

Labrador Breed Council Health and Welfare Sub-committee terms of reference

Main purpose of Sub-committee

To develop policy on health and welfare (H&W) of the breed, including the prevention of ill-health, the promotion of fit and healthy lifestyles and the reduction of health problems, and make recommendations as necessary to the Breed Clubs/Council

Key areas of responsibility

- *To keep track of emerging information in relation to H&W issues relating to the breed and circulate this information to the Breed Clubs/Council in a timely manner.
- To liaise with Breed Council Officers, Subcommittees and Club delegates in order to develop H&W policy.
- To define H&W issues which should be addressed by the Breed Clubs/Council.
- To recommend to the Breed Clubs/Council those health and welfare issues which should be pursued as a matter of urgency.
- To investigate and, if necessary, initiate research into current and potential breed health and welfare issues.
- To provide advice to Breed Clubs/Council on H&W matters
- To ensure articles and information published on H&W matters, by the committee, reflect a fair, honest and positive representation of the work being done by the Breed Clubs/Council

Liaison with:

- All Officers, Sub-committees and Clubs/Council representatives
- Subject matter specialists (e.g. AHT, KC, Vets)

The H&W Sub-committee will be responsible to:

- The Chairman of the Breed Council and will liaise closely with the Council.

Meetings to attend:

- Breed Club/Council Meetings
- Annual General Meetings
- Health Sub-committee meetings, as required
- H&W seminars and symposia, as appropriate

Membership and Term of Role:

- The H&W Sub-committee will be appointed for five years at a time. The breed clubs will provide nominations from their committees for the members and for the Breed Health co-ordinators who will automatically be members of the sub-committee. Currently, there are six members (each representing two breed clubs) plus the two health co-ordinators (who will also represent one or two clubs each). In the event that there are more nominees than places on the committee, the Breed Council will organise a ballot of the UK breed clubs to fill the positions on the committee. All members will normally be committee members of at least one of the breed clubs. If this is not the case, those breed clubs who do not have a representative on the sub-

committee shall have the option of choosing a representative from their committee to attend meetings on their behalf.

- The Chair of the Health Sub-committee will be appointed by the Health Sub-committee members and will normally be one of the breed Health Co-ordinators.
- The Health Sub-committee may second additional members, as required, to deal with specific H&W issues

These terms of reference were developed by using the Kennel Club example Health and Welfare Sub-Committee terms of reference..