

Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH) e.V. Kennel Club

- **Members are german dog breeding clubs and dog sports clubs**
- **For hobby and recreational purposes**
- **Breeders are non-commercial hobby breeders**



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VDH e.V. is a member of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), the World Canine Organisation



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177 Member clubs

- 156 dog breeding clubs
- 250 Supervised breeds



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Sets of rules provide a framework for member clubs

Determine minimum requirements



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VDH Breeding Regulations

What does breeding mean for a VDH member club?

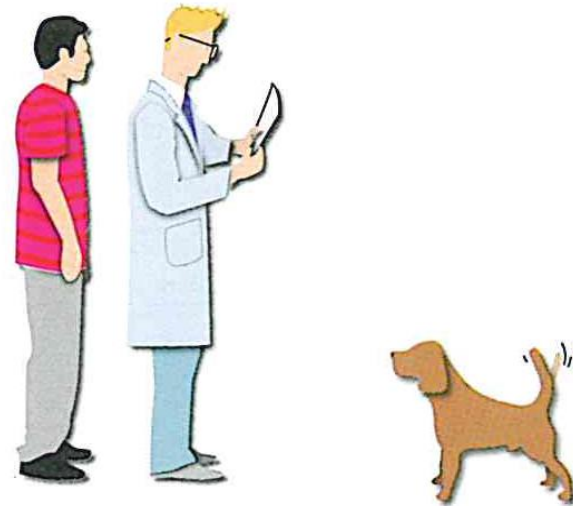


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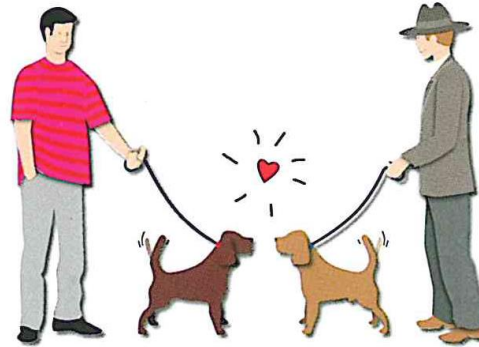
What does this mean VDH-Seal?



1. Education



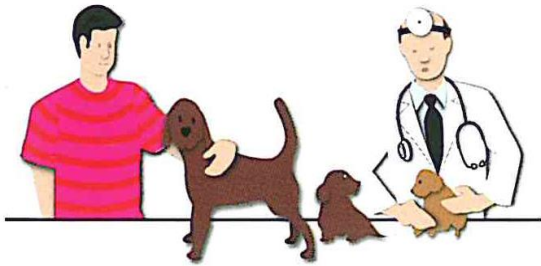
2. Certifying of the kennel



3. breeding approval

4. breeding steering

5. litter control



6. Veterinary care 7. Visit the breeder 8. A new family member

- **Breeding approval:**
 - **Health**
 - **Behaviour**
 - **Phenotype**



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- **Bitches, no breeding before 15 months**
- **to a maximum age of 8 years**



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- **Minimum weight:**
no breeding with bitches less than 2 kg
- **Caesarean Sections:**
breeding ban for bitches who have already undergone Caesarean sections with two litters



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Breeding Programmes

- **Combatting eye disease**
- **Combatting hip dysplasia**
- **Combatting elbow dysplasia**
- **Combatting heart disease**
- **Combatting patella dislocation**
- **Combatting deafness**



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3-Phase Programme for Combatting Major Defects

- **Phase 1**
Compiling data
- **Phase 2**
Evaluation
- **Phase 3**
Possible consequences
 - **breeding programmes**



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Physical performance tests for short-snouted breeds



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- **Controlled breeding of healthy pedigree dogs with good behavior**
- **Against exploitation of dogs**



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Trends

- **Imported dogs from South and South-East Europe**
- **Selling dogs on the Internet**



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Raising Public Awareness

- **Co-operation with Animal Welfare Organisations**
- **Task-force on puppy trafficking**



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Measures

- **Obligation for indication of dogs**
- **European central register**
- **Increased monitoring of dog dealing / internet sales**
- **Banning puppy trading on markets and in pet shops**
- **Europe-wide minimum standards for breeding and keeping dogs**