

The test for PRCD/ PRA has been available for Labradors since fall of 1999 as a marker based test and the mutation test has been available since around July of 2005. To find that 13 dogs tested by Optigen last year were AFFECTED i.e. those dogs will go blind; Is shocking and inexcusable.

The Labrador Breed Council applied to The Kennel Club to make it compulsory for one parent to be tested clear. The application was refused ostensibly on the grounds of genetic diversity.

Has the time come for NDLRC to add a rule to our constitution along the lines? Members agree to ensure that one parent in every mating is tested clear for PRCD/PRA?

Optigen have released the statistics regarding the testing of Labradors that were tested during 2016 (January 1-December 31, 2016). The breakdown for the tests completed is as follows:

Total Labradors tested for CNM this period - 46

Normal – 44, Carrier -2, Affected - 0

Total Labradors tested for ACHM this period - 26 - ALL Normal

Total Labradors tested for EIC this period - 118

Normal – 82, Carrier – 35, Affected - 1

Total Labradors tested for HNPCK this period - 78

Normal – 60, Carrier – 15, Affected - 3

Total Labradors tested for Narcolepsy this period - 36 - Normal

Total Labradors tested for RD/OSD this period - 274

Normal – 268, Carrier – 6, Affected - 0

Total Labradors tested for PRA this period - 1095

Normal – 894, Carrier – 188, Affected - 13

Total Labradors tested for SD2 this period - 38

Normal – 36, Carrier – 2, Affected - 0

Countries testing during this period include: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK & US.