

# 10 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR VET



#### IS IT IVDD?

Is this IVDD or might there be another problem?

## **DIAGNOSTIC TESTS**

What diagnostic tests are needed to confirm this is IVDD? (e.g imaging: myelogram, MRI, CT; blood tests)

#### **PROGNOSIS**

What is the likely success of these treatment options?

#### IVDD EXPERIENCE

Have you successfully treated dogs with similar symptoms?

# **DECIDING WHAT TO DO**

How quickly do we need to make a decision on the best course of action?

When you first visit your vet if you suspect your Dachshund has a back problem, it can be hard to remember all the important questions to ask.

Here's our checklist.

#### **PAIN RESPONSE**

What grade (1-5) of pain response does my dog have?

# TREATMENT OPTIONS

What are the treatment options? (Conservative and/or Surgical)

# DRUG SIDE EFFECTS

What are the potential side-effects of any drugs that will be prescribed?

#### **REFERRALS**

Do we need a referral to a veterinary neurologist?

## **LIKELY COSTS**

What will the different treatment options cost? (at least, approximately)