Does your dog receive Pexion (Imepitoin) for idiopathic epilepsy?

New RVC and AHT study investigates the effects of Pexion (Imepitoin) on the behaviour and welfare of dogs with idiopathic epilepsy

Idiopathic epilepsy is the most common neurological disorder affecting dogs. A wide variety of diagnostic tests and medical treatment options are available and are well investigated; however, not much is known about the impact of epilepsy and the anti-epileptic drugs your dog receives on his or her behaviour and welfare.

As such, we are carrying out a questionnaire study focusing on the impact of your dog’s epilepsy and its treatment on your dog’s day to day behaviour and welfare. We hope this information will further our understanding of epilepsy and the treatments vets prescribe for it, and aid vets in giving advice to owners such as yourself in the future.

How can you get involved?

We are interested in dogs that:

1. Have been diagnosed with idiopathic epilepsy, EITHER
   - By a neurology specialist with the aid of blood examination and MRI OR
   - By your regular vet due to recurrent seizures for more than one year, and the first seizure your dog had was when they were between 6 months and 6 years.
   AND

2. Are currently being treated with Imepitoin ('Pexion'), or this was the last anti-epileptic treatment reported (if your dog passed away whilst being treated for epilepsy)
   (N.B. This can be in combination with any other anti-epileptic drug e.g. Phenobarbital (e.g. 'Epiphen', 'Phenoleptil'), Potassium Bromide (e.g. 'Epilease', 'Libromide') etc. or on its own)

We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire online for your dog if you fit these two criteria (web link below). The questionnaire should take 45 minutes to complete. We understand this is a lot of your time; however, hope you understand the detail we need regarding your dog’s epilepsy history and treatment to understand the effect of Pexion (Imepitoin)

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rvcepilepsypsexionstudy

We very much appreciate your help in our endeavours to further understand canine epilepsy. If you have any queries regarding the questions asked, please contact Dr Rowena Packer via email at rpacker@rvc.ac.uk.

The data collected in this questionnaire will be collated and stored at the Royal Veterinary College in London (RVC). Your data will be anonymised as appropriate, and your contact details will only be used to contact you if we need clarification of the answers to any questions forming part of this questionnaire. Your personal information will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not be disclosed to any unauthorised person or body.