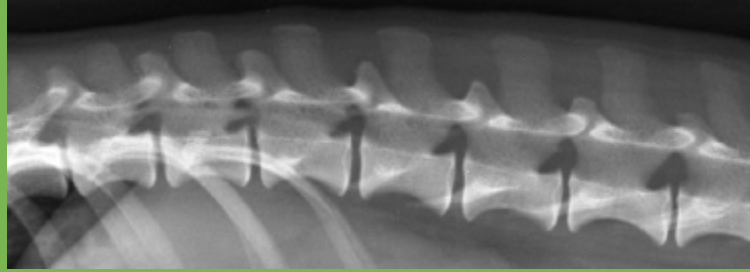


DACHSHUND BACK DISEASE IVDD SCREENING



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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BACK DISEASE RISK

As many as 1 in 4 Dachshunds may suffer some degree of back problem in their life. This can range from pain to life-changing, or life-threatening, paralysis.

CALCIFICATIONS

Dachshunds' discs degenerate and calcify from a young age. Calcifications are visible on X-Rays. Dogs with many calcifications produce puppies with many calcifications.

PREDICTING IVDD

The lower the number of calcifications (age 24-48 months), the lower the risk of IVDD. Dogs with 5+ calcifications are 18 times more likely to have IVDD than dogs with no calcifications.

ADVICE FOR BREEDERS

Breeding from dogs with low numbers of calcifications is likely to produce puppies with low numbers of calcifications and a lower risk of IVDD.

REDUCING IVDD

Over time, by using X-Ray Screening to select away from dogs with high numbers of calcifications, we expect to reduce the prevalence of IVDD in Dachshunds.

NEXT STEPS...

If you plan to breed from your Dachshund and it is between 24 and 48 months old, you can join the Breed Council's IVDD Screening Programme.

