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Owner: PHELPS, JAY/RAELEN
GROUSE CREEK LABRADOR RETRIEVERS
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Veterinarian:
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Site:
Received: 11/21/2008
Reference:
Species: Canine
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Age: 1/25/04 **Sex:** Intact Female
Weight:

Diagnostic Report: Genetic Test for Canine Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC)

Specimen From: Grouse Creek's Black Powder **With Identification**: 079274343

With Registration Number: SR14756007 **ID Verified by Veterinarian:** Yes

Result: Clear

See following page for interpretation.

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) International DNA Based Genetic Database: To register your result with the OFA, make a copy of this result page, sign below, and mail WITH FEE to:

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
2300 E Nifong Blvd
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Fees
- Submission fee/individual.....$15.00
- A litter of 3 or more submitted together.....$30.00 total
  Kennel rate: Individuals submitted as a group, owned/co-owned by the same person
- 5 or more individuals.....$7.50 each

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Visa/MasterCard Number	Name on Card	Exp Date	CVV (security code)

Affected dogs at any age are no charge

Interpretation

Clear: Your dog is clear of the mutation associated with EIC. This means that your dog has two copies of the normal gene and therefore is highly unlikely to be susceptible to the classic syndrome of EIC. However, this result does not rule out the possibility that your dog could have a collapse condition that is different from the condition most Labrador Retrievers have.

Carrier: Your dog is a carrier of the mutation associated with EIC. This means that your dog has one copy of the normal form of the gene and one copy of the mutated form of the gene associated with EIC susceptibility. Our research indicates that two mutated copies of the gene are almost always required for EIC susceptibility. However, a small percentage of carrier dogs, such as yours, have collapsed under instances of intense exercise and/or excitement/stress. At present, we are unable to state if this collapse is the result of the EIC mutation, or from another unidentified cause. Also, please be aware that a carrier will pass a copy of the EIC gene on to half of its offspring.

Affected: Your dog has two copies of the mutation associated with EIC and is therefore highly susceptible to episodes of EIC. Your dog will pass a copy of this mutation on to all its offspring. Some dogs have died during an EIC episode so we recommend that you have your dog stop exercising at the first signs of any weakness or wobbliness, and that you have them avoid collapse "triggers" such as hunt test and field trial training, or upland game hunting. Dogs with susceptibility to EIC can often perform mild to moderate exercise without collapsing.

Further Information

Recent research at the University of Minnesota has identified a genetic mutation that is highly associated with EIC susceptibility. We define EIC as a condition in which collapse usually occurs after 5 - 10 minutes of intense exercise and/or intense excitement/stress. The first signs of an impending episode are typically weakness or wobbliness, especially in the rear legs. Most of the time, a dog with EIC will recover within 15 - 30 minutes of rest. **There are however, affected dogs who have died during exercise or while resting immediately after an episode of exercise-induced collapse so an affected dog's exercise should ALWAYS be stopped at the first hint of in-coordination or wobbliness.**

We have designated the letter E to indicate the mutant (EIC) form of the gene and N to indicate the normal form of the gene. A dog's particular combination of N or E forms of the gene is known as its genotype. The genotype of a normal dog is designated as N/N and is clear of the mutation. The condition is most likely to be autosomal recessive, in which a dog needs to have two mutated copies of the gene (E/E) to be affected. However, it remains possible that a small percentage of dogs with only one copy of the mutated gene (E/N carriers) might also collapse under specific circumstances. N/N dogs do not have EIC, however, there are many other causes of collapse that can occur with exercise.

Since available data points to EIC being inherited in a recessive fashion, it almost always requires that both parents be either carriers (E/N) or affected (E/E) to produce a puppy with EIC. The chance of any given puppy with EIC (i.e., with the E/E genotype) being born from a litter produced by parents of all possible genotypes is indicated in the following table.

Chance of an EIC affected (E/E) puppy being born from parents of known genotypes

	Sire's Genotype		
	N/N	**E/N**	**E/E**
Dam's Genotype			
N/N	0%	0%	0%
E/N	0%	25%	50%
E/E	0%	50%	100%

For example, breeding an E/N sire to an N/N dam can only produce puppies that are E/N or N/N. On the other hand, breeding an E/N sire to an E/E dam gives a 50% chance that a puppy will have EIC, since puppies can be either E/N or E/E. All puppies from the mating of two E/E parents will be E/E, and thus susceptible to EIC.

Outlook and Treatment

Dogs with the E/E genotype and exhibiting signs of EIC are rarely able to continue training or competition. The best treatment in most dogs consists of avoiding intensive exercise in conjunction with extreme excitement/stress and ending exercise at the first sign of weakness/wobbliness. A few dogs have, however, responded to medical treatment to the degree that they can re-enter training and competition at a high level. However, no treatment has been 100% effective in all dogs.

For additional information please refer to the following website:

www.vdl.umn.edu/vdl/ourservices/canineneuromuscular

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