

Dachshunds and Back Problems



★ The most common cause of Dachshund back problems is a genetic condition called Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD) ★

→ Symptoms of IVDD Episodes

- Doesn't want to go up stairs or jump on furniture
- Shivering or shaking
- Rapid or shallow breathing
- Loss of appetite
- Tense abdomen/belly
- Limping
- Walking wobbly or "drunk"
- Hunched over
- Holding head down or at an angle
- Cries out with moving or being picked up
- Unable to stand up
- Unable to wag it's tail
- Dragging legs

→ What to Do

- Minimize any movement and take your dog to the vet immediately. Your veterinarian will determine whether the cause of the symptoms is IVDD or something else.
- With IVDD, a quick diagnosis is very important, if you want to minimize damage and speed up recovery time.