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Heritability of patellar luxation in the Chihuahua and Bichon Frise breeds of dogs and effectiveness of a Swedish screening programme

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Highlights

- Patellar luxation is a common, heritable condition in the Chihuahua and Bichon Frise breeds of dogs.
- Heritabilities of patellar luxation in the Chihuahua and Bichon Frise were determined from a screening programme in Sweden.
- There was a slightly favourable genetic trend for patellar luxation in the Chihuahua in recent years.
- The use of estimated breeding values would help to improve the rate of genetic progress.
- Breeding animals should be examined at an older age than used in the current screening programme.

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