



Bavarian Mountain Hound Society of GB

Dear Member/Attendee,

As a Breed and Training Society we have a duty of care to all our members and to those people who attend our training days. Therefore we are obliged to make you aware of certain hazards that might occur on training days. One of these, as you might be aware, is Alabama Rot. As the majority of our training areas have confirmed cases of Alabama Rot within 20 miles of the locations, there are certain steps we, as a society, will need to take.

What will change?

You will notice a disclaimer on SimplyBookMe, which will need to be acknowledged before you are able to proceed with your booking and payment. This is to confirm that the person making the booking has read the disclaimer and understood the issue.

On the actual training day you will be briefed by the Training Officer of the venue regarding the current situation on Alabama Rot, tick borne diseases as well as snakes etc. Attendees then will need to sign an additional disclaimer based on the latest information. The information re Alabama Rot will be based on the Vets4Pets map of confirmed cases.

You will be eligible for refunds if you decide later on to cancel your day, and you will also have an option to carry over your booking to another training day at that location if you wish to do so.

ALABAMA ROT

Advice as per Anderson Moores Veterinary Specialists
(<https://www.andersonmoores.com/owner/CRGV.php>)

Alabama Rot, also known as Cutaneous and Renal Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV), is a disease that causes damage to blood vessels of the skin and kidneys. It causes tiny blood clots to form in the blood vessels which blocks them and can ultimately lead to damage of the affected tissue. In the skin, this causes ulceration; however, in the kidney it can lead to severe organ dysfunction (kidney failure).

What causes CRGV?

The cause at this time remains unknown but investigations are ongoing.

How do I stop my dog from getting CRGV?

Unfortunately, as the cause is currently unknown, it is very difficult to give specific advice about prevention. You may wish to consider bathing any area of your dog which becomes wet or muddy on a walk; however, at this stage we do not know if this is necessary or of any benefit.

Where should I walk my dog to avoid CRGV?

Cases of CRGV have been reported from across many different counties in the UK and we are not currently advising dog owners to avoid any particular locations. Although an environmental cause for this disease is considered possible it has not been proven with testing to date.

A map detailing all confirmed cases since 2012, is available at www.vets4pets.com/stop-alabama-rot/

How will I know if my dog gets CRGV?

Unexplained redness, sores or swelling of the skin (particularly on the paws or legs but also the body, face, tongue or mouth) are often the first sign of this disease. It is important to remember that most of the time a skin problem will NOT be caused by CRGV; however, the lesions in CRGV can be difficult to distinguish from cuts, wounds, stings or bites, so if in doubt it is better to seek veterinary advice. Even if the skin changes are caused by CRGV, many dogs will not develop kidney problems and will recover fully.

KEY MESSAGE: although CRGV can be very serious, the number of dogs affected with skin lesions and kidney failure remains low (122 confirmed cases across the UK between November '12 and Jan'18).

How is CRGV treated?

If your dog develops a skin lesion your vet will be able to advise you on the most appropriate management. Your vet will decide if your dog needs antibiotics and if the area needs covering. Some forms of painkiller (called non-steroidal) may be best avoided. Dogs developing kidney failure (which is called acute kidney injury) will need much more intensive management and your vet may recommend referral to a specialist.

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