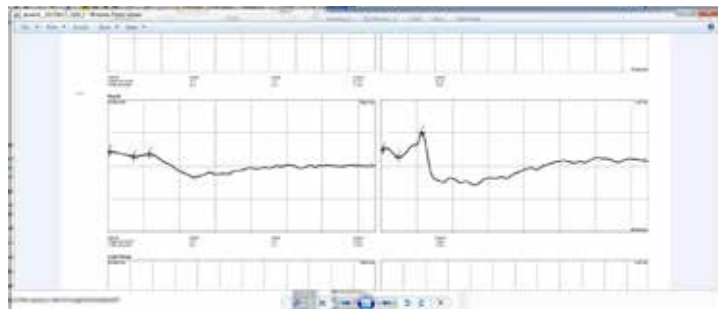


# SARDS

## - Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome



Retinal view SARDS



left: flat line ERG, right: normal ERG

### What is SARDS?

SARDS is an abbreviation of Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome, a condition involving the retina (thin layer of nerve cells at the back of the eye which convert light into electrical signals) and resulting in sudden onset of irreversible blindness.

### Why does it occur?

The exact cause is unknown, however immune-mediated/genetic causes have been suggested. This condition is typically seen in middle aged slightly overweight female dogs.

### Can both eyes be affected?

One of the hallmarks of SARDS is bilateral symmetric involvement.

### Are any breeds predisposed?

Whereas SARDS can affect any breed we tend to see it more frequently in middle aged female, Dachshunds with a recent history of weight gain.

### What treatment options do I have?

Unfortunately there is no clinically proven treatment for SARDS, however this disease is a subject of current research.

### Is my dog in any pain?

Fortunately this disease is not painful. Although it takes time, most dogs adapt well to being blind.

### Want to know more?

If you have any further questions regarding this or any other condition feel free to ask us during the consultation, or contact us:

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