

ADVICE NOTE 8

CANINE SURGICAL ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)

- 1) Surgical Artificial Insemination (AI) carries many disadvantages for the bitch and is unlikely to be carried out in the best interests of any particular dog, but a veterinary surgeon may carry out surgical AI:
 - a) in the rare circumstances where Transcervical Insemination (TCI) has been demonstrated not to be a practical option
AND
 - b) the invasive nature of surgical AI is justified* and accompanied by an appropriate regime of post-operative pain relief.
- 2) *Veterinary surgeons are advised that on the information available to the Advisory Committee, surgical AI is justified only for exceptional reasons, for example, the incorporation of new genetic traits into a line or breed when the sire is not easily available or unable to mate naturally for reasons other than inherited disease.
- 3) When carrying out surgical AI, a veterinary surgeon should record in the bitch's clinical records why TCI is not a practical option and the justification for the invasive procedure.

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