

The BVA/KC/Eye Scheme offers breeders the possibility of eye testing to screen for inherited eye disease in certain breeds. By screening breeding stock for these diseases, breeders can use the information to eliminate or reduce the frequency of eye disease being passed on to puppies. Although any breed can be examined for eye disease, currently only the results of those breeds that appear on Schedule A of the Eye Scheme are sent to the Kennel Club for inclusion on computer records and printing in the Breed Records Supplement (a Kennel Club publication). In general, the best age for eye testing is before a dog has reached one year old.

The Gonioscopy test is a REQUIREMENT for all Kennel Club Assured Breeders, it is carried out by a BVA Eye Specialist. This Gonioscopy test is only required to be done once in a dog's lifetime.

After finding a BVA Eye Specialist and making an appointment, you are instructed to take along the dog's KC registration certificate and the dog must have some form of permanent identification either a tattoo or microchip.

A current list of BVA/KC/Eye Specialist can be found on the Kennel Club Website.

ALWAYS CONTACT YOUR OWN VETERINARY SURGEON FOR
ADVICE ABOUT THE HEALTH OF YOUR BASSET HOUND

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**The Basset Hound
Primary Angle
Closure Glaucoma
PACG**

This information leaflet has been produced to help you to understand a little about PACG

WHAT IS PACG?

Primary Angle Closure Glaucoma is an inherited condition of the eyes which affects only some breeds of dog.

Primary usually means that it is a genetic condition.

The *Angle* relates to the angle of the drain where the fluid from the eye normally flows.

Closure can mean that the drain is either almost closed or completely closed, therefore preventing the fluid from properly draining from the eye resulting in a build up of pressure.

This type of pressure is called *Glaucoma* and eventually pressure builds up within the eye, causing extreme pain and probable blindness.

The Basset Hound is one of only a few Breeds which are predisposed to this condition. Predisposed means that the condition may be detected in a dog but it will not necessarily develop the condition. While PACG exists in the Breed, be assured that very few Basset Hounds actually go on to develop it.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

The specific eye test for PACG is called *Gonioscopy* and it is strongly recommended that the Owner ensures that this is the test which is carried out by a Veterinary Eye Specialist.

It is essential for an Owner to first consult their regular Veterinary Surgeon so that a specific referral may be made to a Veterinary Eye Specialist. This will ensure that the correct information is passed on to the Specialist as it is very important that the Hound's history is accurately conveyed.

If a Basset Hound is being tested under the BVA/Kennel Club Eye Scheme, it is very important to go to an authorised Panellist. If, for any reason, an Owner cannot manage to travel to one of these Panellists, the Owner's regular Veterinary Surgeon can advise on the best course of action to have the correct test carried out.

If caught early, and the condition is not too advanced, appropriate treatment may be suitable. Initially, only one eye may be affected but in all probability, the other eye will eventually be affected. Any delay in obtaining a correct diagnosis may very rapidly result in severe pain and sight loss.

BREEDERS & OWNERS

It is the responsibility of the Breeder to inform new Owners about PACG. Breeders who have had all of their breeding stock eye tested under the BVA/Kennel Club Eye Scheme will be able to provide evidence of testing for the Sire and the Dam of any puppy which is being transferred to a new Owner.

It is the responsibility of the Breeder to maintain contact with the Owner to ensure that all is well with the Hound and to advise Owners about appropriate health tests.

It is the responsibility of the Owner to ensure that their Hound is properly microchipped prior to a test being carried out under any BVA/Kennel Club Eye Scheme.

It is the responsibility of the Owner to ensure that, at the correct time, their Hound is properly tested for PACG.

It is the responsibility of the Owner to appreciate how important it is to advise the Breeder of the outcome of any test and, throughout the Hound's life, to maintain contact with the Breeder.

If the Hound actually develops PACG, it may have a significant bearing on the Breeder's future breeding programme.