



# NEWS RELEASE

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## NEW DNA TESTING SCHEME FOR OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG

Following consultation with the Old English Sheepdog breed health coordinator, on behalf of the breed clubs, the Kennel Club has recently approved a new official DNA testing scheme for primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD) in this breed.

This test is offered in France by Antagene ([www.antagene.com/en](http://www.antagene.com/en)) and in the Czech Republic from Genomia ([www.genomia.cz/en/veterinari/psi](http://www.genomia.cz/en/veterinari/psi)) and further details can be obtained from them directly. Information on PCD can also be found on several Old English Sheepdog breed club websites.

As copies of test results are not currently sent directly to the Kennel Club by the laboratories, the owner of a dog will be required to submit a copy of their dog's result if they wish the Kennel Club to record the DNA status.

Once received, the result will be added to the dog's registration details which will trigger the publication of the test result in the next available Breed Records Supplement. The result will appear on any new registration certificate issued for the dog and on the registration certificates of any future progeny of the dog, and also on the Health Test Results Finder on the Kennel Club website.

If the owner includes the original registration certificate for the dog (not a copy) then a new registration certificate will be issued, with the DNA result on it, free of charge. Please send any DNA test certificates to Health & Breeder Services, The Kennel Club, 1 – 5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB or scan and email copies of the certificates to [hbs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:hbs@thekennelclub.org.uk).

The Kennel Club continues to work alongside breed clubs and breed health coordinators, in a collaborative effort to improve the health of pedigree dogs. The Kennel Club is happy to accommodate a club's request to add a new DNA test to its lists and would normally need a formal request from the breed's health coordinator or a majority request from the breed clubs.

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