Breed Health Coordinator Toolkits

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Are we doing enough, fast enough?
How does it all fit together?

A starting point...
Aims of the Toolkits

- Accelerate the pace of improvement and depth of understanding of the health of your breed
- Develop a step-by-step approach for creating a health plan
- Implement a health survey to collect health information and to monitor progress

The Health Improvement Strategy Guide
Health Improvement Strategy

A BREED HEALTH IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY IS HOW A BREED MAKES CONTINUOUS HEALTH IMPROVEMENT A REALITY.

*IT IS IMPORTANT THAT LOYAL BREEDERS MOVE FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING POSITIVE CHANGES WHICH WILL IMPACT ON BREEDING PRACTICE SO THAT THEY CAN ENSURE THEIR BREED IS A HEALTHY EXAMPLE*.
APCWA Report 2009

*SOME BREED CLUBS HAVE DRAWN UP HEALTH PLANS BUT THE ABILITY TO DO THIS SUCCESSFULLY APPEARS TO VARY*.
APCWA Report 2009

TIP: If there are individuals or groups campaigning for breed health improvement outside your community of Clubs/Council, you need to get your act together! It’s a pretty big clue that you’re probably not doing enough, or doing it fast enough.

What would a “good” Breed be doing?

- Controlling or eradicating diseases
- Communicating widely with breeders and owners
- Conducting health surveys
- Appointing a Health Coordinator & Sub-committee
- Reducing issues of genetic diversity
- Delivering education on the breed
- Prioritising health issues
- Developing Health Plans
- Reducing problems caused by contamination
- Running health screening events and schemes
- Publishing health survey results
- Rating funds for health projects
- Building a DNA sample bank
- Working with clinical and genetics experts
- Publishing an Annual Health Report
- Providing online health resources
Good breeds work at...

1. Improving breed health
2. Engaging with breeders and owners to implement health plans
3. Developing plans for health improvement
4. Leading and setting the breed’s direction for health improvement

Resources to help you...

- Checklists
- Self-assessments
- Tips
- Good practices
- Templates

[Diagram showing steps: Identify your starting point, Decide where you want to get to, Decide how to bridge the gaps, GET STARTED!, Review and renew]
The Strategy Guide will help you to...

- Identify what you currently do well and need to continue to do
- Identify what you currently do well, but need to enhance, or "step up a gear"
- Identify what you currently do well and could usefully extend into other areas of health improvement
- Identify what you currently do that isn't really working and needs to be changed
- Identify what you are currently not doing and need to start

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The Health Survey Toolkit

3 levels of Health Survey

1. BASIC
   - For breeds that have not done a survey before
   - Help identify the main health issues quickly
   - Easy for owners/breeders to complete

2. INTERMEDIATE
   - For breeds with experience
   - Identify specific conditions and their prevalence
   - Identify individual dogs

3. ADVANCED
   - For breeds that need detailed health data, e.g., for research
   - More extensive and robust data gathering
   - Suitable for "global" health surveys
How to plan and implement a Survey...

4: THE SURVEY PROCESS

Whatever type of Broad Health Survey you decide to carry out, there are four essential steps that you will need to follow.

- **PLAN**
  - Set your objectives
  - Design the survey

- **ISSUE**
  - Communicate and motivate
  - Gather responses

- **ANALYSE**
  - Analyse the responses
  - Publicise the results

- **IMPROVE**
  - Implement your priority actions
  - Review and repeat the survey

- Checklists
- Examples
- Templates
- Tips

Graphs and Charts made easy...
IT: Find a friend who can help...

Windows PC
- Microsoft Excel
- OpenOffice Calc

Apple Mac
- iWork Numbers
- Microsoft Excel
- OpenOffice Calc

Spreadsheet options

Database options
- Microsoft Access
- OpenOffice Base
- FileMaker Pro
- OpenOffice Base

Any questions?

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