

## GUIDANCE NOTES TO VETERINARY SURGEONS

The aim of the health assessment is to encourage all owners and breeders to have their dogs assessed for visible conditions that may cause pain or discomfort. The health assessment forms will provide the **Bloodhound Breed** with valuable data regarding the health of the breed.

The **Health Committee** will only accept results on the above health assessment form supplied by the Committee with the completed identification details of the dog being examined.

All dogs must have their microchip number scanned by the vet and it must correspond to the one written on the form before the examination commences.

The Vet is required to comment on;

Visual assessment of the skin - Please comment if there are signs of dermatitis, hair loss, scarring or excessive amounts of skin if causing a health or welfare concern. Below is a list of the possible areas to examine;

- Ears
- Periocular
- Lip-folds
- Neck
- Face
- Anal glands
- Feet
- Axilla
- Groin
- Perineum
- Thorax
- Abdomen

Visual assessment of the movement - please comment if any of the conditions are present and the severity;

- Lameness
- Ataxia
- Weak hocks
- Weak hindquarters

Visual assessment of the eyes - Please comment on the eye, adnexa and eyelid conformation for each eye individually.

Please list if any of the below conditions are present and the severity;

- Entropion
- Ectropion
- Damage to the cornea
- Keratitis
- Conjunctivitis
- Epiphora
- Trichiasis
- Signs of pain or discomfort
- Other (please specify)

If you have a concern during the eye assessment an option is listed for you to refer the dog to an ophthalmologist. In this instance please give a brief description of the reason for referral.

Body condition score please refer to the attached scale.

Temperament- Please make a basic assessment of the dog and comment if the dog is excessively shy or aggressive

The following clause will apply to the assessment form: "The above dog shows the physical characteristics as marked. The above report and its results are not a guarantee against any hereditary or acquired condition that may develop in the future.

These results are the findings of a basic visual examination relating to the date specified."

This examination will take approximately 15 minutes.

A copy of the form should be given to **The Bloodhound Breed Health Assessment Administrator**. This is for data collection purposes. The owner of the dog should retain a copy of the form for their own records.

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