

# State of Doberman Health 2006

## CERF Statistics\*

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number Dogs Examined	184	209	159	49
Percent Abnormal	24%	25%	16%	12%
Number Dogs with PHPV/PTVL	1	1	1	0

\*It is not clear if grade 1 spots are counted as PHPV/PTVL cases. But it is still clear that while there are fairly large numbers of abnormal eyes found, they do not indicate that congenital (heritable) PHPV/PTVL is a large problem yet. Given the high percentage of other eye problems however, it is still clear that routine examination of

breeding and bred dogs is advised. Reports for 2005 are probably incomplete.

## Top 10 diagnoses for the Doberman Pinscher at Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Relative Risks (compared to all breeds)

Diagnosis	# Cases	Relative Risk
Hypothyroidism	1702	2.5
Cervicospinal arthropathy (CVI)	1212	95
Heart Disease	1034	0.85
Demodectic Mange	847	3.6
Dermatitis, seborrheic	619	0.75
Diarrhea	572	0.9
Herniated Intervetebraal disc	572	0.17
Von Willebrands disease	562	806
Lame, weak limb	504	0.66
Dermal disease, other	490	0.36

\*A risk of 1.0 means that the diagnosis is no more likely in the Doberman than in all other breeds.

\* Only specific cancers are reported so no specific cancer appears in the to 10 diagnoses for the Doberman Pinscher.

\* The heart disease statistic and relative ranking is not useful since it does not distinguish between DCM and various heritable valve diseases found in other breeds. There is little reason to doubt that Dobermans still top the list for DCM.

\*It is not clear how many of the VWD cases are symptomatic or just found in the course of presurgical evaluations, etc.

## Other medium and large breeds with heart disease\* in the top 10

Breed	Ranking (Relative Risk compared to other breeds)
Airedale Terrier	7 (0.89)
Bloodhound	8 (0.52)
Bouvier des Flanders	9 (0.33)
<b>Boxer</b>	<b>1 (3.04)</b>
Bullmastiff	9 (0.88)
Dalmatian	6(0.42)
Golden Retriever	8 (1.07)
Great Dane	3(1.01)
Greyhound	5 (0.43)
<b>Irish Wolfhound</b>	<b>1(3.43)</b>
Newfoundland	4(1.44)
Poodle, standard	4(1.6)
Rottweiler	8(0.54)
Schnauzer, Giant	6(0.98)
Vizla	5(0.92)

\*Includes all heart disease. Valve disorders are not separated out.

\*Irish Wolfhounds have a high incidence of DCM, as do Boxers. The Boxer disease seems to involve many more serious arrhythmias and consequently many more sudden deaths. The Boxer disease is thought to have a different genetic defect than the Doberman disease.