Guidelines for breeding to try and reduce incidence of

VIP

Vizsla Idiopathic Inflammatory Polymyopathy

As recommended by A Tauro et al

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It is reported in the paper that inbreeding or line breeding can influence the breed’s susceptibility to Infectious Diseases and Immune Mediated conditions.

1. Advice to the breeders in the published veterinary paper- suggests to help reduce the risk of VIP that the inbreeding coefficient of the pups from a resulting mating should be less than 12.5%
2. The breeding of Vizslas with immediate relatives with VIP should not take place.

Research continues but until a DNA test is available, reducing the inbreeding percentage in order to minimise homozygosity of the risk haplotype is recommended.

Definitions-

**Homozygosity**: The state of possessing two identical forms of a particular gene from each parent.

**Haplotype**: A group of genes in an organism that are inherited together from a single parent.

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