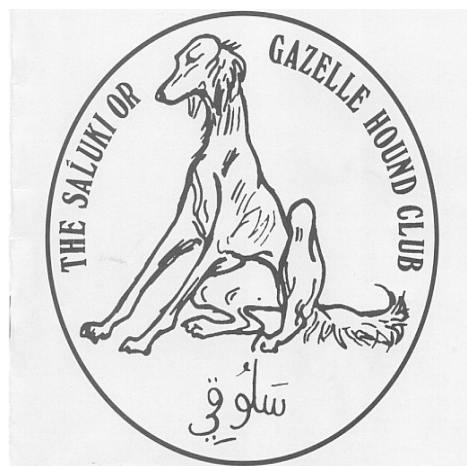


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Dear Veterinary Surgeon,

There is evidence of sudden death in young salukis aged - between 12 months and five years. As yet no reason or clear pattern has been found to explain these deaths. Dogs either collapse during exercise or are found dead in their beds. The Saluki Club is anxious to investigate these deaths in depth in an effort to pinpoint the reason.

Please could you carry out a full post mortem on this saluki. In addition the club would ask your cooperation in assisting in a standard screening, bacteriological and histopathological.

We would be grateful if you would examine the following fresh tissues:

1. 3 inches of ileum tied off at each end.
2. A minimum of 1 ccm of liver.
3. A minimum of 1 ccm of lung
4. A swab taken from the sectioned brain stem (when the head is removed).
5. Optional submission of any enlarged or haemorrhagic lymph nodes.

For histopathology select sections about 1ccm and place in 10 times their own volume of 10% formol saline. If lesions are present include margin between lesion and normal tissue.

The following tissues should be selected

1. Liver
2. Lung
3. Heart muscle (ventricle)
4. Tricuspid valves and supporting structures
5. Any other lesion found at post mortem

We would be very grateful for a copy of your findings.

We are most thankful for your collaboration in these investigations. If you have any areas of concern please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

For The Saluki and Gazelle Hound Club