Crufts is just around the corner…

Come and meet the Kennel Club team who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the new legislation on Compulsory Microchipping and what you need to know before April 2016.

Did you know that Petlog, managed by the Kennel Club, is the largest pet reunification service in the UK, supporting 12 microchip suppliers and over 8 million pet owners? Come and find out about our new service for breeders and owners, to help you ‘Find a Petlog Implanter’. We also want to hear what you think, so please come and chat to the team and pick up a free comprehensive guide on compulsory microchipping and free ID tags for your puppies.

The Kennel Club Health Team will be in the Breeders Lounge. As well as being able to pick up a FREE tea or coffee, you will also be able to speak to scientists, geneticists and breeder specialists about a wide range of Kennel Club health initiatives. Also available will be teams from the Canine Health Schemes, Kennel Club Pet Insurance and the Animal Health Trust. Plus pick up your free breeding guides and much more.

Have you been thinking about joining the Assured Breeder Scheme? Then Crufts is the place to do it, not only will the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Team be on hand to answer any questions or concerns that you have but there is also a special show joining offer! Join the Assured Breeder Scheme at the show and receive a FREE ABS backpack!

To plan your day or to buy tickets to the BIGGEST and BEST celebration of dogs visit www.crufts.org.uk

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Canine Research

What’s been done about canine research

The collection of scientific data is of the highest importance; helping all those invested in canine health to understand the prevalence and heritability of specific disorders, identify the genetic status of dogs prior to breeding and to develop effective treatments. This article aims to provide information on how the Kennel Club is helping to support and promote research into canine health.

Funding

Founded in 1987, The Kennel Club Charitable Trust has, to date, donated approximately £8 million to support, amongst other things, a diverse range of research projects, including such topics as; simple inherited canine disorders, oncology, Chiari Malformation/Syringomyelia, epilepsy, cardiac disease, arthritis and deafness, to name but a few.

Furthering research at the Animal Health Trust

In 2009, The Kennel Club Charitable Trust invested £1.2 million in The Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust (AHT), enabling the collection and storage of DNA for future use (11,000 dogs to date), Genome-wide association studies and the identification of, and means by which to test for, genetic mutations found in 29 breeds (38,000 dogs tested to date through the AHT’s DNA testing facility). Five years on, the Kennel Club Charitable Trust has committed a further £1.6 million to further the research carried out at the centre.

In 2013, The Kennel Club provided the AHT with an interest-free loan of £1.5 million to help with the construction and development of The Kennel Club Cancer Centre at the Animal Health Trust. The Centre contributes to the AHT’s well-established cancer research programme and brings together the expertise of their clinical oncology team, molecular scientists and geneticists to investigate cancers in animals.

Inspiring researchers

To further promote and encourage research and to recognise innovative scientific investigations, the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, alongside Vernon and Shirley Hill, founders of Metro Bank, have created the International Canine Health Awards, the largest veterinary awards in Europe. The awards offer a funding programme to each recipient of the Student Inspiration Award (£10,000), the International Prize in canine health (£40,000) and the Lifetime Achievement Award (£10,000).

Promoting studies and helping to recruit

The Kennel Club has recently developed an online communication resource known as Bio-acquisition Research Collaboration (BARC), which helps bring researchers and clinicians together. BARC acts as a central platform for researchers to request the biological samples they need to undertake their research.

The Kennel Club has recently developed further means by which to assist researchers recruit for their studies, via publicity and promotion through social media (Kennel Club Facebook page and Twitter account), the Events, Seminars and Surveys section on the Kennel Club website, BARC, Kennel Scope and most importantly, by utilising our registration database collaboratively with appropriate research collaboration to contact registered owners of particular breeds.

Publication of results

The new Canine Genetics and Epidemiology journal, launched in April 2014, is a peer-reviewed, open access, online publication containing research and review articles relating to all aspects of canine genetics and epidemiology. This international journal aims to encourage public understanding of science, with each paper published including key “take home messages” for non-specialists, bridging the gap between breeders, clinicians and scientists.

For further information on how the Kennel Club can assist researchers, please visit the vets and researchers tab on the Kennel Club website.

2014 Pedigree Breed Health Survey

The Kennel Club recently ran the Pedigree Breed Health Survey (PBHS) between 8th November 2014 and 31st December 2014, with the aim to collect information on the health status of all Kennel Club registered breeds.

The PBHS was successfully sent by email to 546,836 Kennel Club registered pedigree breed dog owners, as well as being publicised on Kennel Club social media pages and available from the Kennel Club website. Over 36,000 responses were received, representing over 47,000 live dogs and over 9,500 dogs that have passed away since 2004. The survey was divided into five sections, concentrating on different types of information, including general information of the dog(s), health, breeding, behaviour and causes of death (if relevant). cont
Due to the large amount of information collected, statistical analyses and the production of breed specific reports is likely to take some time. Analysis will be carried out alphabetically by breed, with the aim to have all reports available by late spring 2016. This information will be able to be compared against results of the Kennel Club’s 2004 Purebred Dog Health Survey, helping to pinpoint areas that have seen improvement and areas in which further work is still required. This information will help in prioritising health concerns for both Breed Clubs and the Kennel Club, by highlighting the prevalence of health concerns within the current population of pedigree dogs. Once the reports have been completed they will be made freely and publically available on the Kennel Club website.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please contact mateselect@thekennelclub.org.uk, or if you would like to view the results of the 2004 Purebred Dog Health Survey please [click here](#).

