

FUCOSIDOSIS

ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR BREEDERS

(APPROVED BY THE UK ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL BREED CLUBS)

- ❖ Owners should ensure that all currently used Stud Dogs and Brood Bitches are DNA tested for Fucosidosis, or are the product of two DNA tested Clear parents (i.e. 'hereditarily clear').
- ❖ Animal Health Trust DNA Test Application Forms (or those of any other organisations carrying out the DNA test) should be signed by breeders/owners, giving permission for the results of their dogs' DNA tests to be passed to the Kennel Club for publication and inclusion on Registration documents, in accordance with the approved KC Breed Scheme for Fucosidosis.
- ❖ Owners of Stud Dogs should check that Brood Bitches brought to them have been DNA tested or are the product of two DNA tested Clear or DNA 'hereditarily' Clear parents.
- ❖ Owners of Brood Bitches should check that the Stud Dog they intend to use has been DNA tested or is the product of two DNA tested Clear or DNA 'hereditarily' Clear parents.
- ❖ Stud Dog and Brood Bitch owners should disclose to each other if either has been DNA tested as a Carrier.
- ❖ A known Carrier should never be mated to another known Carrier.
- ❖ In cases where a Carrier is mated to a Clear, all resulting progeny should be DNA tested prior to being re-homed.
- ❖ New owners should be informed of the genetic status of their dog.

THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A DNA TEST FOR FUCOSIDOSIS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- ❑ The Animal Health Trust requires **cheek swabs** for the DNA test.
- ❑ The Animal Health Trust currently charges £54 (inclusive of VAT) for each sample to be DNA Fucosidosis tested. This includes the cost of the cheek swab sampling kit.
- ❑ You should make application to the AHT for the 'Fucosidosis' test to be carried out on the AHT specified form. The .pdf form 'Request for DNA Testing' can be downloaded from the Animal Health Trust website at www.aht.org.uk. A separate form should be completed for each cheek swab sample to be tested.
- ❑ Kits for taking cheek swabs are available by phoning 08700 509144 or via email to swab.request@aht.org.uk
- ❑ Further information can be obtained by emailing dnatesting@aht.org.uk
- ❑ Samples should be sent together with the completed DNA Testing Form and payment for each sample to:

Genetic Services, Animal Health Trust,
Lanwades Park,
Kentford,
Newmarket,
Suffolk CB7 7UU.

- ❑ The AHT will usually post the results to you within 4 – 6 weeks of receipt of sample.
- ❑ If you wish to have the Fucosidosis and PRA Cord 1 DNA tests done together, the joint cost is £80 (including VAT).

If you have any queries or would like any further information, please contact the Health Co-ordinators, Louise Scott (Tel: 020 8427 3396 or Email: louise@goldcliffe1.freeserve.co.uk) or Lesley Bloomfield (Tel: 01923 823579 or Email: lesley@fernlin.free-online.co.uk)