

HEALTH REPORT WINTER 2014 UPDATE

Earlier this year the Australian Cattle Dog Health & Welfare Sub-Committee compiled the 2014 Health Report.

In it were several recommendations to the Society that formed a Breed Health Strategy. Six months on, here is an update of our progress:

- Hip and Elbow testing should be an essential requirement of the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme.

The Society have submitted a request to the Assured Breeder Scheme Sub-Group to upgrade Hip and Elbow testing to an essential requirement for the ACD Assured Breeders. The Sub-Group met in October and have declined our request.

- The ACD community should receive information regarding the increased incidence of pyometra in breeding bitches on retirement, and should be encouraged to spay.

There will be a feature article in the Summer 2015 Newsletter focused on this topic.

- The Society should canvas the KC and BVA in order to set up a central register for BAER hearing test results.

After discussions with Nick Sutton, Health Information Officer at the KC, we have discovered that work is already in progress to change KC systems so that these results can be recorded on their database.

In the meantime, it has been noted that the ACD Society has an interest in being able to record BAER testing results on the KC systems, and once this is possible, the KC will be in contact regarding setting up an official testing programme, whereby the results are held by the KC. Once this is in place the Society can apply for BAER testing to become an ABS requirement.

- The Society should offer PRA and PLL testing at Society events.

The Society offered testing facilities at our Championship Show at the end of September.

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