

## Flatcoated Retriever Society

### Job Description

Role: Hon. Health Secretary

Responsibilities:

Chair the Health Sub-Committee and work with members of the health sub-committee and health representatives from other breed organisations to support and promote breed health initiatives. Work with\*, and report to, the Kennel Club Breed Health Coordinator (BHC) to provide breed health information and promote effective communication between the breed clubs.

(\*if holding the position of Kennel Club BHC alongside Society Health Secretary role, work for the benefit of the Society in a confidential manner within the remit of this role whilst ensuring the full scope of the Kennel Club BHC is achieved).

Specifically:

- Monitor incidence of disease and review health strategy accordingly. Report to the General Committee on health matters. Make annual reports regarding health initiatives at the Society AGM.
- Collate health articles for the Society Newsletter annually.
- Organise health testing sessions at Society shows (BVA eye scheme and Society Patellar Luxation screening).
- Collate results from BVA health schemes (hips, elbows and eye) to publish in Yearbook annually.
- Collate annual data regarding sires used and the number of progeny produced, to promote the importance of genetic diversity.
- Organise breed specific health seminars for Flatcoated Retriever owners every 3-5 years.
- Organise breed health surveys every 5-10 years to monitor breed health in conjunction with those carried out by the Kennel Club.
- Results from health surveillance will be used to inform the breed health strategy and reviews of KC Breed Health and Conservation Plan.

For reference the KC BHC role and job description can be viewed on the Kennel Club website:

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health-and-dog-care/health/breed-health-co-ordinators/#:~:text=The%20main%20role%20of%20the%20breed%20health%20co%2Dordinator%20is,concerns%20the%20breed%20may%20have>

(scroll down the Kennel Club website page to find the relevant section)

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