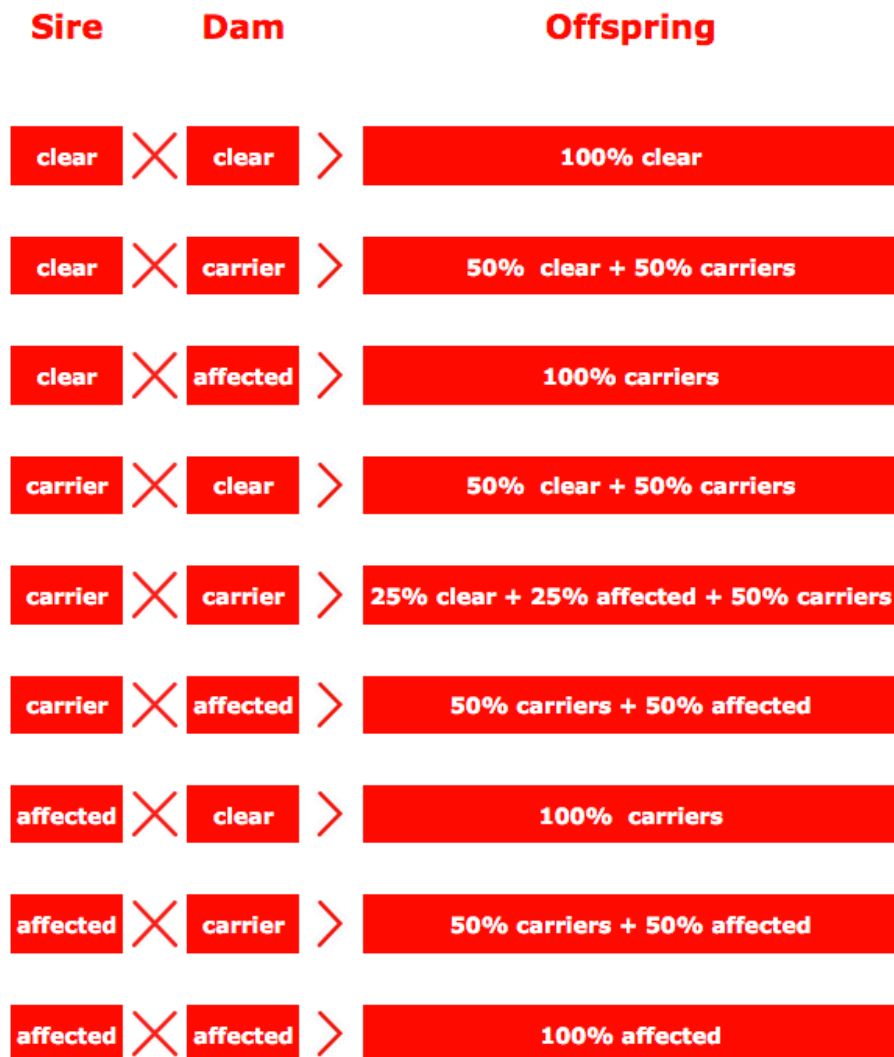


Dandy Walker Like Malformation

DWLM is a genetic disorder found in Eurasiers, characterised by non-progressive loss of body control (ataxia) symptoms noted in puppies at 5 – 6 weeks of age. The severity of the ataxia varies between dogs, from mild body sway, mild lack of movement coordination, subtle gait disturbances, imbalance and pelvic limb ataxia to severe cerebellar ataxia in puppies and episodic falling or rolling. Epileptic seizures occurred in some dogs.

This characteristic/trait is inherited in a simple, autosomal recessive manner, explained in the diagram below.



Testing is essential, as we do not want for 2 carriers to be bred together. Any other combination does not pose any immediate risk to the puppies, as they can only be carriers at worst.

The form for the test (with a discount code) can be obtained from the Breed Health Coordinator.

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