### Health Seminars for Breeders

Dog breeders will be able to find out more about health issues, breeding practices and scientific developments from leading experts, thanks to a new series of health seminars.

Run by the Kennel Club and Royal Canin, the seminars will offer breeders the invaluable opportunity to hear from highly regarded professionals in the world of canine health. The expert panel will include Professor Ed Hall from the School of Veterinary Sciences at Bristol University, Dr Penny Watson from the Department of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University and Dr Cathryn Mellersh from the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust.

The seminars, which will take place throughout the year, are open to novice and experienced breeders alike. The panel will guide breeders through health topics such as bloat, canine pancreatitis and how to identify a good DNA test.

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The seminars cost £30 per person, which includes morning refreshments, a buffet lunch, afternoon refreshments and a delegate pack.

Don’t miss out! [Click here to book today](#).
The Microchipping of Dogs Regulations for England were announced in October 2014, and outlined the responsibilities of breeders once microchipping becomes compulsory in England from 6 April 2016.

The Welsh Government is working towards bringing in compulsory microchipping in the spring of 2016, in line with England. The regulations from the Welsh Government have yet to be announced and the Scottish Government has yet to confirm if they intend to make microchipping compulsory.

Key points to remember for England
- Everyone has until 6 April 2016 to microchip their dog and register with an approved microchip database
- From 6 April 2016 puppies must be microchipped and registered with an approved microchip database such as Petlog by the time they are 8 weeks old (prior to leaving the breeder)
- Full details need to be recorded on an approved database for the dog and the keeper. This includes the name and address of the keeper, and if the keeper is the breeder and has a local authority licence this will also need to be recorded
- Anyone who does not have their dog microchipped after 6 April 2016 will have 21 days to have the dog microchipped, and failure to do so may result in a fine of up to £500

FAQs

Is the breeder considered to be the first keeper of a dog?
As the breeder, you will be the first recorded keeper of the puppy. It will be an offence for you not to be listed on a microchipping database that is compliant with the regulations, such as Petlog.

Are there any exemptions to the microchipping regulations?
Yes, there are two exemptions. The first exemption is where a veterinarian has certified the dog as a working dog and docked its tail in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 2006. In such cases the time limit for the dog to be microchipped and details recorded with a database is extended to 12 weeks. The second exemption is where a veterinarian certifies that a dog should not be microchipped because it would adversely affect its health. In such cases a vet would have to certify that this is the case and state when the exemption expires. In such a case a breeder may pass the puppy on with a copy of the veterinary exemption certificate.

Is it legal to microchip my own puppies?
As part of the new regulations if you are implanting yourself you must be trained on a government approved course. Currently the only approved course in England is run by Lantra. Any person that has already received training on implanting microchips before 2016 will be exempt from this - however, they will need to be able to provide proof of training.
Out with the old, in with the new
For most dogs shedding is a perfectly normal, periodic process. Unlike humans, dogs shed mature hair as new hairs grow through and depending on their breed, they can produce 60 to 180g per kg of body weight of new hair per year!

When the days get longer in spring time, a dog will shed his ‘winter coat’ and develops a ‘summer coat.’ This happens because extended sunlight causes increased follicle activity, which means he grows and replaces hair at a much faster rate. As winter approaches dogs will shed their summer coat to make way for a fuller winter coat, to protect them from the cold.

The importance of skin and coat health
Your dog’s skin has a huge role to play in his overall health – protecting his body from injury and infection, helping control his temperature and acting as his first line of defence. His hair has complementary duties – insulating the body and protecting the skin from trauma and damage due to heat, sunlight and irritants. Its more than just aesthetics. It is essential to ensure that your dog has a healthy coat and skin – so he has the protection he needs, as well as making him look and feel his best. Excessive shedding can be a sign that your dog’s coat and skin might not be in optimal condition**.

The role of nutrition
One of the first steps to promote healthy skin and a radiant coat is feeding your dog a diet with high quality ingredients. A recent study looking at the impact of high quality nutrition on excessive shedding, saw a reduction of up to 80%** for dogs fed a Eukanuba diet. That’s because, Eukanuba’s range of premium nutrition is formulated with exactly the right amount of high quality animal proteins, omega-6 and omega-3 oils and fats, vitamins and minerals, to help your dog maintain a healthy, extraordinary coat.

The essential nutrients for healthy skin and coat
- Proteins – A dog’s coat is 95% protein and a third of your dog’s daily protein requirement is needed for coat and skin maintenance alone. Proteins from foods such as chicken, lamb, fish and egg, provide essential amino acids to support healthy structure and function.
- Fats – Omega 6 and 3 fatty acids are needed for the production of oils and waxes, preventing dryness and maintaining a visibly healthy coat.
- Vitamins and minerals – Vitamin A, vitamin E, B-vitamins, zinc and copper all play a vital role in the upkeep and regeneration of your dog’s skin and coat – from processing protein, helping fast and effective wound repair and cell protection.

Regular tender loving care
Whilst you cannot stop a healthy dog from its normal shedding cycle, regular grooming and brushing can reduce the amount of hair in your home, in the car or on your clothes.

*Study conducted by Eukanuba. Difference seen over one year of use, compared to a diet with lower protein, lower fat and non-optimal Omega 6:3 ratio. Results in your dog may vary. Excludes puppy and weight control diets.
** If your dog seems prone to allergies or specific skin sensitivities, please consult your vet.
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