

Our Extreme Knowledge in the Background of the Bouvier

Why is Bajoron the solid choice for a puppy? We have some solid first hand stories from breeders who have been there since the late 1950s who have imparted health information to us and told us what they experienced firsthand not second hand.

We can speak to glaucoma all the way back to the time period and from there we have plotted where the illnesses have traveled. We watch as other breeder's pound their chests that they have frozen sperm from a certain dog that comes directly from a litter and a sire and dam that had glaucoma and passed it on to the dogs they had. Furthermore when that dog was bred, he produced an entire litter of glaucoma.

What was further proven is those same pairings not only had SAS in it, but cataracts as well. What was produced in the late 60s resurfaced in the same severity and more so in 1991 in what many consider being the breaking point for the bouvier and glaucoma when they really were unaware that cataracts and heart disease also glided on the same pedigree in a high % rate for puppies out of this family of dogs.

The Club continues to strive to solve the heart and eye issue through research when they don't realize that their continued use of highly line bred dogs pass on the issue to the subsequent offspring and grand offspring at a higher rate than a random occurrence. Once you have locked the triad of genetic issues in with multiple generations you have scattered the genetic DNA so that it is hard to unravel.

The first study at the University of Missouri proved to be bust due to the widespread genetic issues. To make matters worse many will not submit their DNA for study in fear of a witch hunt. And rightfully so is their fear, as the effected dogs are difficult to get away from. Those that seek to point figures are as much a problem as the pedigree itself.

This author has had difficult times trying to teach others about the problems. Many of the students/owners and breeders fears are not planted in Science but rumor and conjecture. For instance they believe that certain colors produce certain things, which is not a sound belief. In addition they don't really have solid information as to what dogs had what issues, nor is their knowledge a large database of dogs and what dogs had what illnesses. Many have a very narrow window of information. Our knowledge goes from the late 60s to present with many dogs falling in each category of illness (glaucoma, cataracts and Heart disease) if you have a starting point you can watch as the illness progresses through the generations and how it resurfaces after a year or 20 years as though it was always there. For some **dogs it was always there** despite the clean health exams. Yes a dog can pass on the genetic (genotype) but not display the illness. In fact it can go underground for years. However there are dogs that show the illness . . . and when it does you can see how it traveled via a pedigree.

We are currently researching dogs from the early 1940s to determine if the illnesses were prevalent then or just popped up now and then or were there on a regular basis. Remember the health determination ability was far less sophisticated in those days. Medicine has advanced in its ability to be diagnosed from the 60s on and it continues to be more advanced with each passing year.