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Breeder's Corner



Conditioning and the Stud Dog



In the 1996 Newfoundland Annual Richard Krokum, of Shadybrook Newfoundlands, talks about conditioning and the need for a regular exercise regimen for dogs who are being shown to maintain muscle tone and stamina. He mentioned how "bathing, grooming, long drives and the general excitement of a dog show can make a dog who is out of condition go "flat" by the time they go in the ring".

To maintain a successful stud dog, a well-rounded exercise routine is also crucial, focusing on both physical fitness and mental stimulation, including regular walks, playtime, training, and controlled social interaction with other dogs, all while ensuring the dog remains healthy and capable of performing

breeding duties when needed.

Do you use a conditioning program for your stud dog? What techniques have been successful for you to keep weight on or avoid obesity? How important do you think body condition is for a successful stud dog? [Let us know](#)

Pictured - Ch Shadybrook's Late Arrival, from the 1996 Newfoundland Annual.



Stud Dog Management

By Jay Barrett DVM, Auburn University Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar

Management of the stud dog should be focused on the health and well-being of the stud, as correcting for a loss of fertility can be difficult or impossible. These seminar notes contain a review of anatomy and physiology of the stud dog, care of the stud dog including nutrition, supplements, training, testing and evaluation along with a review of common diseases that cause infertility.

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Fertility Evaluation in the Stud Dog

By Cheryl Lopate, MS DVM, board certified in reproduction.

Males should be evaluated for reproductive function prior to their first attempt at breeding, if it has been several months or years between breedings, or if fertility begins to decline or is questionable. In some cases, a routine reproductive examination will suffice, but in others, advanced diagnostics may be required.

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What do you feel has the biggest impact of stud fertility?

Infections such as Brucellosis

Obesity or Weight Loss

Stress from travel or dog shows

Extreme temperatures (heat)

Addressing subfertility in stud dogs - Kara Kolster DVM

Addressing subfertility in dogs starts with identification and correction of causative factors. Fertility history may be incomplete, as owners may not present their dog to a theriogenologist until a problem is perceived, or may not attempt breeding until a male is several years old, in which case his fertility as a young dog is unknown. Components (motility, total sperm number, or specific morphological abnormalities) of the spermogram



that are affected, signalment of the dog, and breeding history may suggest where the problem originates. However, in over 50% of cases the underlying cause may not be known. In these cases, management of living conditions, overall health, and diet should be optimized in attempt to improve semen quality.

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Continuing Education - Webinars

[Alyssa Helms, DVM details Brucellosis, how it's transmitted, clinical signs of the disease, testing, prevention, and treatment.](#)

[Joann Randall, DVM, DACT answers questions like: What makes your dog 'studly'? What you should look for before your stud breeds? What is needed of your stud? What causes sperm to be abnormal?](#)



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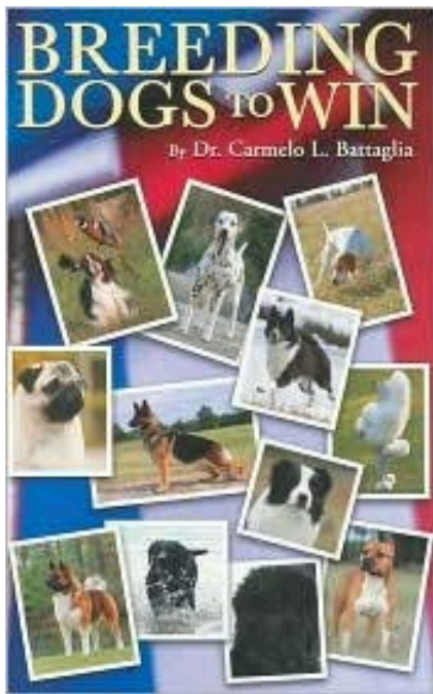


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What is the coefficient of inbreeding (COI) and why does it matter?

Host Jessica Perry Hekman talks about the coefficient of inbreeding (COI), a measurement of genetic diversity that's commonly mentioned in discussions of individual and breed health. What it is, how to interpret it, how to get the measurement done for your own dog(s), why we care about it, and give the take-home messages from some papers with evidence for its importance in dog specifically.

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Breeding Dogs to Win

Each chapter builds on the next and shows the reader how to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of pedigrees in a clear and easy-to-understand style. It begins by addressing many of the misconceptions commonly found in dog breeding and genetics. It explains how the novice or seasoned professional can take the guesswork out of breeding.

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Studies Needing Participants

Heart Disease in Newfoundland Dogs

Led by **Dr. Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan**, Professor, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and Small Animal Clinical Sciences and the project's Principal Investigator, the study will employ advanced genetic tools to discover genetic determinants of SAS in Newfoundland dogs. If successful, findings could be used to genetically screen dogs for this disease and inform breeding decisions.

Affected Puppies and Both Parents
blood samples needed!

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Puppy Referral System

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