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Dear Breed Health Co-ordinator,

As you may be aware, the Kennel Club has been collaborating with the British Veterinary Association and the Eye Panel Working Party to assess the current format of the BVA/KC/ International Sheepdog Society (ISDS), particularly with regard to Schedule B.

Following this, it has been decided by the Working Party that as of 1st January 2020 your breed will no longer be listed under Schedule B of the eye scheme for Hereditary cataracts (early developing) (HC), but will be listed under Schedule A for Goniodysgenesis/ primary glaucoma (G). This is due to evidence that Goniodysgenesis/ primary glaucoma (G) is a recognised concern in your breed and therefore should be considered prior to breeding, and that Hereditary cataracts (early developing) (HC) is not, at this time, a concern in your breed.

Furthermore, Schedule B will cease to exist as of this date of implementation. However, any additional abnormalities not currently recognised in your breed will continue to be collated into an annual sightings report. This sightings report will then be reviewed annually by the Eye Panel Working Party, allowing continued monitoring of the incidence of any conditions in your breed. Should there be an apparent prevalence of a particular condition this will be reviewed by the group, and potentially added to Schedule A.

We would be grateful if you, in your capacity as Breed Health Co-ordinator, could share this update with your breed. A Q&A will be on our website shortly.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

The Health Team

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