

BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme
Goniodysgenesis, HC, GPRA

Eye testing: At the present time in the U.K. the Flatcoated Retriever is on the BVA/KC's Schedule A list for **Goniodysgenesis (Glaucoma)**. A certificate is issued with 'Unaffected' or 'Affected' the results of which are recorded and published by the Kennel Club in the Breed Record Supplements. Schedule A is a list for breeds where there is considered enough scientific information to show that an eye condition is inherited.

As of 1st January 2010, the Flatcoated Retriever will be added to Schedule B (under investigation) of the Eye Scheme for the condition of generalised progressive retinal atrophy (**GPRA**). Results of examinations for conditions on Schedule B are not passed to the Kennel Club and are not published. These results are, however, monitored by the Eye Panel and in time, if it is deemed appropriate, the condition may be moved onto Schedule A of the Eye Scheme.

When you present your dog for a BVA eye test please ask for a routine eye examination in addition to the Gonioscopy examination (two separate tests). The results obtained from the Ophthalmologists around the country under the BVA/KC Health Scheme are centrally collated and if there is any eye condition diagnosed it would be noted and the appropriate action taken.

All stock should be examined on a regular basis for the following conditions: **PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy)** and **HC (Hereditary Cataract)**; all popular stud dogs annually, all brood bitches at least every two years, and all stock definitely before breeding. This examination should be carried out well into old age, 8 years plus, as some of these eye conditions can be of late onset

All stock examined for the condition **Goniodysgenesis (G)** – this is a once in a lifetime test.

If any owner or breeder that has been unfortunate enough to have a Flatcoated Retriever past or present diagnosed with **GPRA**, it would be appreciated if you could send details, including a 5 generation pedigree (strict confidentiality will be maintained) to Val Jones.

If you have any concerns please contact a member of the Health Sub-Committee who will only be too pleased to be of help.