

Health, Wellness & Genetic Testing Policy

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1. Veterinary Evaluation Prior to Breeding

Every dog in our program undergoes a comprehensive veterinary assessment before being considered for breeding. Evaluations include full physical examination, cardiac and respiratory assessment, orthopedic soundness, reproductive health review, and overall wellness scoring.

2. Embark Genetic Testing for Health & Traits

All breeding prospects are DNA tested through Embark, screening for 250+ genetic conditions. This includes IVDD markers, PRA, metabolic disorders, neurological risks, and more. Trait testing evaluates coat type, color genetics, size predictors, shedding traits, and structural markers.

3. Ethical Breeding Decisions Based on Results

Dogs carrying conditions that may negatively affect offspring are not bred. Pairings are selected to avoid producing affected puppies. If results do not meet program standards, the dog is removed from breeding consideration. Decisions are driven by science, ethics, and breed improvement.

4. Commitment to Puppy Wellness From Birth

All puppies are raised with wellness protocols including Early Neurological Stimulation (ENS), Early Scent Introduction (ESI), scheduled deworming, veterinary examination, age-appropriate vaccinations, quality nutrition, and early social development.

5. Transparency With Puppy Families

We openly share genetic testing information, hereditary risk details, breeding reasoning, veterinary records, and long-term wellness recommendations. Transparency ensures families feel confident in their puppy's health and lineage.

6. Continuous Improvement & High Standards

Our program evolves with advances in veterinary science, genetic research, and ethical breeding practices. We are committed to producing healthy, well-bred Dachshunds who thrive in their forever homes.