

LIVING WITH IDIOPATHIC EPILEPSY IN DOGS



Do you own a dog with epilepsy?

Epilepsy ('idiopathic epilepsy') is the most common neurological disorder affecting dogs. A wide variety of diagnostic tests and medical treatment options are available and are well investigated. However, not much is known about the impact of epilepsy on your dog and your life.

Do you want to know more about the impact epilepsy has on your dog and you as an owner caring for a dog with epilepsy?

We at the University of Glasgow Veterinary School and the Royal Veterinary College University of London developed an online questionnaire focusing on the impact of your dog's epilepsy and its treatment on your dog and on your life caring for an epileptic dog. We hope this information will help other owners caring for dogs with epilepsy as well as veterinary surgeons in communicating issues associated with the fits.

We are interested in your observation as an owner living with a dog with epilepsy and invite you to fill out an online questionnaire.

Do you have a dog with epilepsy with **EITHER** recurrent fits for more than one year with the **first fit** having occurred in an age **between 6 months to 6 years**, **OR** was your dog **diagnosed by a specialist** with the aid of blood examination and MRI?

Then please complete a questionnaire by typing in the following into your internet-browser:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YX7ZXV8>

Password: Epilepsy1!

Starting date: 01.01.2011 Closure date: 31.03.2011

The data collected in this questionnaire will be collated and stored at the University of Glasgow Veterinary School and the Royal Veterinary College in London. Your completion of the questionnaire indicates your consent to participate in this study. All data for analysis will be anonymous and untraceable. The anonymous results will be published on the UGVS website and in a journal. Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours truly,

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