

THE SOUTHERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB



INTRODUCTION

At the first AGM of the Southern Newfoundland Club in March 2009 it was decided by the members that the topic for the health seminar this year would be canine cancer and, in particular, how the Newfoundland is affected.

An excellent main speaker has been booked. Jonathan Bray, MVSc, MRCVS, MACVSc, Dip ECVS European Veterinary Specialist in small animal Surgery, RCVS Specialist in small animal surgery. He will also be accompanied by another member of his world renowned team.

The seminar will be held at Chieveley Village hall on Saturday 28th November 2009. Further details will be available soon on the SNC web site, those of other breed clubs and in canine newspapers.

As the main and only subject this year is cancer we are starting with a questionnaire which will conclude with a booklet based on the information received; this is NOT a statistical analysis on cancer in our breed.

We are hoping over the coming years to be able to build a library of information on health problems suffered by our beloved Newfoundlands. Your help in filling out this questionnaire will play a very important part in our collection of data and hopefully enable firm conclusions to be made.

I cannot stress enough the guarantee of confidentiality attached to this survey. All information will be kept strictly confidential, and is to be sent to myself only.

AT NO TIME WILL ANY INFORMATION REGARDING A CONDITION AFFECTING A PARTICULAR DOG BE PUBLISHED IN ANY FORM WHATSOEVER THAT ENABLES THE DOG, AFFIX, BREEDER OR OWNER TO BE IDENTIFIED.

So why have a survey?

- To help increase longevity & health of the breed
- A reference for breeders so they can see how common/uncommon problems really are
- To provide awareness if a condition has started to increase
- To help prove we have a healthy breed and want to keep it that way
- To provide education and information relating to disease

Please bear in mind that some information is better than none at all and we strongly encourage owners and breeders to provide as much information as possible. You can also fill in a survey on any of your past dogs, the more information we can collate the better. By joining in breed surveys you can be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

**Thanking you in anticipation
Jan Groves, SNC Health Forum Secretary**

QUESTIONNAIRE

OUR AIM is to identify and monitor health problems in the breed, so we can work to make the lives of our Newfoundlands healthier, longer and happier.

YOUR HELP in filling out this questionnaire will play a very important part in the collection of the data required. Please answer as many fields as accurately as possible. This questionnaire can be used for either your present dogs or dogs that you have lost.

If you have any difficulty in remembering any details please consider contacting your veterinary practice to ask.

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1. Have you ever owned a Newfoundland positively diagnosed with any form of cancer?

YES

NO (please tick appropriate box)

2. Registered name of dog*(optional)

3. *Pet name if a rescue or registered name not known) (Optional)

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4. Please indicate which Sex:-

Dog

Bitch

5. DATE OF BIRTH *

(* if a rescue approx age when you acquired the dog)

6. COLOUR*

(* recessive colours if known)

7. Type of food fed

8. Was the dog neutered? (before any illness) Yes No

If YES at what age?

9. Was/is the dog vaccinated? Yes – conventionally with annual booster
Yes – but sporadically with boosters or
revaccinations at longer than yearly intervals
Yes – homeopathically
No

10. Did the dog ever receive Kennel Cough intra-nasal vaccine?
No
Yes – annually
Yes – a few times as requested by
Boarding kennels

11. Does/did the dog live in close proximity to regularly crop sprayed areas?
Yes* No

*(If yes, please provide extra information at the end of survey)

12. Was/is the dog treated with insecticidal products? Yes No

(Please tick all/any of the following that apply)

'SPRAY ON'
(give name of product)

Used:- regularly occasionally

'SPOT ON'
(give name of product)

Used:- regularly occasionally

'BATH ON'
(give name of product)

Used:- regularly occasionally

'ENVIRONMENT SPRAY'
(give name of product)

Used:- regularly occasionally

13. What cleaning materials do you routinely use in the dogs close environment? (e.g. floor cleaners, washing powders for bedding etc)

*No need to list product names just provide details of the generic product e.g. Bio, Non Bio, bleach based etc.

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14. Did the dog ever receive any hormone treatment/injections at any time in its life PRIOR to developing cancer? Yes* No

*(please provide details at the section at the end of the survey)

15. Does/did the dog live in a smoking household? Yes No

16. Type(s) of cancer

17. Location of cancer.....

18. Age of dog when diagnosed.....

19. Diagnosed (date approx)

20. Type of diagnostic tests carried out?.....

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21. How long did it take to get the results?

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22. Diagnosed by veterinary surgeon or specialist

23. Was the dog referred to an oncology (cancer) specialist? Yes No

24. What were the initial symptoms presented by the dog?

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25. Has/had the dog previously suffered trauma or injury to an area which subsequently developed cancer? Yes* No

* Please provide only PROVEN details anecdotal or assumed accounts are not required

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26. What treatment was the dog offered?

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27. Did the dog embark on any treatment? Yes No

If YES what was the treatment plan?

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28. What was the outcome?

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29. Was the dog euthanased or did it die naturally

30. At what age did the dog die?

31. Do you know of any close biological family members of the dog with the same illness?

Yes No

Please give details

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32. Do you know of any close biological family members of the dog with a different cancer?

Yes No

Please give details.....

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33. Prior to developing cancer was this animal used for breeding?

Yes No

34. How many litters did the female dog produce?.....

35. How many puppies in total?

36. Have any of these progeny gone on to develop any form of cancer?

*Yes No

*If yes please give details at the end of the form

37. How many litters did the male sire?

38. How many puppies in total?

39. Have any of these progeny gone on to develop any form of cancer?

*Yes No

*If yes please give details at the end of the form

40. (Optional)

It would be most beneficial to have a copy of the dog's pedigree to enable the ancestor loss co-efficient ratio to be worked out. Please mark any relatives along with your own dog with a same coloured spot, if you know them to have had the same cancer type. Any other relative with a different cancer to be marked in another colour.

The Southern Newfoundland Club, wish to thank you for your time in completing this survey.

THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS COMPLETED SURVEY WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD ONLY BE SENT TO SNC HEALTH FORUM SECRETARY.

Please forward your completed survey to:-

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Please feel free to write any other relevant information in the space below