



Perfect results of the PK Def tests at Titran's



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The last two-three months, Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PK Def) http://vetbook.org/wiki/cat/index.php/Pyruvate_kinase_deficiency has become a hot issue in the international NFO world. It was by chance, thanks to some combined tests packages offered by labs like Laboklin or Antagène, that it was discovered that the NFO got hit by this disease called PK Def. Some carriers (N/K) and even a few K/K have been detected so far. "What can be done?" was the obvious question that came up next.

Good news is that there is a genetic (fully reliable) test which allows to determine the current PK Def status of every single NFO. Amazingly, some NFO breeders of various countries have not only being strongly criticizing the PK Def testing of NFO's but they were also opposed to the open discussions about this topic in the socials medias and also against the publication of the test results in some free accessible databases. Their reasoning? All this would negatively influence the public opinion and make the NFO breed be perceived as a breed subject to illness.

I'm, very firmly, opposed to this view. We all know that every cat, NFO or not, can develop one or the other illness, some of them being genetic and therefore can be transmitted by the parents to their offspring. Thus what's more natural and reasonable than to test our NFO's as soon as we know that they can be subject to a disease like PK Def? To me, it's simply a question of good breeding ethics and taking responsibility as a breeder. It's exactly what we did a few ago when GSD IV became an issue.

Don't let forget that luckily we have a reliable genetic test of PK Def and it's therefore very simple to determine who is normal, carrier or even ill. This last category will of course have to be excluded from breeding but carriers (N/K) can very easily, temporarily, being included in our breeding programs up to the moment when they can be replaced by some N/N offspring. That's the best way to avoid to reduce the genetic pool of our breed.

All this to tell you that **17 of our cats, neuters, youngsters & adults, have been tested and we are very happy and pleased with the results: all our cats are tested N/N. Titran's cattery is 100 % free of PK Def as of GSD IV.** Also the (non genetic) tests of felv-fiv, HCM, PKD & CIN are all normal.

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