

## Cause of Death Register

A cause of death register for the Flatcoated Retriever has been set up by Dr Jane Dobson, Cambridge School of Veterinary Medicine; data should be entered as dogs die from now, rather than historically, as the results will be more robust this way. Please note that this Register is for **ALL** causes of death not just cancer, and the only person able to see the data entered is Dr Jane Dobson. Please read on and use the link at the end of the page:

## **Flatcoated Retriever Cause of Death Survey**

For many years owners and breeders of Flatcoated Retrievers have worked with Cambridge Veterinary School to document and study the incidence of cancer in the breed. The results of a Health Study involving a cohort of 174 dogs conducted over 12 years were published in 2009; (Dobson and others, 2009) 42% of these dogs died from confirmed tumours but 35% of dogs died of non-tumour causes. Following on from this study and in conjunction with the breed Health Sub-Committee, we would like to continue to monitor the "health" of the breed by recording causes of death and have set up a website data base for this purpose. The information collected will be kept in strict confidence by Cambridge Veterinary School who will issue an annual, anonymised report to the Breed Health Committee. We believe that this is an innovative and effective way to monitor the health of the breed that may shed light on new or emerging problems and show trends in health issues. We do appreciate how difficult and sad it is to lose a good friend and offer all our sympathy if you are in this situation, but we hope that you can find time to help the Breed by clicking this link and completing the short questionnaire.



Dr Jane Dobson

Dobson J.M., Hoather T., McKinley T.J. & Wood J. Mortality in a Cohort of Flat-coated Retrievers in the UK. *Veterinary and Comparative Oncology*, 7 (2) : 115 – 121, 2009

PLEASE CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK TO ENTER YOUR FLATCOAT INTO THE SURVEY:

<http://131.111.54.253/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=death&-loadframes>