



Purpose – Aims – Objectives

2016

DISA is an Australia wide non-partisan educational and support organisation dedicated to the future health, welfare and integrity of dachshunds. Its primary focus is to educate in order to broaden awareness about IVDD, which is now one of the biggest health issues within the breed.

DISA aims to:

1. Provide support, guidance, assistance, information and education to dachshund owners about IVDD (Intervertebral Disc Disease).
2. Advocate for the education of dachshund owners in the awareness of IVDD and the management and treatment options available.
3. Liaise with veterinary surgeons, specialists, allied services and likeminded individuals and agencies to promote IVDD awareness.
4. Ultimately be at the forefront in the race for a cure for IVDD.

Objectives:

- (a) Be dedicated to the health and future welfare of dachshunds by educating and encouraging future owners to acquire future puppies from registered reputable breeders with the ANKC whom health test prior to all planned litters and have the knowledge of IVDD in their breeding bloodlines.
- (b) Proactively liaise with Regional, State and National Dachshund Boards and Clubs, and overseas organisations dedicated to the future welfare of the breed including, but not limited to, The Dachshund Breed Council.
- (c) Proactively liaise with, but not limited to, Dachshund Rescue Groups, Dachshund Owners' Groups & Clubs, IVDD forums and Supporters to promote and support IVDD awareness.
- (d) DISA will not align itself with events/promotions which may cause a further demand on the breed.
- (e) DISA promotes responsible breeding practices and discourages public promotion of the breed through events and/or promotions excluding closed Owners/Breeders events.
- (f) Work with like-minded individuals and agencies to assist in the promotion of IVDD management and treatment.
- (g) Through fundraising produce and publish information and educational literature for distribution, but not limited to, dachshund owners, veterinary professionals and allied care providers.
- (h) Contribute to research into the breed by partaking in any health surveys for the breed or get involved with any veterinary research.
- (i) In relation to IVDD, contribute and assist towards research including but not limited to genetic genome research by partaking actively in any veterinary or lifestyle surveys.