



## **Cerebellar abiotrophy (Ataxia) in Australian Kelpies**

- Signs may in severity over time, but once present will persist.
- The severity of clinical signs between affected dogs may vary from mild to severe.

<b>Questionnaire</b>	<b>Your Response</b> <i>(please elaborate where required)</i>
a) What age did you first notice abnormalities in movement or coordination in the dog? b) What was the first sign you noticed?	a) ..... weeks old b)
a) Does your dog have a head tremor? b) Is it worse when the dog is paying attention to something?	a) Yes/No (circle one) b) Yes/No (circle one)
a) Does your dog easily jump up onto objects? b) Is he/she coordinated when jumping up?	a) Yes/No (circle one) b) Yes/No (circle one)
a) Does your dog have an unusual or unsteady walk? b) Is he/she coordinated when running and turning corners?	a) Yes/No (circle one) b) Yes/No (circle one)
Does your dog have a high stepping front leg gait?	
Does your dog have well developed leg muscles?	
Does your dog stand with a wide-based hind leg stance?	
Does your dog have difficulty while drinking water or picking up food from a bowl?	
Has your dog ever had any fits, episodes of unconsciousness or a seizure? If so, how often, how severe and when did it start?	
Does your dog show any other abnormal signs? If so, please describe?	
Does your dog have any other signs suggesting brain or other disease?	

<b>Physical Examination Checklist</b>			
<b>Clinical Sign</b>	<b>(Y/N)</b>	<b>Clinical Sign</b>	<b>(Y/N)</b>
Intention head tremor		Wide based stance	
Head tilt		High stepping gait	
Abnormal body weight/ body size		Proprioceptive deficits	
Postural reaction deficits		Ataxia	