

Rottweiler Health Database

For the past 30 years of being active in Rottweilers, I have come to realize that there are few resources to research health issues that affect the breed. Other breeds, i.e., the Bernese Mountain Dogs, Poodles, White German Shepherds, etc., have clubs/organizations that have undertaken the development of databases that maintain accurate records of individual dogs – both health clearances and those that have been officially diagnosed with a specific illness and/or died due to a specific illness.

By virtue of having access to such data, breeders can make more knowledgeable decisions when researching pedigrees for breeding purposes.

It should be the goal of every breeder to enhance and improve the Rottweiler, not only phenotypically but genotypically and with a database that has the capability to list known and confirmed health issues in individual dogs as well as clearances, those goals can be better met.

I have volunteered to undertake the startup of this project in the form of a spread sheet that I will maintain and share a PDF copy with the American Rottweiler Club to keep an updated version on the ARC website and the ARC FB page.

Any owner or breeder can provide confirmed knowledge of a health issue affecting one of their Rottweilers as well as clearances and are encouraged to submit that data to be included in this health database.

This is purely a volunteer effort as I have been in contact with Cornell, OFA and other facilities and learned the importance of gathering the knowledge of health issues in our breed into one source.

The most complete and open health database on a breed is maintained by the Bernese Mountain Dog Foundation and contains nearly every breedable dog in the breed. This database can be seen at www.bernergarde.org/db/main.html While funds and personnel do not allow us at this time to have a database this elaborate, I am hoping to someday reach that goal!

I am looking for people to indicate if they would be interested in such a database or not. Transparency of health is needed in our breed and ideally the database will contain not just breeding dogs but pets too, as well as clear and affected dogs.

I will be creating a page on my website specifically for this project soon.

Please contact me for any questions.

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