

PRA, YOU CAN HELP
By Jane Torma

This is an urgent plea from your PRA committee. We are in desperate need for all of you to please get your pet Entlebucher to your nearest board certified Ophthalmologist. To find the one nearest you, please go to our website www.nemda.org and click on the link under PRA under health problems.

We understand that these doctors are spread out and may not be convenient, but please, it is very important that we have as many dogs examined to find which of them actually have PRA at this time. Our research doctor, Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones, really needs as much blood from the PRA affected Entlebucher AND their closest relatives as possible at this time. The sooner he gets what he needs for his research, the sooner we will have our breed specific test, and the sooner this eye problem will be a thing of the past. Instructions on how to send blood is on the PRA page of the website. So please, get your pet to a board certified Ophthalmologist for an eye exam (and let them know that PRA is a problem in this breed). Please bring them the full translation of the PRA study that Dr Spiess wrote, this can be found on the PRA page as well. And if your dog has PRA, please contact one of the members of the PRA committee for instructions on what to do next. Or you can send blood to the scientist confidentially also. We are also here to listen and understand your shock and grief. Some of us on the committee are living with PRA blind dogs, and the rest of us are very involved in this important research and want to be here to help you through it.

Thank you so very much,
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