



THE KENNEL CLUB  
DOG HEALTH

# Breed Health and Conservation Plan

## Labrador Retriever Action Plan

## **ACTION PLAN**

Following the meeting between the Kennel Club and the breed regarding the evidence base of the Breed Health & Conservation Plans, the following actions were agreed to improve the health of the Labrador. Both partners are expected to begin to action these points prior to the next review.

### **Breed Club actions include:**

- The breed to document their concerns and suggestions for the BVA/KC Elbow & Hip Dysplasia Schemes via the Breed Health Co-ordinators to the Kennel Club, in order for these to be taken to the BVA
- The breed to monitor the incidence of macular dystrophy through collaborating with the AHT and consider making a proposal that this is formally recognised as a DNA test by the Kennel Club
- The breed to consider adding a Breed Watch point of concern regarding incorrect temperaments
- The breed to forward correspondence regarding research into ectopic ureters to the Kennel Club to see if this can be progressed
- The breed to continue to disseminate health information to owners and puppy buyers, covering areas such as husbandry and managing obesity

### **Kennel Club actions include:**

- The Kennel Club to monitor cruciate ligament studies and inform the breed of any studies/ outcomes
- The Kennel Club to contact the AHT for an update on the Give a Dog a Genome Project
- The Kennel Club to take documented concerns regarding the BVA/ KC/ ISDS Eye Scheme to the Eye Panel Working Party
- The Kennel Club to request an update from the University of Cambridge GoDogs project
- The Kennel Club to develop a cruciate and elbow surgery survey, with the breed's input, and circulate to UK owners, to determine whether young dogs are having surgery under the age of one
- The Kennel Club to investigate research avenues for skin research and keep the breed updated

- The Kennel Club to remove the prcd-PRA linkage test due to the replacement of a definitive test