



Council of Docked Breeds

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Welcome for overturning of Swedish docking ban

The Council of Docked Breeds has welcomed Sweden's decision to reverse a ban on docking the tails of all breeds of German Pointers. The ban, which has been in place since 1989, is set to be lifted later this month in response to escalating tail injury amongst undocked working pointers.

“This is very good news for Swedish dog owners. It demonstrates just how serious tail injury in undocked pointers can be, and the important role of docking in managing the problem,” said CDB Chairman Peter Squires.

The Swedish decision resulted from representations to national Government by the Swedish Kennel Club after it was found that 70% of German pointers, a popular breed amongst Swedish hunters, were found to be suffering from some form of tail injury.

Other breed clubs are seeking the reversal of the docking ban for their own breeds.

“I hope that both the British Government and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons are paying close attention to the Swedish situation. The CDB has long been arguing that a ban on docking is detrimental to the welfare of dogs, and here is the proof of it,” said Peter Squires.

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