



Canine Intervertebral Disc Disease: How much do we know?

- Intervertebral disc disease is a common disease in dogs occurring in 20% of miniature dachshunds and is fatal in 25% of cases
- It is known that many dogs will recover without surgical intervention but...
- There are currently no robust criteria to distinguish patients that unequivocally require surgery from those which will recover whilst receiving conservative medical management

Inclusion criteria:

- Dogs less than 10kg with suspected thoracolumbar disc extrusion who are non ambulatory (including those who are deep pain negative)

Dogs seen will have the following investigations:

- A consultation and full neurological examination
- An MRI
- Support for 12 weeks medical management
- A repeat MRI after 12 weeks