Policy position: dog breeding

We are calling for an independent review of the breeding of all dogs as well as the permanent identification of all registered pedigree dogs.

- We advise companion animal owners and farmers to speak with their vet about hereditary defects before breeding from their animals.
- We support the proposal that an independent advisory group should be formed, which would make recommendations when there are breeding related health and welfare problems in a particular breed of animal.
- We believe that government should produce breeding codes of practice under section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- We believe that out breeding programmes should be considered in breeds with small gene pools that have major health and welfare problems associated with hereditary diseases, namely, those unable to mate or give birth naturally.