



Subject: Comment on the health status of Tatra hound breed dogs in the framework of preliminary results of the pilot study carried out at the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice - Small Animal Clinic.

This is to confirm that we have conducted a pilot study to screen the health status of Tatra hound. Our analysis included elbow joint dysplasia, hip joint dysplasia, transitional vertebra, knee joint screening, chest examination - X-ray and CT scan, cardiovascular system examination - ECG and echocardiography. In each examined individual, we additionally performed haematological blood examination, biochemical blood examination and parasite fauna examination to confirm the health status.

The health status of the Tatra hound dogs examined so far in the preliminary results of the pilot health screening study is **satisfactory** and we did not find any anomalies that would have a negative impact on the subsequent development of dogs of this breed. These results produce a positive perspective for breeding programmes and the preservation of the genetic integrity of the Tatra hound breed.

Our study will aim to provide information on the health status of the Tatra hound breed and to contribute to further breeding and conservation of this breed. We are convinced that our results will serve as a useful reference for breeders and animal health professionals. According that pilot study, health screening of Tatra hound will continue to be conducted and monitored at the Small Animal Clinic at the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice.

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