

Glen of Imaal Terrier Enthusiasts & Fanciers Club (EFG)

Health Report

Sunday 20th March 2016, Mappleborough Village Hall, Studley, Warwickshire

1. Litter registrations published in Breed Records Supplement Qtr 1 – Qtr 4 incl.

76 puppies from 14 litters

2. GPRA-crd3 test results published in Breed Records Supplement Qtr 1 – Qtr 4 incl.

Clear 7
Carrier 4

3. Eye test results published in Breed Records Supplement Qtr 1 – Qtr 4 incl.

Unaffected 9

4. VetCompass update

VetCompass is currently in the process of migrating to a new database.

Update [July]: There are now 109 Glens on the VetCompass database, from 79 in the 2014 Health Report (March 2015). This is still too small a number for VetCompass to conduct a robust study for our breed.

5. DNA Archive update

- 41 swab kits have been given out to Glen owners
- There are now 26 sets of swabs at the AHT
- 7 swab kits were given out at Crufts
- 8 swab kits were given out in 2014 but have not yet been submitted to the AHT
- There were no submissions in 2015
- We have had 2 submissions so far in 2016
- Update [July]: Another 9 swab kits have been requested [UK] plus 2 [USA] and 1 each [Australia & Canada].

6. Breed Watch Category 2

The proposal to ask the KC to add the Glen of Imaal Terrier to Category 2 of Breed Watch was discussed at the Breed Standards and Conformation Sub-Group of the Dog Health Group in September. Both breed clubs were requested to confirm by 15th January that they supported the proposal. The feedback from the breed clubs was presented in February to the above group, and we now have to wait for the decision of the General Committee at their meeting on 12th April. AS will communicate the outcome to the committee.

Update: *“After discussion at the Breed Standards and Conformation Sub-Group on 3rd February 2016 and following the General Committee on 12th April 2016 it has been decided that the Glen of Imaal Terrier will not be added to Breed Watch for conditions requested relating to PCDU and foreleg issues. Breed Watch conditions must be those of conformational exaggerations that cause pain and discomfort or those that display a welfare issue that a Judge can visibly identify and therefore penalise when Judging. It was considered that the conditions requested did not meet this criteria, further The Glen of Imaal Terrier Association did not support the request.”*

7. Glen of Imaal Terrier Health Survey

AS apologised for the length of time taken to complete the report. AS will submit the report to the EFG committee for approval, prior to publication.

8. Kennel Club Health Survey

The results of the KC survey, which was launched during our own survey, were published just before Crufts 2016. The Glen of Imaal Terrier results have been published on the EFG Health website.

9. Finnish Research Project – “Anatomy of the front legs and its effect on the movement in the Glen of Imaal Terriers”

- Feb – Request to Glen owners via EFG Blog to contact Leena Glens (Kennel Marfidal, Finland) if interested in participating in this project.
- May, June & August – AS contacted the Royal Veterinary College to ask if they would be interested in collaborating in this research.
Initial requirements from overseas cohort was 10 Glens to be submitted for hip & elbow X-rays and locomotion studies. RVC has a specialist structure and motion lab.
No response.
- Aug/Sept – AS received translated, and significantly revised protocol for overseas cohort. Now only 2 X-rays from each elbow required. No hip X-rays. No specialist locomotion studies.
- Nov/Dec – AS contacted the head of department for orthopaedics at the AHT to ask if they could undertake X-rays for this project.
No response.
- The project was due to be completed in February 2016.
- Update: [July]: No response to requests for information about whether any UK Glen owners submitted X-rays, how many x-ray / locomotion studies they were able to complete in total, and when the report is due to be published.

10. Give a Dog a Genome (GDG) project

The EFG and GOITA have each contributed £500.00 to the GDG project. The Kennel Club Charitable Trust will match this amount (£1,000.00) and the Animal Health Trust will choose a candidate Glen to be whole genome sequenced. Updates will be issued to the health coordinators for further dissemination amongst their respective committees and members.

Update [July]: GDG project requested breed health information. In consultation with the EFG committee, AS listed the “*up to three disorders that are a health concern for your breed*” as: (i) skin issues and allergies; (ii) foreleg issues; (iii) cancer

11. Breeder Guidelines booklet

AS outlined this booklet to include the following:

- Introduction
This booklet is aimed at the first-time Glen breeder. It is not intended to be a definitive resource
- Finding a mentor
- Health & health testing
- Finding a suitable stud dog
- Preparing for the event
- Finding homes for the puppies
- Resources

AS will distribute the completed draft to the committee for feedback, before publishing on the EFG Health website.

12. Health Seminar

AS has contacted the AHT about the possibility of hosting a seminar there. Topics to include:

- Presentation of health survey results
- DNA archive
- VetCompass
- Finnish research project

13. Letter/email to new owners

The Kennel Club Health Department agreed to send out an email on behalf of the breed clubs to all Glen owners who have registered a Glen in their name in the past five years. An email was sent to 175 owners in November, with links to the breed club websites and information about VetCompass and the DNA Archive and asking owners to support future health surveys. On request from the breed clubs, this email can be sent out annually.

14. Notice to committee to elect/appoint a new health coordinator at next year's AGM or have committee act as a breed health council as of April 2017

- AS is to step down as EFG Health Coordinator with effect from April 2017.
- The EFG Health community bank account has now been closed, as no monies have been paid into the account.
- AS will keep the EFG Health website going and updated until April 2017.

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