**BAER TESTING (HEARING)**

BAER testing is a one-off test which will determine whether your miniature bull terrier can hear in both ears, one ear or none.

The best age to test a litter is around 5.5 to 6.5 weeks of age (ear canals don’t open until puppies are about 2 weeks old). The test can be carried out at any age after this, including on adult dogs; however, many breeders wish to know the hearing status of their pups before they go to their new homes. Also, at this age, puppies have an active period followed by a period of sleep, which is the perfect time to carry out the test.

The Kennel Club run a formal BAER testing scheme where results can be recorded on the dogs record and are available on the Kennel Club Health Test Results Finder. More details can be found at the following URL

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/glossary/screening-scheme.aspx?id=BAER+Programme&ReturnUrl=%2Fservices%2Fpublic%2Fglossary%2Fscreening-all.aspx>

Requirements for publishing results:

All participating dogs will need to be KC registered and microchipped (prior to screening).

The microchip of individual dogs will be scanned prior to screening to verify that the correct dog is being screened.

Owners are encouraged to submit copies of the certificates themselves directly to the Kennel Club, if the testing centre does not automatically do so.

**The Southern Miniature Bull Terrier encourages all its’ members to health test.**