

# Škoda Roomster - Steering mishap

**M**any years ago I worked as a mechanic for a large company, with a large fleet of vehicles. It was a standing joke that if when we came in to work, to discover that one of the fleet cars had been recovered after being in an accident, we would look at each other and say "black dog".

This was the reason given for most of the one vehicle accidents that occurred late at night. The driver would be motoring in an orderly manner, when all of a sudden from nowhere a black dog would run across the road, causing the driver to swerve and lose control of his vehicle. It was of course, never the case that an experienced driver had been going too fast and lost control.

This 2011 Skoda Roomster arrived at my door with a major steering problem, after a fox had apparently caused the owner to swerve and collide with the high kerb.

Fortunately for the owner the impact was all absorbed by the track control arm, which was now looking distinctly curved. But once the replacement was fitted and the vehicle tracking set

the Skoda could once again drive in a straight line.



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