

Breeding strategy updated 2024.

It is the aim of the **Bloodhound Joint Breed Health Group** to encourage breeders to improve breed health with the following goals, whilst fully considering all aspects of the **Kennel Club** Breed Standard and the working functionality of the breed:

- To continue to maintain genetic diversity by avoiding the overuse of an individual stud dog, with the aim to increase the number of sires and dams and the use of imported bloodhounds to the gene pool.
- To continue to encourage breeders to hip and elbow score with the aim of maintaining low scores in breeding stock.
- To reduce incidences of skin disorders by not breeding from any hound receiving treatment for any chronic skin disease.
- To reduce the incidence of eye disorders by continuing to encourage breeders to screen for serious eye defects and by not breeding from affected hounds.
- To continue to encourage owners to participate in the Breed Health Scheme - Bronze, Silver, Gold, & Platinum levels
- To reduce nervousness and aggression in the breed by not breeding from nervous or aggressive parents