

Detection of expanded 12-mer repeat in  
NHLRC1 gene causing Lafora epilepsy in  
several dog breeds

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**Sample:**

Sample: 23-36305

Date received: 01.02.2024

Sample type: buccal swab

Information provided by the customer

**Name:** Burnvale Dazzling Diamond At Culsalmond

**Breed:** Basset Hound

Microchip: 992 000 000 372 411

Reg. number: AY11464902

Date of birth: 22 August 2021

Sex: female

Date of sampling: 20.01.2024

**Result:** N<sub>3</sub>/N<sub>3</sub>

**Result codes:**

- N<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>/N<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>3</sub> = negative genotype, dog carrying two or three 12-mers.
- N<sub>2</sub>/P, N<sub>3</sub>/P = carrier of Lafora epilepsy.
- P/P = dog affected by Lafora epilepsy.

**Explanation**

Presence or absence of expanded 12-mer repeat in NHLRC1 gene causing Lafora epilepsy in Beagles, Miniature Wirehaired Dachshunds, Basset Hound and Chihuahua was tested. The occurrence of this mutation in other breeds cannot be excluded.

Generally, the clinical signs appear at 5-6 years of age or later. Epileptic seizures include mainly sudden involuntary muscle jerking. Over time seizures are accompanied by other neurological symptoms such as ataxia, twinkling, blindness or dementia. This form of epilepsy is incurable and fatal.

Expanded 12-mer repeat in NHLRC1 gene causing Lafora epilepsy is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait. That means the disease affects dogs with P/P genotype only. Carriers are healthy without symptoms of epilepsy. In offspring of two carriers following genotype distribution can be expected: 25 % N/N, 25 % P/P and 50 % N/P.

Method: SOP187-Lafora, ASA-PCR of DNA modified template, accredited method

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