

Conformational problems requiring surgical correction



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The Kennel Club (KC) asks that any conformation alteration surgery is reported. Presently, the level of reporting to the KC by owners of surgical correction on their dogs far exceeds that done by veterinary surgeons. This needs to change and the profession needs to be much more proactive. The reporting forms are available on both the BVA and RCVS websites and the KC are setting up a facility to enable on-line reporting.

Using the list of issues the Advisory Council on the Welfare Issues of Dog Breeding considered to be the most pressing welfare problems as an initial basis, we have created a list of the conformation problems requiring surgical correction which should therefore be the highest priority for vets to report.

Conformation problems requiring surgical correction for which the surgery should be reported to the Kennel Club

Respiratory

- Brachycephalic airway obstruction syndrome
 - Stenotic nares
 - Elongated soft palate
 - Everted laryngeal sacculles
- Laryngeal collapse
- Tracheal collapse
- Tracheal hypoplasia
- Cleft palate

- Hair lip

Musculoskeletal

- Any joint replacement (other than for proven trauma)
- Cruciate repair
- Joint dysplasia
- Patellar luxation

Ophthalmic

- Adnexal problems
 - Entropion
 - Ectropion
 - Other eyelid plastic surgery
 - Distichiasis
 - Trichiasis
 - Incomplete eyelid closure
 - Diamond eye
 - Nictitating gland prolapse
- Lens luxation
- Cataract
- Glaucoma
- Retinal detachment
- Keratoconjunctivitis sicca
- Corneal ulceration that is breed associated

Cardiac

Any cardiac or major vessel surgery (e.g, PDA)

Neurological

- Syringomyelia
- Intervertebral disc protrusion
- Cervical spinal instability (Wobbler syndrome)
- Atlantoaxial subluxation
- Lumbosacral stenosis
- Dermoid sinus
- Persistent hepatic portal vein
- Hydrocephalus

Dermatological

- Skin fold surgery
- Ear canal surgery

Alimentary

- Dental malocclusion
- Cheiloplasty
- Vascular ring anomalies
- Cricopharyngeal achalasia
- Hiatus hernia
- Gastric torsion
- Pyloric stenosis

Urogenital

- Retained testicle
- Vaginal prolapse
- Urolithiasis
- Ectopic ureter

Miscellaneous

- Umbilical hernia
- Inguinal hernia