

# The National Tenterfield Terrier Council (Aust).

## SURVEY

### Introduction :

Our request to have blue coloured dogs acknowledged on our standard has been rejected by the ANKC due to their concerns that this dilution of the black colour has produced health problems in other breeds. The NTTC wishes to survey owners and/or breeders of blue dogs to build as correct a background as possible of the health of any blue dogs to date.

Dilution colours exist in the breed and as we are still developing why should we omit quality dogs based on colour with absolutely no evidence to show that there is a health concern with the dogs that are dilutes of already accepted colours.

Hearing loss and Alopecia are linked to the dilution gene in some breeds but not all breeds with the dilution gene are affected by health problems associated with these defective genes.

Examples - Weimaraners are all dilutes and they don't have a dilution gene hijacker that affects their health. Whippets, Greyhounds and Italian Greyhounds all carry the dilution gene without health issues associated with the resulting colours.

Many Terriers breeds are well established with dilute colours, American Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, etc. None of which have any associated dilution linked health concerns.

The dilute gene (blue & isabella) are not the same as the merle gene or grey collie syndrome genes which are associated with deafness.

**Problems may occur when breeding blue to blue and this is not condoned by the Council on any level** - our major concern is to breed healthy Tenterfield Terriers where colour is of the least importance and where soundness, conformation and temperament are a priority.

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We are conducting a survey of Tenterfield Terrier owners that have had the dilute colour blue in their lines.

Complete and return to [kiowah2222@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kiowah2222@yahoo.com.au) or post to 8 Brook Place, Kelmscott WA 6111.

1. How many Blues have you owned \_\_\_\_\_ and/or bred \_\_\_\_\_?

If you bred or own a blue dilute pup please complete one of these forms for each dog.

Name of dog (can be pet name) \_\_\_\_\_

2. What colour was the father \_\_\_\_\_ and mother \_\_\_\_\_

3. Was there any notable difference in the pup's development compared to other coloured pups?

4. Was there any delay in development?

5. Did the pup grow within breed normal range, ie not under or overweight?

6. Did the pup have any trouble with :

Alopecia (hair loss) YES / NO

Eye Sight YES / NO

Hearing YES / NO

Allergies YES / NO

Skin infections YES / NO

If possible please supply a photo of the dog, electronic is OK.

We would appreciate it if you would supply your name and email address or mobile number in case we have more questions for you. Please be assured details on this form will only be viewed by the necessary personnel on the Council and not provided to any third party.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details : Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_