

Breed Health Committee

Scope:

The purpose of the English Toy Spaniel Club of America (ETSCA) Breed Health Committee is to provide health-related information and education to the membership of the ETSCA, and promote attention to health issues in the breed.

Objectives:

Using an epidemiological approach, the Committee will create a breed health plan that focuses on a set of annual activities and special focus topics in the areas of Surveillance, Monitoring, Research, and Education.

- Surveillance: Create and develop breed health surveys that are distributed to the membership on a periodic basis
- Monitoring: Host and conduct breed health activities such as heart clinics, eye clinics, and DNA blood draws
- Research: Provide formal feedback and recommendations for the Board to create awareness to research studies that would influence breed health issues
- Education: Share health-related information with ETSCA members and the public through communication channels such as the ETSCA website and activities such as annual reports and club-sponsored breed health lectures on research programs or disease conditions that are relevant to breed health issues

Committee Membership:

The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and up to three additional members. The Chairperson is identified and confirmed by the Board. Additional members of the Committee will be identified by the Chairperson and will present their qualifications to the Board for serving on the committee. All identified members will be approved by the Board. All confirmed Committee members are urged to complete a minimum of one (1) two-year term.

Committee Membership Qualifications:

- Member of the ETSCA, in good standing, for at least 3 years
- In good standing with the AKC
- Breed Health testing advocate with documented history of participation in health screening initiatives or research
- Willingness to actively participate and team with others