

NEW DNA TESTING SCHEME

At the request of the Beagle Breed Clubs, the Kennel Club has recently approved an official DNA testing scheme for Musladin-Leuke Syndrome (MLS) which is sometimes known as Chinese Beagle Syndrome. The test is offered by the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at UC Davis in America and more information can be obtained direct from them at <http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/dog.php>

As copies of test results cannot be sent directly to the Kennel Club by the laboratory, the owner of a dog would be required to submit a copy of their dog's result if they wish the KC to record the DNA status.

Once the test result has been added to the dog's details on the registration database, it will trigger the publication of the test result in the next available Breed Records Supplement, and the result will also appear on any new registration certificate issued for the dog and on the registration certificates of any future progeny of the dog. Further the result for each individual dog will also be available to view on the Kennel Club's Dog Health Test Search tool (www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/services/public/health/search/Default.aspx) and also the collective results for all those received will be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/315

When submitting a copy of the DNA certificate, if the owner includes the original registration certificate for the dog (not a copy), a new registration certificate will be issued, with the DNA result on it, free of charge. Owners who have dogs which are classed as hereditarily clear can also have their dog's registration certificate updated free of charge providing that they too send the original registration certificate to us. Please note that we can only update a hereditarily clear status providing the results for both parents are already recorded.

Please send the DNA test certificates and registration certificates to the Health & Breeder Services Department, The Kennel Club, 1 – 5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB. Alternatively test certificates can be faxed to 0207 518 1028 or emailed to Gary Johnson at gary.johnson@thekennelclub.org.uk.

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