Intervertebral disc disease is a common disease in dogs occurring in 20% of miniature dachshunds and is fatal in 25% of cases. It is known that many dogs will recover without surgical intervention but... There are currently no robust criteria to distinguish patients that unequivocally require surgery from those which will recover whilst receiving conservative medical management.

Inclusion criteria:
- Dogs less than 10kg with suspected thoracolumbar disc extrusion who are non ambulatory (including those who are deep pain negative)

Dogs seen will have the following investigations:
- A consultation and full neurological examination
- An MRI
- Support for 12 weeks medical management
- A repeat MRI after 12 weeks

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