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Dear Doctor:

Dodgerslist needs your help in educating dog owners.

Our group is composed of Dachshund owners and breeders since 2002. We are concerned about the large number of devastated owners joining our support group after given very limited treatment options for their beloved IVDD dog.

Our intent is not to provide medical advice. *Dodgerslist* provides information on the various avenues for treating disc herniations and to provide support for a surgeon's directives during home care.

Educated owners knowing all the options will understand disc disease is not a death sentence if surgery is not an option. Conventional treatment in conjunction with acupuncture, supplements followed up with physical therapy and hydrotherapy after crate rest can be very effective in mild cases and even for those when surgery is indicated but not a medical or financial option.

After a major surgery, it is an overwhelming and emotional time for the dog owner. *Dodgerslist* can provide support for following the all important hospital's at home care procedures and share daily care tips for making the recovery period go smoother.

Many owners despair and lose all hope after a few weeks that their dogs will never walk again and euthanize their pets unnecessarily. Therefore another aspect of education is that dogs are not embarrassed or depressed by paralysis. They do live happy, normal, fulfilling lives with the assistance of a wheelchair and a loving owner until such time neuro functions might return.

With your help, we hope to reduce euthanization tragedies and give Dachshunds the opportunity to recover the fullest extent possible from an IVDD episode. So many owners are not aware that dogs have recovered weeks, months, even a year plus from an injury.

Enclosed is a copy of our brochure for your review. Additional brochures are available on request or can be downloaded from our web site. Thank you for your consideration and efforts to help.

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