

Report from the Stockholm meeting for Nordic Cavaliers Clubs – January 2018

1. The Nordic cavalier clubs are in agreement that we need to work together in a closer way to improve the health status of the breed in the future. We would like to send a signal to the rest of the world that by working together with openness and various competences and experiences, we can make an improvement to the breed's health in the future.
2. We see differences in our breeding programs today, but have an understanding that we are working in different ways to achieve the same goals for the health of the breed. In long term this is positive as this gives us more experience from different methods for the future.
3. Another positive of this cooperation is the sharing of information and methods, providing us with a larger amount of data for future discussion and research.
4. We want to have an open and positive dialog on the issues affecting our breed with cooperation if there are issues arising in one of the Nordic countries.
5. We want to improve the health and status of our breed by using and sharing experience and knowledge and making people aware that testing alone does not solve the problems in the breed. We need to find a way of sharing this competence and educating and informing other breeders so they don't rely only on tests or certificates.
6. Pedigrees are still an important source of information.
7. We see a worrying trend in some countries that vets are assuming beforehand that certain illnesses are present. We would like to find a way of convincing these vets that there is a smaller percentage of cavaliers that actually are affected by these issues. Ex. SM and Hearts.