

## **HEALTH REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE JHG HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**GLAUCOMA** There have been three further cases of Glaucoma reported to the Joint Health Group since the last meeting:

These three dogs will appear in the List in the 2014 WSSC Yearbook.

### **GLAUCOMA PROJECT**

Cathryn Mellersh and James Oliver (Senior Ophthalmologist and BVA panelist) are undertaking a study investigating the genetic basis of glaucoma in dogs. This research is being carried out with geneticists from the Kennel Club at the Animal Health Trust, led by Cathryn Mellersh. The Joint Health Group has been requested to assist in this study, and with this in mind DNA samples were taken by Beverley Cottrell from dogs tested at the SEWSSC Ch. Show in October 2013 (with the agreement of owners). James Oliver is now planning to attend the SEWSSC January Open Show to be held at Bletchingley on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013. He will test dogs that day FREE as long as the owner agrees to a DNA sample being taken for this project. The result of this test will be confidential. Further details of this day will be forthcoming shortly and flyers will be circulated once received from James. Hopefully these will appear on Websites to ensure that as many as possible are aware of this Project.

### **SEMINAR FOR 2014**

A Seminar on Fitting is planned for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014 . The WSS Joint Health Group has secured an eminent Speaker for the day, Dr Laurent S. Garosi DVM, Dip ECVN, MRCVS. RCVS & European Specialist in Veterinary Neurology. President European College of Veterinary Neurology. Final arrangements will follow after the Group's next meeting in January 2014.

### **OTHER REPORTED CONDITIONS**

The Group received a report of a young Welsh Springer Spaniel who is suffering from Congenital Portosystemic Shunt. This is the first report of this condition the Group has received.

### **STUD DOGS**

The Group discussed the issue of early, extensive, and frequent use of stud dogs. The Group did not feel there was a case to amend the Code of Ethics.

### **DONATION TO JHG**

The books and pictures that John and Pauline Phillips presented to the Group for sale for the funds, have raised £337 to date.

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