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Dachshund IVDD Australia Owners Group - Rules of Conduct

Welcome to the Dachshund IVDD Australia Owners Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dachshundivddaaustralia>

Important Notes

1. **We Are Not a Pet Rescue Organisation**

Dachshund IVDD Support Australia (DISA) does not assist with the surrender of IVDD-affected dogs. We strongly advise against reaching out to pet rescues for IVDD-related care or surrender, as this places unnecessary strain on their mission to rescue abandoned animals. Many dogs in rescues may not find permanent homes and could remain in foster care indefinitely.

2. **Our Mission is to Empower Owners**

DISA's goal is to help you make informed, compassionate decisions regarding your dachshund's care. We offer support, resources, and education to explore all available options for managing IVDD in the best interest of your dog.

3. **About the Facebook Group**

[Dachshund IVDD Australia](#) is an Owners Facebook Group and a supportive space for owners of IVDD-affected hounds to connect, share experiences, and help one another through the journey.

4. **Disclaimer**

While this Facebook Group is facilitated by volunteers from Dachshund IVDD Support Australia (DISA), it is **not actively moderated** by our team. Member discussions and shared content come from personal experiences, so please consider the source before acting on any advice.

5. **Researched Resources**

For reliable, evidence-based IVDD resources, visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter. DISA is dedicated to education and support, and our official guidance is best accessed through these channels.

[Website](#)

[Volunteer Phone Support](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Community Bulletin](#)



Rules of Conduct

To ensure this Facebook group remains a positive, respectful, and supportive environment, please follow these guidelines:

- 1. Be Respectful and Compassionate**
Treat all members with kindness, empathy, and respect. Everyone's journey with IVDD is different, so please be supportive and non-judgmental.
- 2. No Spamming or Self-Promotion**
Refrain from posting advertisements, promotional content, or external links unrelated to IVDD or dachshund care.
- 3. Stay On Topic**
Posts should focus on IVDD, dachshund health, or related topics. Off-topic discussions should be minimal.
- 4. No Medical Advice Without Professional Input**
Share experiences carefully but avoid giving medical advice. Always encourage members to consult their veterinarian for medical concerns.
- 5. Privacy and Confidentiality**
Respect members' privacy. Do not share posts, photos, or personal information outside the group without explicit permission.
- 6. Be Mindful of Sensitive Topics**
Discuss topics like euthanasia, surgery, or chronic care with compassion and understanding. Always approach these subjects gently.
- 7. No Hate Speech or Discrimination**
Hate speech, discrimination, or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- 8. No Rehoming Posts**
Posts related to rehoming or selling dogs are not allowed and will be removed.
- 9. Trigger Words and Appropriate Terminology**
To align discussions with DISA's mission, avoid trigger words like "rescue" or "surrender for care" unless directly relevant. Instead, discuss these topics within the context of education, prevention, and support for owners managing IVDD. If unsure, consult an admin before posting.
- 10. Fundraising Guidelines**
This group is not for personal fundraising, including GoFundMe campaigns or similar platforms for veterinary care. Members are encouraged to explore alternative avenues for promoting fundraising efforts outside this group.
- 11. Respect Group Moderators**
Follow moderators' guidance and respect their decisions. If you have concerns, reach out privately.



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12. Ask for Permission Before Private Messaging

Always ask for a member's permission before private messaging them.

13. Permission to Use Photos

By posting photos, you grant DISA permission to use them for social media, website, and promotional purposes. Notify moderators if you prefer your photos not to be used.

14. Moderation Tools and Member Responsibility

Facebook's moderation tools help ensure respectful discussions. Members must follow the rules and contribute positively. Violations may result in removal.

15. No Screenshots or Sharing of Content

Refrain from posting screenshots or sharing group content externally to protect members' privacy.

16. Refer to DISA's Disclaimer

By participating, you acknowledge DISA's Disclaimer:
<https://ivdd.org.au/disclaimer>.

17. DISA's Decision is Final

Group admins reserve the right to moderate, remove content, or act against members who violate these rules. Decisions are final.

By following these rules, we can maintain a supportive and informative space for everyone caring for dachshunds with IVDD.

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