening) for breeders and owners?

### Website

AS set up the EFG Health website ([www.efghealth.co.uk](http://www.efghealth.co.uk)) to run alongside the EFG's health information pages.

The EFG Health website sets out how we are going to monitor breed health and provides the following information:

- Our health strategy
- Contacts for DNA testing for crd3 and eye testing
- Links to Kennel Club services
- Health test statistics
- Details of the DNA archive at the AHT and the VetCompass project

### Health initiatives set up

1. **DNA archive at the Animal Health Trust (AHT)** : AS has set up PayPal account linked to Barclays community bank (EFG Health) account. Up to now, 24 sample kits have been requested, including 4 from Finland; and 11 sets of samples have been received at the AHT.

Seven health conditions, including one infectious disease, have been reported from five Glens:

- i. PRA x 3
- ii. Cataract x 1
- iii. Aortic stenosis x 1
- iv. Chronic renal failure x 1
- v. Elbow dysplasia x 1
- vi. Splenic tumour (unconfirmed diagnosis) x 1
- vii. Leptospirosis x 1

2. **VetCompass** : This is a national project, collecting anonymised health data from veterinary surgeries that have signed up to the project. Currently, there are 18 Glens “on the books”. Brochures for veterinary surgeries and leaflets for owners will be distributed to club members (EFG and GOITA) with the Spring newsletters.

### Projects-in-waiting

AS had a meeting with Aimee Llewellyn and Nick Sutton at the Kennel Club in April 2013, to discuss whether the Kennel Club would be able to assist with the proposals listed below.

1. **Online Health Survey** : An online health survey was developed by AS in April 2013, approved by the KC, and piloted with non-Glen owners/breeders. AS also distributed survey link to both breed club committees for feedback.  
In order to achieve widespread distribution amongst the wider Glen community i.e. beyond club members, the Kennel Club are happy to email ALL Glen owners on their database with a link to the survey, and send out reminders if required.
2. **Lifetime Health Record** : LHR developed by AS and is on the EFG Health website as a PDF download. It was an entry in the first Karlton Breed Health Awards and received some excellent feedback from the judges – see the “/health” page on [www.e-f-g.co.uk](http://www.e-f-g.co.uk). The Kennel Club is happy to consider putting up a link on their website.
3. **Letter for new Glen owners** : The Kennel Club is happy to consider sending out a letter drafted by AS from the breed clubs to all new owners, with their registration documentation, informing them about the LHR, DNA archive etc. and encouraging them to join the breed clubs.

**NB:** *The Kennel Club requires the agreement of both breed clubs and a written request from the Breed Health Coordinator (BHC) to email out the link to the health survey and to further consider the other two proposals, which should be possible but may need to be taken to committee for final approval.*

The EFG steering committee agreed to these proposals at their meeting in July 2013.

### Liaising with GOITA

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| May 2013 | AS wrote to DH and the GOITA committee detailing the “Projects-in-waiting” and discussed these items with DH after the GOITA AGM in June 2013  |
| Feb 2014 | GW advised AS that he has been asked to temporarily take over from DH, who is unable to fulfil his commitments due to ill health   |
| Mar 2014 | AS & GW had meeting at Crufts to discuss breed clubs working together to take the “Projects-in-waiting” forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. GW advised that he did not envisage any objections from the GOITA committee, apart from the LHR, which he said they will not agree to, but that the final decisions will be made at the GOITA committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March</li><li>ii. AS has requested written notification of the outcomes of the GOITA committee’s deliberations</li><li>iii. AS stated that, now the breed has two KC registered clubs, there needs to be agreement between the breed clubs regarding the appointment/election of a Breed Health Coordinator (BHC) who will liaise with the Kennel Club; GW advised that he has been appointed Acting BHC.</li></ol> |

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