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Address provided
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Mr P & Mrs T Davies
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Dear Mr and Mrs Davies

DNA TESTING FOR EPISODIC FALLING IN CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIELS

I write to advise that a male tri coloured cavalier purchased from you in January 2007 has tested positive on a newly developed DNA test for Episodic Falling. I have attached the certificate from the Animal Health Trust

The Animal Health Trust has made advances in scientific research which now allows them to carry out tests for Episodic Falling, Dry Eye, and Curly Coat in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. The test is carried out by taking two swabs from the dog's mouth and then conducting tests on the DNA obtained from the submitted samples.

The DNA swabs were taken by my vet, who first identified the dog by checking and recording the dog's microchip number. The dog has suffered from Episodic Falling since 2007, but the DNA test has only recently become available.

The dog was recorded by you as born on 10/10/2006 and was purchased from you at 12 weeks old on the 7th January 2007 by Mrs Deborah Pate of Sandhurst, Berkshire. However, due to the dog being seriously ill from other conditions and the buyer being concerned about the health risks to their existing dog then the puppy was rehoused within 24 hours of purchase.

I would ask that you DNA test all your cavaliers to ensure that the genetic line that is producing this health condition of Episodic Falling is never breed from again. I have included the pedigree sheet that you provided to Mrs Pate so that you will know which dogs are most likely to be at risk from this terrible condition.

As you have portrayed yourself as a caring breeder on the ITV Wales this week program about puppy dealers, then I would hope that in future you would also only breed to the code of breeding for the health tests of each dog breed that you mate.

With specific regards to cavaliers, the UK Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club actively encourages all breeders to test their stock prior to every breeding for heart and eye problems and also to MRI screen for the serious condition of syringomyelia.

Health Clinics are organised around the country by the regional cavalier clubs for heart and eye problems. These health events are open to non-members of the various clubs.

Details can be found at <http://thecavalierclub.co.uk/health/helthintro.html>

Your local club is the South and West Wales cavalier club, who I am sure would be more than happy to see you at their health days.

Contact details of the South and West Wales Cavalier Club includes

Secretary Mr Gary Thomas 01495750559 jonsvillepekes@talktalk.net (Jonsville)

Health Rep Mr David Moger 01989 780200 david@gayhalo.co.uk (Gayhalo)

The Animal Health Trust can be contacted at

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The web page of the various genetics tests carried out by the Animal Health Trust, including the tests for cavaliers can be found at

<http://www.aht.org.uk/cms-display/dna-testing.html>

The DNA test for Episodic Falling, Dry Eye and Curly Coat is a one off genetic test and only cost a mere £48 at the time of writing.

Yours

CC The Kennel Club

South and West Wales Cavalier Club

AHT DNA Certificate removed to stop on-line copies being made

Pedigree

Breeder: P.A. Davies
Breed: Cavalier King Charles
Sex: Male

Colour: Tri
K.C. Reg No.
D.O.B. 10/10/06

Goitre Kennels

<p>Sire:Name</p> <p>Jess Of Halfway</p>	<p>Grand Sire:Name</p> <p>Dipsy Lad</p> <p>Grand Dam:Name</p> <p>Caligari Jackie</p>	<p>Great Grand Sire:Name</p> <p>Brynhyfryd Woody Joe</p> <p>Great Grand Dam:Name</p> <p>April Flower</p> <p>Great Grand Sire:Name</p> <p>Kenvee Cardi Bach</p> <p>Great Grand Dam:Name</p> <p>Caligari Rebecca</p>
<p>Dam:Name</p> <p>Dancing ABigail</p>	<p>Grand Sire:Name:</p> <p>Andy Cap</p> <p>Grand Dam:Name</p> <p>Pebbiloo Rhymes</p>	<p>Great Grand Sire:Name</p> <p>Caswellan Culture Beat</p> <p>Great Grand Dam:Name</p> <p>Merrydown Lady</p> <p>Great Grand Sire:Name</p> <p>Jester Charles</p> <p>Great Grand Dam:Name</p> <p>Kenwu Madam</p>