

ROLE DESCRIPTION FOR THE LABRADOR BREED HEALTH COORDINATORS

1. Provide a central point of contact between the Breed and the Kennel Club for all matters concerning health. The co-ordinators should normally be a committee member of a Labrador breed club.
2. Provide advice, help and support, in complete confidence, to owners/breeders on health matters affecting their dogs;
3. Provide accurate, reliable and consistent information to breeders/owners and the general public, in order to educate and raise awareness about health issues that affect or could affect the Breed. This to include ensuring a suitable Health area on the Breed Council web site.
4. Liaise with the Breed Clubs/Council to inform, update and consult with them over the breed's health and other relevant general canine health issues, and to act jointly on their behalf to enable a co-ordinated approach to Breed health matters;
5. Research, compile and publish information and updates on all health matters affecting the breed, via Breed Clubs/Council websites, newsletters/leaflets/flyers, yearbook and any other relevant publications;
6. Receive, record and monitor input from owners/breeders concerning reported cases of illness/disease and causes of death, in order to keep abreast of current health issues affecting the Breed and be alerted as early as possible to any significant new issues that may be emerging;
7. Compile annual health reports on behalf of the Breed Clubs/Council for submission to the KC with their annual returns, and provide additional interim health reports to the Breed Clubs as and when necessary;
8. Communicate and liaise with professional associations and institutions (including The Kennel Club, British Veterinary Association and Animal Health Trust), veterinary practitioners, referral clinicians, researchers, geneticists, charities and other regulatory or advisory organisations concerned with canine health & welfare;
9. Keep abreast of developments in canine research, legislation, disease knowledge, both within the UK and worldwide;
10. Attend meetings, health related seminars, conferences etc. as and when necessary.

This role description was developed using the Kennel Club example role description for a Breed Health Co-ordinator.