

# **Clumber Spaniel Club**

## **Health & Welfare**

The Health & Welfare Sub Committee was established in 2009 with the following objectives:

- To monitor breed health and develop future breed health surveys
- To encourage Clumber Spaniel owners to participate in health surveys and carry out screening for known health conditions in the breed
- To provide a contact point for help and advice with regard to health problems
- To provide information on testing sessions
- To fund raise for further research
- To liaise internationally with other Clumber Spaniel breed club health committees

### **Health screening**

Health screening is recommended for all dogs particularly those being bred from. Current health screening recommended by the Clumber Spaniel Club:

- KC/BVA hip scoring. This has to be done by a veterinary surgeon. The dog will need to be heavily sedated or put under anaesthetic. X rays will be taken of the hips and forwarded to the KC/BVA who will assess and score them, the lower the score the better. A fee will be charged by the veterinary surgeon for carrying out this procedure as well as a fee by the KC/BVA.
- PDP1 DNA test. PDP1 is a debilitating exercise intolerance condition, with fatal outcome usually before the dog reaches 3 months of age. A simple cheek swab will determine whether the dog is a carrier of PDP1 or is 'clear' of the disease. Carriers should only be mated with 'clear' status dogs. Samples from 20 dogs submitted together for testing will qualify for a 20% discount on the test price; this can be coordinated by the Club. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please contact the Club's Health Officers.
- Eye testing is recommended by the Club. Completed eye test forms may be forwarded to the Clumber Club Health Officers for inclusion on the Club's database.

Information about where health testing sessions are being carried out may be found on the Club website [www.clumberspanielclub.co.uk](http://www.clumberspanielclub.co.uk) or from the Club's Health Officers.

The Club appoints two Health Officers, who are also members of the health and welfare Sub Committee, who may be contacted in confidence for help and advice on health matters. Their contact details can be found on the club website [www.clumberspanielclub.co.uk](http://www.clumberspanielclub.co.uk) or from the Club's Secretary.

### **Health & Welfare Sub Committee**

In 2009 the Club invited applications to join the health and welfare sub committee. From these applicants the sub committee was appointed with the emphasis being on those with experience in the breed and particularly those who have bred Clumber Spaniels. Members of this committee have the knowledge to help and assist with health issues that you may wish to raise. The current committee can be found on the club website [www.clumberspanielclub.co.uk](http://www.clumberspanielclub.co.uk) or from the Club's Secretary.