



Awareness Week

May 1 - 7 2017

(May 5th Cri Du Chat Awareness Day)

- CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME (ALSO KNOWN AS 5P MINUS) IS CAUSED BY A MISSING PIECE OF THE SHORT ARM OF CHROMOSOME 5

- CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME IS A RARE GENETIC DISORDER AFFECTING 1 IN 37,000 TO 1 IN 50,000 PEOPLE

- MOST INDIVIDUALS WITH CRI DU CHAT UNDERSTAND MORE THAN THEY CAN VERBALLY EXPRESS

- MOST INDIVIDUALS WITH CRI DU CHAT WILL HAVE MODERATE TO PROFOUND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY; HOWEVER, SOME ARE MORE MILDLY AFFECTED

- CRI DU CHAT IS FRENCH FOR CRY OF THE CAT AS A CAT LIKE CRY IS A NOTICEABLE CHARACTERISTIC AT BIRTH

- CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME WAS DISCOVERED IN 1963 BY A FRENCH GENETICIST, JEROME LEJEUNE

- CHILDREN WITH CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME HAVE DELAYED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Children with Cri Du Chat syndrome are happy and excitable

Early therapies such as physiotherapy and speech and language therapy can really help our children to achieve

With the right help and support some children can attend mainstream school and reach typical milestones in their own time

Children with Cri Du Chat syndrome show us just what can be achieved if you put your mind to it. They have great determination

COMMON CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN WITH CRI DU CHAT INCLUDE:

DELAYED MILESTONES

FAILURE TO THRIVE

MUSCLE WEAKNESS OR LOW MUSCLE TONE

POOR MOBILITY

DIFFICULTY IN FEEDING

HEART AND OTHER ORGAN DEFECTS

SPEECH DELAY

BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS

ORTHOPAEDIC PROBLEMS

EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

WWW.CRIDUCHAT.ORG.UK

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