Members are German dog breeding clubs and dog sports clubs

For hobby and recreational purposes

Breeders are non-commercial hobby breeders
VDH e.V. is a member of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), the World Canine Organisation
177 Member clubs

- 156 dog breeding clubs
- 250 Supervised breeds
Sets of rules provide a framework for member clubs

Determine minimum requirements
VDH Breeding Regulations

What does breeding mean for a VDH member club?
What does this mean VDH-Seal?

1. Education
2. Certifying of the kennel
3. breeding approval
4. breeding steering
5. litter control
- Breeding approval:
  - Health
  - Behaviour
  - Phenotype
• Bitches, no breeding before 15 months
• to a maximum age of 8 years
• **Minimum weight:**
  no breeding with bitches less than 2 kg

• **Caesarean Sections:**
  breeding ban for bitches who have already undergone Caesarean sections with two litters
Breeding Programmes

- Combatting eye disease
- Combatting hip dysplasia
- Combatting elbow dysplasia
- Combatting heart disease
- Combatting patella dislocation
- Combatting deafness
3-Phase Programme for Combatting Major Defects

- Phase 1
  Compiling data

- Phase 2
  Evaluation

- Phase 3
  Possible consequences
  - breeding programmes
Physical performance tests for short-snouted breeds
VDH e.V.

- Controlled breeding of healthy pedigree dogs with good behavior
- Against exploitation of dogs
Trends

- Imported dogs from South and South-East Europe
- Selling dogs on the Internet
Raising Public Awareness

- Co-operation with Animal Welfare Organisations
- Task-force on puppy trafficking
Measures

- Obligation for indication of dogs
- European central register
- Increased monitoring of dog dealing / internet sales
- Banning puppy trading on markets and in pet shops
- Europe-wide minimum standards for breeding and keeping dogs