

PRA identified in the Giant Schnauzer - can you help our research?

Is your Giant Schnauzer 6 years or over?

The AHT are offering free eye examinations to 20 dogs!*

If your dog has already had a recent eye examination, you can still contribute to the study by submitting a **free DNA sample** to help towards research into a **novel form of progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) we have identified in the Giant Schnauzer.**

PRA is a blinding disease for which there is no treatment, so developing a DNA test would enable breeders and owners to test for this disease and eventually eradicate this disease from the breed.

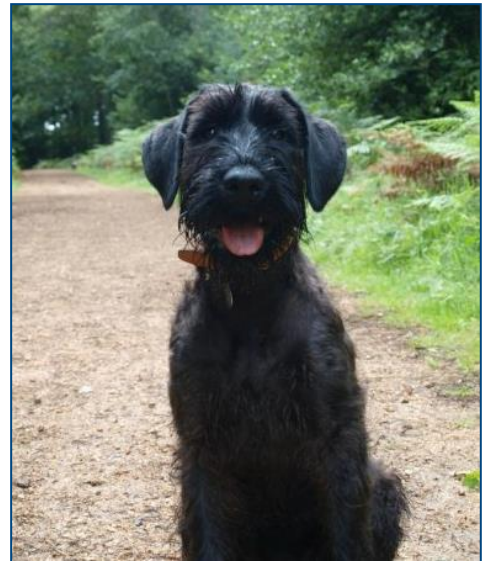


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Recent research into this degenerative eye disease in this breed is progressing well, however to validate our findings and develop a DNA test, we need more DNA samples from Giant Schnauzer's.

Your dog's DNA sample would be beneficial to this research and help to provide a permanent DNA bank to contribute to future research, complementing the Give a Dog a Genome project that the Giant Schnauzer community is a part of:

www.aht.org.uk/gdg.

For more information about the study, or how to submit a cheek swab DNA sample from your dog, please contact: Rebekkah Hitti at rebekkah.hitti@aht.org.uk.

*Aged six years or over. Examinations carried out under the BVA/KC/ISDS Eye scheme at your nearest eye panellist. First come first served basis. Owners are requested to provide a copy of this eye examination certificate and a DNA sample from your dog to the AHT for research.