



Part of the Breed Strategy developed by the JBLC after feedback from Bearded Collie owners and breeders

STUD DOG CHECKLIST SUMMARY

1. Has the dog had the relevant health tests for the breed and what are his results?

- **The dog must have at least been Hip Scored**
- Others: KC/BVA eye test (and when), DNA test for CEA, Elbow Scored

2. What is the dog like to live with?

3. Does the dog have any health issues?

- Any Specific problems, when did he last see a Vet and what for?
- Does he have an umbilical hernia?

4. To the best of the owners' knowledge - what is the health history of his family?

- Are his parents still alive, how old are they or how old were they when they died?
If the dogs parents are still young you may wish to enquire about his grandparents and other ancestors.
- Are there any health issues in his immediate family? Are his siblings all still alive and fit and well?
- Did his parents or grandparents or their siblings have any health issues?

Potential issues: Auto-Immune diseases eg SLO , Addisons disease, pemphigus, haemolytic anaemia, thrombocytopaenia; hypothyroidism; forelimb lameness; premature sight loss; premature arthritis; undershot or overshot jaws; canines not clearing; chronic bowel & skin problems.

5. If the dog already has offspring, has he produced any health issues in them?

Potential issues: umbilical hernias, one or both testicles undescended in male offspring, hip or elbow dysplasia, auto-immune diseases, hypothyroidism; premature sight loss; premature arthritis; undershot or overshot jaws; canines not clearing; chronic bowel & skin problems.

6. How many litters has the dog produced?

- Ask how many litters the dog has had - and how many in the last twelve months?

Remember just because a dog does have a relative with a health issue or has produced a puppy with a health problem this does not mean that he should not be used. Obviously it would be inadvisable to double up on a health issue, so if you know that your bitch also has the same issue in her recent pedigree that is not the dog for you. Also if a dog has produced a problem in pups bred from bitches to a similar line to yours you may wish to reconsider. Likewise if a dog has repeatedly produced a problem in puppies from a variety of lines you should think very hard about using him.

7. Some other points to consider:

- **Don't just focus on big winners.**
- **Check out the Co-efficient of Inbreeding (COI).** Look at the average COI for the breed and try to produce a litter with a lower one if possible, otherwise look at the COI of your bitch and try to produce pups with lower COI's than hers.
- **All else being equal, choose a less-used sire over a Popular sire**
- **Consider Using an Older Dog Rather Than a Younger One.**