

How can we test for Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy – JME and why is it so important?

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Any Rhodesian Ridgeback can be tested for JME.

Testing all potential breeding stock is essential to ensure only parent combinations who will not produce affected puppies are used.

If the dog is Royal Kennel Club registered in the owner's name and a RKC approved laboratory is used, the results will be recorded by the RKC.

Dogs who are not RKC registered can still be tested, but results will not be recorded. Please send these to the BHC whose contact details are listed below.

The more dogs tested and recorded, the more information we have available to help better understand how prevalent JME is in the Ridgeback gene pool.



How are samples collected ready for test?

Most Canine DNA testing laboratories require you to take a simple buccal swab (inside mouth/cheek) from your dog. Most laboratories will provide the swabs free of charge.

Where can I submit samples for testing?

One of the quick and easy ways to test your dogs, is to use Laboklin UK. Results from Laboklin are recognised and recorded by the Royal Kennel Club.

There are other options but please ensure they are recognised and that the RKC will record their results.

If you require any further information or advice, please contact:

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