



THE KENNEL CLUB  
DOG HEALTH

# Breed Health and Conservation Plan

## Dachshund (All Varieties) Action Plan

## PRIORITIES

A meeting was held with Dachshund breed club representatives on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to discuss Section 1 of the BHCP and agree the priority issues for the health of the breed. The group agreed from the information provided and their own experience that the priority for the Dachshunds were:

- IVDD
- Lafora's in the Miniature Wirehaired variety
- Eye disease

The following conditions were also agreed to be kept at watch:

- Colour dilution alopecia
- Mitral valve disease
- Pes varus
- Maintenance of genetic diversity

## ACTION PLAN

The following actions were decided between the breed clubs and the Kennel Club to tackle the priorities agreed (see above).

Breed club actions include:

- The breed council to send a list of genetically possible coat colours to the Kennel Club to be discussed at the next Colour Not Recognised working group meeting. – **COMPLETE**
- The breed council to continue to encourage participation in IVDD testing with the potential for subsidising tests. – **ONGOING**
- A Breed Watch proposal to be made for all varieties. Incorrect hindquarter movement, especially in the miniatures, as a possible result of pes varus and sore or runny eyes which may be due to distichiasis. – **COMPLETE**
- Two proposals to be made to the Assured Breeder Scheme for IVDD testing and participation in the BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme to become recommendations across all Dachshund varieties. – **COMPLETE**

Kennel Club actions include:

- The Kennel Club to review and assist in promoting the Dachshund cancer survey, to determine whether particular cancers should also be considered a priority issue. – **COMPLETE**

- The Kennel Club to encourage participation in IVDD testing. – **ONGOING**
- The Kennel Club to request an update from the AHT with regard to progress in development of a swab test for Lafora disease. – **COMPLETE**
- The Kennel Club to keep the breed updated as to the feasibility of developing a spinal scheme
- The Kennel Club will review progress with the Dachshund breed club representatives in January 2021