

# **GOLDEN RETRIEVER BREED COUNCIL**

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Dear All,

## **UPDATE ON GLAUCOMA (part1)**

Since receiving verbal information from Sheila Crispin prior to our recent Breed Council meeting (15 May 2019) concerning Glaucoma moving to Schedule "A" I have, sadly, not been able to secure any official notification from the Kennel Club.

After our meeting I tried to speak to Hannah James, whom I believed had attended the Eye Panelists' Working Party meeting prior to our meeting. She was not available for a few days, but when I finally got to speak to her, she said it was not her, but Bill Lambert who had attended that meeting.

I subsequently phoned Bill Lambert and he was totally taken aback and asked how I had got the information? He purported to have very little recollection of the discussions and said I would have to wait for the official minutes. I asked him if he took any notes? He said yes, but he couldn't put his hands on them at present. He was so elusive; I began to think I had misunderstood Sheila and the information was to be kept confidential.

I have since spoken to Sheila and she said this was nonsense and typical of the Kennel Club! She will stand by us and help in any way, but it is Peter Bedford who will lead this as he is chief panelist.

I have again been in touch with Bill Lambert and told him categorially that Sheila Crispin had been open and honest and I, as Breed Health Coordinator, intended to seek as much information as possible and would not wait for an official Kennel Club notification, as I thought this was ludicrous.

I intend to ask Peter Bedford for a meeting. I would also like sight of the data and information put forward at the EPWP meeting to substantiate moving Glaucoma for Golden Retrievers onto Schedule "A".

The other piece of shocking news (accidently slipped out from Bill Lambert) was that the Open Register for MRD is to be discontinued!

We need to know several things, including the DATE these changes will be implemented, as Sheila said this had not been decided.

So where is the cooperation and consultation we were promised after the MRD fiasco?

It is ironic that it is Peter Bedford is Chief Panelist again!! (as he was when MRD happened).

I will keep you posted,

**MARGARET WOODS**  
Breed Health Coordinator

**29/05/2019**

Hi Again!

### **UPDATE ON GLAUCOMA (part 2)**

Bit better news this time! I have now spoken to **Peter Bedford**. He told me that the date has not yet been determined as the recommendations from the Eye Panel Working Party meeting would need to be ratified at a meeting of the full panel and that meeting was scheduled for the 18th June.

He was very pleasant and said he would work with myself and the Breed Clubs to further investigate this dreadful condition. He added that this was only the start.

There was a secondary Glaucoma associated with an inflammatory condition, Uveitis. (I raised some concern over this condition a few years ago following an article I read. Sheila Crispin, at that time said it was mainly in USA and not of great concern in UK).

He is off on holiday for two weeks and I agreed to speak to him when he returned, after the 18th June.

I have also spoken at length to **Stuart Ellis**, a panelist in the North whom I trust and respect. He told me the grading system would be in 4 categories:

0 – Normal

1 – Mildly Affected

2 – Moderately Affected

3 – Severely Affected.

The advice would be to breed from 0 & 1; mate 2 to a 0; DO NOT BREED FROM grade 3

Stuart will not do gonioscopy in village halls, community centres, at shows or in fact anywhere where there are no clinical facilities. This is mainly due to hygiene but also in case sedation is necessary (I think he was meaning other breeds).

I hope this brings a little clarity. I will keep you all posted.

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