

# DACHSHUND IVDD

ADVICE FOR OWNERS

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF BACK DISEASE?

There are 3 main signs to look out for

### 1 Pain

- Yelping (unprovoked, or when handled)
- Reluctance to jump or climb
- Arching of the back
- Head carried low
- Reluctance to lower head to eat
- Reluctance to look upwards

### 2 Incoordination

- Most commonly in the hind legs
- May affect all 4 limbs
- Obvious stumbling, swaying and wobbliness
- Paws may occasionally be placed upside down
- May scrape claws on the ground

### 3 Paralysis

- Usually hind legs, but sometimes all four
- Usually preceded by incoordination
- May be associated with urinary incontinence



**Always seek advice from your vet:**

In cases where your dog is in pain or showing mild incoordination, you should see your vet within 24 hours.

In cases of paralysis or rapid progression of incoordination, this should be treated as an emergency and you should ask to see a vet urgently.

For more information, visit:

[www.dachshund-ivdd.uk](http://www.dachshund-ivdd.uk)