

Title: The Heartbreak of Wobblers

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Summary: George a beloved family pet was taken from his family at 11 months old due to wobblers, here is his story as told by Nicola his owner.

George was terribly inbred and his breeders now have another litter for sale from a American Bulldog x Cane Corso. The Cane Corso bitch they have has just had her second litter at 18 months old and they are still breeding and people are still buying.....

This is what happens when you buy your dog from people only breeding with money in mind....

My husband and I researched lots of breeds and decided the CC was for us, with three young boys we needed a dog good with kids this was our most important attribute and the CC seemed a good choice. We looked on the internet in the freeads and came across a breeder in Birmingham that had a blue boy pup available, he emailed us lots of pics and we fell head over heels in love with him.

At the time my husband commuted up to London twice a week so was going to go via Birmingham to view the pup. however the breeder said they loved Cornwall and were more than happy to bring him down for us to look at. He emailed us photos of the parents and told how they had a 5 generation pedigree.

Two days later they arrived with George who we obviously fell in love with Basil our old Boxer took to him straight away and everything was great we paid the breeder £750 and that was it.

Within a couple of weeks George developed cherry eye as pre-warned by the breeder he had to have 4 operations to correct both eyes as the vets tried to tuck them until resorting to cutting them. At around 6-7 months he had a 'fit' which was very frightening he could not catch his breath and was vomiting blood. He was rushed to the vets where he stayed on oxygen for 24 hours before coming home. This happened twice more.

All this time he was growing he had enormous paws and was very clumsy we just thought he was growing into his legs. About a month ago we went on holiday for a week George and Basil went into kennels, when we picked them up George did not seem himself. The kennels had called the vet out as he had fallen over on his side and was unsteady on his legs. I spoke to the vets who told me to keep an eye on it . Within a week we were at the vets as G would fall over all the time at first it was his back end that would collapse then his front end started to go and he would knuckle over unable to get himself up. He could not turn and would just fall often hitting his head on the skirting board or such like.

I took him to the vets who referred him up to Royal Bristol Vet College we got an appointment for him, they did all sorts of tests on him he had no reflexes in his front paws, he had x rays and MRI scans and the results were that he had a deformity on his vertabrea, Wobblers syndrome. The

prognosis was not good he could have had his back operated on but for it to go again in a different place and after enduring difficult surgery there were no guarantees that it would actually improve his condition.

After much deliberation we decide to let him go with dignity so on 4th June 26 days before his 1st birthday George was put to sleep.

What can a say the whole family adored him and we are all grieving for him, he had a lovely life with his walks on the beach and it is there that we will scatter his ashes.

Thank you for helping us at least if they are stopped George wont have died in van.