

This leaflet has been produced to introduce: The Basset Hound Health Group Health certificates

Background to Testing

In January 2011, the Kennel Club announced that all dogs of the then fifteen placed on their list of "High Profile Breeds List", (later renamed Breed Watch Category 3). All their Best of Breed winners were required to pass a health check carried out by the show veterinary surgeon, before they could participate in the Group ring at Crufts (2012). Veterinary checks would be required at all future General and Group Championship Shows. They would also have to undergo a veterinary check upon gaining its 3rd and crowning Challenge Certificate, before the title of Champion would be bestowed by the Kennel Club.

This was to ensure that their Best of Breed awards could be confirmed and that they were of good enough health to continue to compete in the Group. It became apparent that it was necessary for the breed to police itself, this was the concept behind the Basset Hound Health Group's Veterinary Health Assessments.

The Health Group's ultimate goal to address the future health of the breed, promote health testing and responsible breeding where applicable. Hopefully keeping the Basset Hound off the Kennel Club List. It took 5 years of work, which has encompassed the help of Breeders, owners and exhibitors alike.

Having successfully been removed for Category 3 to Category 2. Although a massive step, we still have to be vigilant!!

If you have any questions about health testing or anything health related please contact our:

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Moving Forward

Although no longer on the Category 3 List, we must not be or, become complacent about our position understanding it is still a very important issue. Having succeeded in moving away from the unwanted exaggerations for which we were criticised, we have to stay constantly vigilant and make sure they are not revisited.

Judges also have to take some responsibility, they should judge with the Kennel Club Breed Watch in mind and penalize anything they see in the show ring appropriately.

Please do not let us return to the overdone, exaggerated specimens of the past with little or no ground clearance. The Basset Hound needs to be "Fit for Function". If you judge the breed please keep this in mind and penalize if necessary.

We ask you to adopt a fundamental approach, whether it is exhibiting, breeding or judging.

Our breed is in your hands!

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KENNEL CLUB FOR A BETTER TOMORROW



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ALWAYS CONTACT YOUR OWN VETERINARY SURGEON FOR
ADVICE ABOUT THE HEALTH OF YOUR BASSET HOUND



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**Health Certificate
Scheme
Explained**

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR HEALTH CERTIFICATE SCHEME FOR OWNERS

Please read the following carefully as it is for your benefit and could save you money if you inadvertently get the wrong test.

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 ever be published.

On January 1st 2019 the Health Certificate Scheme was extended to include the DNA Test for Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG)
On March 11th it was extended again to include the DNA test for Lafora

We accept DNA results only from UK laboratories, who send your DNA results DIRECT to the Kennel Club for publication

Animal DNA Diagnostics	POAG	£46
Animal Genetics	POAG	£40
Laboklin	POAG	£48 (£40)
	LAFORAS	£96 (£80)
Pet Genetics Lab	POAG	£42

The following labs do not test Basset Hounds at present

Canine Genetic Testing	POAG PBGC/Shar Pei	£45
Pinmoore Animal Laboratory Services	No Tests Listed	

We have a very informative website,
www.bassetsrus.uk
where you can find more information
on us and our wonderful breed.

Bronze Certificate

This form can be downloaded from our website or is available by contacting Tina Watkins

Forms for your Bronze Certificate can be downloaded from the Health Group website at www.bassetsrus.co.uk You will need to make arrangements with your vet to have this health check done or contact the Coordinator for the date of our annual testing session. On completion of the form please send a copy to the Coordinator.

Requirements for the basic "Bronze Certificate" are:
It is designed for young Basset Hound's to undergo a basic health assessment. (From 6 months)

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

- Basic sounding of heart and lungs with a stethoscope
- Visual/auditory assessment of the dogs breathing
- Visual assessment of the Nostrils, Skin, Ear Canals.
- Basic clinical assessment of the Eyes.
- Establish hearing or not
- Tail, Testes & Temperament
- 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.

Please send a copy of your form to the Coordinator in order to obtain your Bronze Certificate

The Gonioscopy/PLA Test can only be carried out by a KC/BVA Eye Specialist. There is no need for a referral from your own vet, you can ring and make your own appointment for this test. Its easy, you can find a KC/BVA Eye Specialist in your area by looking at the BVA Website:

www.bva.co.uk/canine-health-schemes/find-an-eye-panellist/

Silver Certificate

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

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

Silver Plus Certificate

Silver Plus Certificate—to claim your Basset Hound's Silver+ Level Certificate he/she must meet the following criteria to have achieved:

- Bronze Certificate
- Silver Certificate (*receiving a Gonioscopy/PLA grade 3*).
- To have had a DNA Test for POAG carried out by one of the recognised laboratories

Gold Certificate

Gold Level Certificate—to claim you Basset Hound's Gold level certificate he/she must meet the following criteria to have achieved:

- Bronze Certificate
- Silver Certificate
- To have had a DNA Test carried out by one of the recognised laboratories for POAG

Gold Plus+ Certificate

Gold Plus+ Level Certificate—to claim you Basset Hound's Gold Plus+ level certificate he/she must meet the following criteria to have achieved:

- Bronze Certificate
- Silver Certificate
- Gold Certificate
- To have had a DNA Test for POAG carried out by one of the recognised laboratories

Diamond Certificate

Diamond Certificate—to claim you Basset Hound's Diamond level certificate he/she must meet the following criteria to have achieved:

- Bronze Certificate
- Silver Certificate
- Gold Certificate
- Gold Plus+ Certificate
- To have had a DNA Test for Lafora carried out by the recognised laboratory

Important please note:

To participate in the BHHG Health certificate Scheme and qualify for receiving the Silver, Silver Plus+, Gold, Gold Plus+ and Diamond certificates you must have obtained the basic Bronze Health Assessment.

The Bronze certificate can be carried out on pups of 6 months to old age.

When any stage is completed please send a copy of your relevant forms to the Coordinator in order to obtain your Certificates.

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