



THE HEALTH OF THE BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG POSITION STATEMENT

The Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland (BSDCQ) recognises that whilst DNA and current screening schemes will assist in keeping the Belgian Shepherd Dog (BSD) healthy, and will reduce the number of inherited disorders in the breed, sound breeding practice also involves genomic selection, and careful study and utilisation of pedigree information in order to maintain genetic diversity within the breed.

The BSDCQ recommends that all BSD are tested according to the current minimum standards of overseas Canine Clubs, that is undertaking hip, elbow and eye examinations. The BSDCQ also recommends utilising full breed DNA profiles, and any other tests for identified health issues in the breed as testing becomes available.

The BSDCQ will undertake the actions outlined within the BSDCQ Health Strategy, the BSDCQ Health Strategy Policy and Procedure, and any required BSD Health Plans. These actions will support breeders in their health related endeavours, and inform the general community about such practices, in particular, anyone looking to purchase a Belgian Shepherd to join their family.