

SEMINAR OCTOBER 2017.

The club recently held a Seminar in connection with the PuPscan project Team.

Our speakers for the morning were Gordon Maclellan MB BS FRCS, a retired Orthopaedic Surgeon, who worked for the NHS for over 26 years and his partner Pam Mckenzie-Hewitt.

As Breeders of dogs, they had now dedicated their time to looking at the over-all picture of the problem we have in our dogs when diagnosing “ Hip & Elbow dysplasia”.

Using Ultrasound diagnostic techniques for imaging joints in young puppies it is hoped this will give all breeders a better understanding of the puppy’s growth pattern and development. It will also give some reassurance to the breeder and prospective new owners that at such an early age the puppy you are homing does not have any abnormal defects in the Hip & Elbow joints.

It also highlights the importance of good husbandry for the appropriate breed is continued by the new owners. So often accidents can happen to any puppy in its new home, but by understanding the care that is needed to ensure the puppy grows and develops correctly is most important.

The talk was of great interest to anyone who breeds dogs or hopes to breed in the future. As our current scoring scheme for Hips has been in action for 50 years, with very little change, in-fact in some breed’s it has shown very little improvement over the years.

A most professional and very informative talk and I would advise anyone who can to attend a seminar on this subject do so.

After an excellent lunch, as always, there was help given to anyone who wished to stay for the afternoon in trimming and handling your Golden Retriever for the show ring.

My thanks go to all who attended and helped on the day.

Glennis Hewitson. (Chairman)