



## Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at [www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth)

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

## What Screening is relevant for the Irish Red & White Setter?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- Eye testing
- DNA test - CLAD
- DNA test - vWD

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

## Breeding Restrictions

The Kennel Club will not accept an application to register a litter when:

- 1) The dam has already whelped 4 litters (as of the 1st January 2012 the limit changed from 6 litters to 4 litters). As of this date the Kennel Club will no longer register any further litters from any bitch which our records show has already whelped 4 litters. Therefore for any litter born on or after the 1st January 2012, the system will automatically check to see how many previous litters the Kennel Club has an account of. Where the number previously recorded is 4 or more, the application will be rejected, or
- 2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping, (relief from this restriction may be considered normally provided an application is made prior to the mating, the proposed dam has previously whelped at least one other registered litter, and the application is supported by veterinary evidence as to the suitability of the bitch involved in the proposed whelping), or
- 3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating, or
- 4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in

exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons, or

5) (From 1st January 2012) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating, or

6) The dam was not resident at a UK address at the date of whelping.

There are further Kennel Club Rules and Regulations that may prevent a litter from being registered; the full Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

## Breed Specific Breeding Restrictions

With effect from the 17 June 2008, the Kennel Club will only register Irish Red & White Setters that are proven to be clear of CLAD or hereditarily clear of CLAD e.g. both parents are clear.

With effect from 01 January 2011, the Kennel Club will only register Irish Red & White Setters that are proven to be clear of vWD or hereditarily clear of vWD e.g. both parents are clear.

## Irish Red & White Setter Clubs

Name	Telephone
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain	07753 835 380

## Irish Red & White Setter Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	0151 643 8942
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	01785 223591
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	01934 712057
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	01827 830652
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	01745 852745
Irish Red & White Setter Club Of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	01438 316415
Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	01427 891717
Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	07483 816700
Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain Rescue Scheme	07985 187512