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Surgical artificial insemination in dogs

Position

Surgical artificial insemination (AI) must not be performed in dogs as it is an unnecessary surgical procedure with the potential for significant negative welfare outcomes. Alternative AI methods that pose fewer welfare risks to dogs are now available to New Zealand veterinarians. Equipment and training for the alternative intra-uterine insemination technique, trans-cervical insemination (TCI) is now readily accessible.

Recommendations

- Considering the scientific evidence and to ensure the highest welfare outcomes, the NZVA believes that surgical artificial insemination procedures should not be performed on dogs in New Zealand.
- The NZVA encourages veterinarians involved in canine breeding practice to train and upskill in non-surgical TCI techniques ensuring welfare standards are met.
- The NZVA recommends that non-surgical TCI should only be carried out by veterinarians trained and competent in the procedure.
- In alignment with global trends and standards in animal welfare, the NZVA advocates for the development of legislation that prohibits surgical AI procedures in New Zealand.