

## HEART TESTING SHAVING INFORMATION

In a limited number of dogs the amount of hair around their left elbow makes it more difficult for the cardiologist to determine accurate results. If that is the case it would be beneficial for the owner to agree to a tiny amount of hair to be shaved from around the elbow area.

The shaved area is about the size of a 50p piece and the cardiologist can complete a “breeders” clip which is where the hair overhanging the clipped area is left so that the no skin can be seen.

The photos below were taken from a dog who was heart tested at the Limited Shows in Sept to give you an idea of what is involved in relation to the shaving. However, if you would still prefer not to have your dog shaved please discuss this with the cardiologist prior to the examination as with the use of gels etc the cardiologist may still be able to get accurate readings but this may take a bit more time.

Photo 1 – Dog before clipping



Photo 2 – The clipped area



Photo 3 – After clipping with the overhanging hair retained to cover the shaved area

