GUIDANCE NOTES TO VETERINARY SURGEONS AND OWNERS

The aim of the health assessment is to encourage all owners and breeders to have their dogs assessed for visual conditions that may cause pain or discomfort due to exaggerated conformation. The health assessment forms will provide the Basset Hound Health Group with valuable data relating to the health of the breed.

What will happen to the information you provide?

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and no names of owners, or dogs' details will be published.

Bronze Level Certificate – is designed for young Basset Hound's to undergo a basic health assessment. (From 6 months)

Silver Level Certificate – to claim your Basset Hound's Silver Level Certificate he/she must meet the following criteria –

- To have obtained the Bronze Level Certificate:
- To have undergone a KC/BVA Gonioscopy Test, irrespective of the result

Gold Level Certificate - to claim your Basset Hound's Gold level Certificate he/she must meet the following criteria –

- To have obtained the Bronze Level Certificate
- To have obtained the Silver Level Certificate
- To be KC/BVA Gonioscopy unaffected

Upon receiving a completed form the Health Group will supply the relevant Bronze, Silver or Gold Level Certificate.

The Basset Hound Health Group will administer the scheme and check KC records for KC registered hounds to see if the recommended Gonioscopy test has been carried out.

The Basset Hound Health Group will only accept results on this health assessment form supplied by the Basset Hound Health Group (or as downloaded from their website) with the completed identification details of the dog being examined.

The form is self-explanatory and the Vet is required to comment on;

1. Basic sounding with a stethoscope
2. Visual/auditory assessment of the dogs breathing
3. Visual assessment of the Nostrils, Skin, Ear Canals.
4. Basic clinical assessment of the Eyes.
5. Establish hearing or not
6. Tail, Testes & Temperament
7. General comments

This examination should take approximately 10-15 minutes. If the Vet feels there is a problem that causes discomfort which is detrimental to the health and well-being of the Basset Hound, arrangements may be made for it to be re-presented at a later date.

A copy of the form should be given or sent to the Basset Hound Breed Health Coordinator whose details are listed on the bottom of every page, either by photocopying and sending by post or scanning and sending by email. This is for data collection purposes.

The Basset Hound Health Group – HEALTH CERTIFICATE - Veterinary Assessment Form

Kennel Club name:	**D.O.B**

Microchip or KC Registration number:
Name and address of owner:

Dog/Bitch:	**Body score:**	**Colour: Tri - Colour / Red - White**

HEART/LUNG AUSCULTATION: normal murmur/grade: other abnormality
Comments:

EYES: adnexa and eyelid conformation cherry eye irritation other
Comments:

SKIN: rash / irritation
Comments:

HERNIAS: umbilical / inguinal
Comments:

EARS: inflammation discharge hearing / not
Comments:

MOUTH & TEETH (Age to be considered): Comments:

TEMPERAMENT: Comments

MOVEMENT: Free moving normal gait lameness/limping
Comments:

TESTES (if applicable): Two present normal size: YES / NO

The above dog shows the physical characteristics as marked. The above report and its results are not a guarantee against any hereditary or acquired condition that may develop in the future. These results are the findings of a basic examination.
Is the dog suffering from any visible condition which will adversely affect its health or welfare? Yes No

If "YES" please give reasons:

If "YES" please arrange for your dog to be represented to a vet to complete this Health Certificate Assessment at a later date

Signature of Veterinary Surgeon: **Date:**	**Veterinary Stamp:**

Please send a copy of the completed form to The Basset Hound Health Group Coordinator: Mrs Tina Watkins. 6, Cobden Street, Crosskeys, Nr. Newport, Gwent. NP11 7PF Email:blackveink9@gmail.com