

# GOLDEN RETRIEVER BREED COUNCIL

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Dear All,

### **Gonioscopy/Glaucoma UPDATE      09/02/2021**

As most of you will know, there was a "virtual" Breed Council Health Subcommittee meeting on 25 November and one of the topics discussed was Glaucoma. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Kennel Club requesting Glaucoma be removed from the KIOD register (Known Inherited Ocular Diseases) - previously Schedule "A", and also that for Assured Breeders, gonioscopy would not be a REQUIREMENT, but a Recommendation. This letter would be sent to The Health Team / Bill Lambert at the Kennel Club and taken to be discussed at the next BVA Eye Panel Working Party meeting.

I can confirm that this indeed took place last month and Bill Lambert sent the enclosed reply to Christine.

Whilst I am disappointed at the response, I am not surprised. Gonioscopy is to remain on the KIOD register and, for ABS breeders will be a Requirement by the Kennel Club. Sadly, there was no response regarding proof of heritability or an explanation as to why the Breed Council / Clubs were not consulted or involved in the decision making.

On a brighter note, Prof Bedford telephoned me to confirm

1. He is very keen to restart the "Golden Oldies" project as soon as we can; and
2. He has written to his colleagues in referral and specialist centres and has had a good response so far. I had requested him to do this as I felt a lot of vital information was held there but I was unable to access it. Invariably the sudden onset of Glaucoma results in immediate referral to these specialists and this could explain why the panelists don't see many cases. This data could prove crucial in understanding more about this serious, blinding condition.

Whilst I am disappointed, I am not dejected as I need to maintain a good working relationship with Peter Bedford and the Eye panelists.

I will keep you all updated and look forward to getting back on track soon.

***Margaret***

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Encl: BC letter to KC / BVA of 30 Nov.2020 (previously circulated)  
Reply from KC /Bill Lambert of 22 Jan 2021,  
incl. paper by J Oliver et al, 2016: "Pectinate ligament dysplasia in the .....and Golden Retriever"