

CANINE HEALTH COMMITTEE (PREVIOUSLY HEREDITARY DISEASES)

1 Purpose

- The objective is to improve canine health through the reduction of the incidence of hereditary diseases
- To educate the members on the problems of hereditary diseases and means of attacking those problems
- To promote, initiate and monitor control programs to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases in dogs
- To coordinate in such programs the activities of
 - the VCA
 - breed clubs
 - individual bodies
 - veterinary bodies
- To develop and maintain liaison with the ANKC Hereditary Diseases Committee for coordination of activities and mutual support of initiatives and programs

Other Technical Matters

- To advise the Management Committee, staff and members on technical/scientific matters relevant to the VCA, including
 - hereditary diseases
 - DNA testing
 - canine research
 - microchipping
 - health
 - other matters as the need arises
- To develop and conduct action programs relating to these matters as desirable for the benefit of dogs and resolution of related problems.
- To develop and maintain relevant policies and procedures.

2 Committee Membership

The Committee shall be made up of VCA Member/s who have been approved by the VCA Committee of Management. New members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Committee of Management on the recommendation of the Committee. Committee members may be replaced by the Committee of Management.

3 Meeting Frequency

The Committee shall meet as often as it determines necessary but not less frequently than on a quarterly basis. The Committee may request the attendance of the CE or Committee of Management Members as long as 14 day's notice is given.

4 Matters for VCA Committee of Management

The minutes of each Committee meeting shall be forwarded to the VCA within seven days of the meeting. Actions for the VCA Committee of Management should be placed on a face sheet attached to the minutes titled "Actions for VCA Committee of Management".

5 Other Matters

- The Chair of the Committee shall meet with the President and Committee of Management of the VCA on the 4th Wednesday of April each year.
- The Committee shall perform an annual performance evaluation of itself.
- The Committee shall review the adequacy of its Charter annually.
- The Committee shall provide a report for the Annual Report by January 15th of each year.

6 VCA Contact Person

JO CERDA (The person in the VCA Office who handles the actions requested by the Committee, e.g. letters sent on Committee's behalf.)