

IDENTITY with microchip
and
DNA parentage testing
MUST BECOME COMPULSORY WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM
FOR ALL PEDIGREE DOGS

Accurate identification by Tattoo and/or Microchip, and absolute certainty of parentage and pedigree, are fundamental to all health screening tests. Without them all health screening becomes a lottery, It is far too easy to substitute one dog with another to pass a health screening test. Trust is a luxury few can afford with our breeds future health tests, and all pedigree dogs health tests. We should not be expected to rely on trust for identification and pedigree accuracy, it is obvious nonsense and totally unacceptable.

People ask me why do I retain so many males in my Kennel, and why do I only use males in Germany when I use a male outside of my kennel. The answer is simple, I know my dogs are who they are, and all their health tests are genuine, I also know the dogs I use in Germany have compulsory DNA parentage tests, many for several generations, and tattooing has been compulsory for many years in Germany and tattoos are checked with all paperwork prior to health tests. They are also checked at all Shows, and all breed qualification tests and trials including the Körung.

Compare that with what happens here in Great Britain. Any dog can have any British health test without any proof of identification. The list includes BVA/KC hip & elbow tests, Haemophilia tests and the existing DNA tests for any disease. What a joke! There is no requirement or checks at Kennel Club licensed shows of a dogs tattoo or microchip, they are simply not required, along with no check of any dog's pedigree or KC registration prior to being allowed to compete.

Does it take extraordinary intelligence to be able to understand the absolute need for compulsory identification and compulsory DNA parentage tests? I think not! So I ask myself, why is it not introduced by the Kennel Club? I believe the answer to this question lies in the certain exposure of the frightening truth about too many pedigree dogs in too many breeds;

we must make compulsory identification and compulsory DNA parentage testing our highest priority for pedigree dogs here in the United Kingdom.

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