BREED SPECIFIC BREEDING GUIDELINES FOR IRISH GLEN OF IMAALTERRIERS IN FINLAND

For years 2014-2019

Present situation of the breed in Finland

- Narrow genepool have always been the broblem of the breed
- The number of registrations have raised during the years
- More active breeders have started breeding
- The breed population in Finland is one of the biggest in the whole world

Population used for breeding

- Though there are a lots of glens in Finland only a small part are used for breeding
- Breeders should use dogs more widely rather that use one from each litter for breeding
- Useful population is the problem of the whole breed so co-operation between the breeders from the other countries is important
- Over 10% inbreed is too much and the recommendation of it should be under 6%
- Many litters have had inbeeding coeff more that 6%

Number of glens used for breeding in Finland 1988- 2013

- 77 males out of which 54 are already second generations offspring
- 102 females out of which 63 are already second generations offsprings
- We do not have real matador breeding but the number of second generation breeding is more important
- Few imports have been used a lot

Health

- The reputation of health of the breed was good for years until PRA got thru
- 2006 done health survey which showed the problems were allergies and itching
- 2013 health survey showed that we have the skin problems still and also problems with the structure and also cancer and tumors

Eye diseases

- PRA
- Hereditary cataract
- RD
- Distichiasis
- PHTVL
- PPM

Tumors

- Mostly spleen and liver but also mammary tumors and skin tumors
- Mostly on older dogs so the final diagnoses may not be done because the people do not find it important

Hip and elbow dysplacia

- Not that many dogs examinet yet but the number is rising
- So far it seems that most glens have hip dysplacia degree C
- Quite a few have degree A or B.
- Some have degree D
- Situation is not very good and attention should be payed at the hips and the elbows and atleast the dogs used for breeding should be examined

Allergies

- The number of allergies are obvious
- Top problem in our health survey
- Usually skin problems

Mouth

- Problems with bites
- Problems with missing teeth, usually premolars

Our goals of breeding

- Keep the glens character to be as it should be, loving the people
- Made the genepool wider
- Try to breed as healthy dogs as possible

Recommendations for stud dogs and combinations

- Eyetesting valid for 12 months- PRA-Cataracta...
- Hip and elbow examination
- Heart auscultation and knee examination
- Not to use dog which is having allergies
- Not to use dogs who are scared for voices
- Maximum 2 litters/dog, both females and males
- Show result should be atleast good
- Dog shouldn't be used before the age of 2 and females not to be used after 7 yrs