

KEYSTONE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB



ANNUAL EYE CLINIC

with Dr. Gustavo Aquirre



SUNDAY, March 30, 2008

LOCATION: French Creek Veterinary Hospital Route 23, Pottstown, PA

COST: \$26.00 for the 1st dog \$24.00 for each additional dog

DIRECTIONS: FROM EAST & WEST - PA Turnpike to Exit 23 (Downingtown)
Route 100 North approximately 10 miles to Route 23
left on Route 23 West, 1.3 miles
to French Creek Veterinary Hospital on left.

FROM NORTH & SOUTH – Route 100 to Route 23,

FOR INFORMATION & TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL:
Mary Harkins – (610) 346-9370 or e-mail: mcharkins@worldnet.att.net
Problems on the day of Clinic call 610-850-2159

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR DOG'S AKC NUMBER
AND TATTOO OR MICROCHIP NUMBER FOR CERF**

Cerf – Canine Eye Registration Foundation

CERF stands for Canine Eye Registration Foundation. Starting January 1, 2001, a permanent identification in the form of a DNA profile or a tattoo or microchip will be needed for any dog to be registered with CERF. Dogs not permanently identified will continue to be CERF'd, however, they will be issued a number suffix "N" indicating that the dog has No permanent identification. For example:

A dog with permanent identification would receive LR-54321

A dog without permanent identification would receive LR-54321N

This will affect all forms with examination dates after February 28, 2001.

Notify CERF when your dog receives a permanent ID and CERF will update your dog's records.

Annual CERF exams are just like your own annual eye exams. Done each year, they can detect any changes in the eye and often can prevent a problem from causing further damage or blindness. Dogs have many different eye problems with some not evidencing themselves until the dog is an adult. Cataracts, cholesterol deposits in the eye, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, and eyelash abnormalities are just a few. An annual eye exam by a certified veterinary ophthalmologist is important and having your dog registered with CERF is highly recommended.

For the CERF exam, a few drops will be placed in your dog's eyes causing them to dilate. This is not painful at all and wears off after 20 minutes or so. The ophthalmologist will examine your dog's eyes in a darkened room and after a few minutes, it'll be over. **There is important paperwork to be filled out. You'll need your dog's AKC Registered Name, AKC Registration Number, prior CERF number if you have one, and Tattoo or Microchip number if you have one.**