

THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB
HEART RESEARCH

DETAILS OF DOG: (Block capitals please)		Microchip No:
K.C. Reg Name:		K.C. Reg. No:
		Date of Birth:
		Colour:
Sire:		Dam:
Colour of Sire:		Colour of Dam:
Owner's Name:		
Owner's Address:		
<i>I agreed that all information may be used in confidence by veterinary surgeons and geneticists researching the problem of heart murmurs in Cavaliers.</i>		
Owner's Signature:		Date:

The Club publishes a list on its website of dogs and bitches aged five years and older that are free of MVD. This is to assist breeders wishing to comply with the guidelines for improving the health of the breed. If you DO NOT wish the name of your dog to be included on the list, please initial in this box

NOTE FOR VETERINARY SURGEONS

It has been shown in many countries that degenerative valve disease is very common in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and can lead to heart failure and death. While modern medications can increase longevity and improve quality of life, once heart failure develops, it is still distressing for the owners and the dogs. Murmurs have been shown to be strongly inherited and breeding from dogs that develop a murmur later in life will increase the age at which subsequent litters develop murmurs. Hence all breeding dogs should be examined annually until at least 5 years old. The current guidelines advise breeders to use dogs who are clear of a murmur at 5 years. Younger dogs can be used if BOTH parents were clear at 5 years. A list of dogs that are clear of murmurs at 5 years is regularly published.

The murmur of mitral regurgitation is systolic, loudest caudally on the left side. Grade 1 murmurs are detected after listening for several minutes in a quiet room. Grade 2 murmurs are heard immediately but are quieter than the heart sounds (S1 and S2) with grade 3 murmurs as loud as and grade 4 murmurs louder than the heart sounds.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form for the dog presented indicating whether or not, in your opinion, a murmur consistent with mitral regurgitation was audible and if possible the grade. The scheme is supported by the Kennel Club and the Veterinary Cardiovascular Society.

Thank you for your assistance.

VETERINARY OPINION

In accordance with the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club's scheme I have examined this dog for the presence of MVD. I certify that at the time of my examination:

(Please tick as appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I was UNABLE TO DETECT any evidence of Mitral Regurgitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	I DETECTED A MURMUR consistent with Mitral Regurgitation, the grade being on a scale of 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER MURMUR

Vet's Signature	Name
Address	Holder of CVC or DVC
	YES NO
David Fisher BVetMed CertSAC CertSAM MRCVS DP Animal Service Limited Cheltenham heart.testing@btinternet.com	Date

ANNUAL TESTING IS ESSENTIAL FOR BREEDER USE AND RESEARCH PURPOSES

Please send the top copy of this certificate to:
MRS E SMITH, 9 ELM GROVE LARBERT, STIRLINGSHIRE, SCOTLAND, FK5 3LP
 The duplicate copy should be retained by the owner of the dog