



# Elbow Dysplasia

## What is Elbow Dysplasia?

Elbow dysplasia is a genetic condition that causes structural abnormalities of the elbow joint especially the cartilage. There are different types of Elbow Dysplasia.

## Causes

As well as genetic components, trauma, exercise, defects in cartilage growth and diet can all be contributing factors for Elbow Dysplasia.

## Affected Animals

Although Elbow Dysplasia tends to effect large and giant breeds all breeds can be affected. Age when clinical signs develop can vary between 5 months and 4 years.

## Clinical Signs

The most common clinical sign is forelimb lameness normally affecting both limbs, this lameness is usually worse over exercise and doesn't improve with resting. Elbow dysplasia will always result in arthritis and is a progressive disorder.

## Diagnosis & Treatment Options

Elbow dysplasia is normally diagnosed by x-rays or specialist imaging such as CT scans. Several treatment options are available including surgery, these will be discussed by your veterinary surgeon and a plan of treatment created.