

Notes from the Flatcoat Nordic Breedcouncil Zoom-meeting with Liz Branscombe UK, January 27th

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Agenda:

😊 Summary of our countries' work during 2020 and the Club's healthgoals for 2021 + If there is something special going on in a country you can mention this.



[Liz Branscombe](#)

will talk about what is happening in the UK

😊 Common goals for 2021.

😊 Next meeting

(If you have any documents for 2020 - please share in the group).

Report from the UK

- Postponed plans for the healthseminar. The Society are now planning to have the seminar this upcoming summer instead. The topics are: Vaccinations and immune mediated sickness.
- The Kennel Club are introducing "Breed health and conservationplans" for all breeds picking up on healthconcerns. The data sources are among others Agria Breed Profile (Sweden) and the KC's epidemiologist. On the Society's webiste there is more information.
- The Socitey has put out a healthsurvey about every 10 years (2006, 2011 and 2020). 2020 the survey is no longer paper- but webbased. So far about 1500 answers is in for the 2020 survey. This is to compare with the average of 1300 registered Flatcoated per year and the about 700 answers for the previous surveys.

-Liz reported on what has happened with the researchprograms and the liquidation of AHT. Cambridge has taken over the samples and the researchprogram for cancer and DNA and continues the work.

- The researchprograms are focusing on Flatcoats with histocytic sarcoma and finding a sequence in the DNA.

- When talking about the median age of the Flatcoat it seems the UK figures shows about a year longer than the latest Agria Breed Profile

Report from Denmark

- In Denmark there is no focus on healthissues but 2020 the Club has been focusing on how to not cancel events during the pandemic.

- There is talk among the breeders about creating a register for Flatcoats with Renal Dysplasia.

- The Danish Kennelclub does not ask for the breeddokument the other Nordic countries' clubs are requiring.

Report from Finland

Kirsi have posted a document with Finnish statistics from hips, elbows, patellar luxation, spondylosis and eyes, in the facebookgroup.

- The Finnish Club is sponsoring each dog between 2-6 years with 50 Euros for spondylosis x-rays as there is a suspicion that 70% of the Flatcoats can be affected.
- Finland use to have a researchprogram for cancer but no more.
- Epilepsy is an issue in the country and the breedcouncil is looking into that.
- The Club plans for a healthsurvey in 2021. The survey for Atopi/Allergy is not yet finnished.
- The new breeddokument for the kennelclub is in pipeline and will soon be finnished.
- The Club's focusing on getting as many dogs/handlers as possible to do the Finnish abilitytest.
- There is a "lack of breeders" in Finland and the Club wants more breeders as there is a gap between "old" breeders not active anymore and new breeders to begin. Registry numbers is about 350/year.

Report from Norway

- All plans for the planned healthseminar on cancer, allergy and epilepsia had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The Raseråd is planning to go through with the plans in 2021 instead.
 - The work with the breeddokument has begun.
 - The veterinaryschool has a DNA-diversityprogram and are collecting samples.
- The plans are to get a researchprogram for both cancer, RD and epilepsy.

Report from Sweden

There are documents posted in the facebookgroup (in Swedish) for the breedcouncils work and breedstatistics for 2020 and the Clubs' plans for 2021. Also the new breeddokument (RAS)

- Hipreadings at the KC in Sweden has improved a lot for the breed since the so called "Hip-investigation" was presented in May-19.
- The Club has focused a lot on webinars in 2020. The Swedish breedcouncil have had one focusing on cancer/cancerresearch and one on eyes focusing on retinopatya.
- Researchprograms was presented and foremost the cancerproject.

Karin and Liz will look into if /how there is collaboration between the programs and researchers. Denmark and Norway wants to know if they can collaborate with the Swedish project by sending bloodsamples. Karin will look into this and report back.

- New RD-cases and the Club's own register at "Rasdata" under "Njurar" for dogs with post mortum-documents and documented RD but no registration at the KC. Researchers in the UK has done some findings in Boxers. RD is the topic on all breeders lips at the moment.
- Lots of info in the posted documents on the facebookgroup.

Summary

In reporting from each country and asking questions we agreed on some things to look into about the researchprograms. When we know more about the coronasituation we will have a new meeting and make plans for a physical meeting. Liz is now a part of the facebookgroup where we can share information and ask questions/get feedback.

Thank you all for an informative meeting.

We will focus on not loosing touch with eachother and give info/get feedback from eachother in the group. Keep safe // Karin

