

# Dachshund Breed Conference 2012

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 - 16:30

at Acton Trussell, Bednell & Teddesley  
Community Hall. ST17 0RZ

Organised by the Dachshund Breed Council



*If you are serious about the  
future of Dachshunds,  
you need to attend.*

## Who should attend?

- Judges
- Breeders
- Exhibitors
- Owners

## Learn about:

- What **you** can do to help improve Dachshund health
- Genetics for Dachshund breeders
- Eye diseases and epilepsy

£20 per person, including refreshments

## Why do we need another Breed Conference?

We held our first Breed Conference in November 2009 and, since then, we have implemented lots of new approaches to help improve the health of Dachshunds. In 2011, the KarltonIndex carried out an independent review of the work being done across UK breeds and identified the Dachshund community as “pack leaders”. However, we still have lots of challenges and plenty more work to do. This conference is an opportunity to find out how you can help improve further.

## What you will learn

Ron James will give the KC's perspective on health improvement, particularly in relation to judges' and exhibitors' responsibilities at shows. If you're confused about Clears, Carriers and Affecteds from DNA test results and how to use them to reduce health problems, Hannah Stephenson will answer all your questions, as well as explaining the significance of genetic diversity. Helen Geeson will demystify the genetics of Dachshund coats and colours so you can work out why you're getting Red puppies, or recessive Smooth coats. Philippa Robinson will challenge us to up our game, despite being Pack Leaders in the 2011 KarltonIndex. Claudia Busse will explain eye diseases that particularly affect Dachshunds and how to deal with them. Elsa Beltran will explain the challenges of diagnosing canine epilepsy and update us on the research work being done to identify the causes.

## Agenda

<b>09:30</b>	<i>Refreshments</i>	
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction to the Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Dachshund Breed Council's approach to breed health improvement</li></ul>	Ian Seath & Roger Sainsbury
<b>10:25</b>	<b>The role of judges and exhibitors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does 'Fit for function' mean for Dachshunds?</li><li>• Judges' &amp; exhibitors' responsibilities</li></ul>	Dr. Ron James (Kennel Club)
<b>11:10</b>	<i>Break</i>	
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Genetics for dog breeders - an introduction</b>	Hannah Stephenson (Liverpool University)
<b>12:15</b>	<b>The genetics of Dachshund coats and colours</b>	Helen Geeson
<b>13:00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>'Dachshunds: leader of the pack, but still more to do'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The KarltonIndex - an independent perspective on breed health improvement</li></ul>	Philippa Robinson (KarltonIndex)
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Eye disease in Dachshunds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of common problems and the importance of clinical testing as well as DNA</li></ul>	Claudia Busse (Animal Health Trust)
<b>15:15</b>	<i>Break</i>	
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Canine epilepsy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of diagnosis and treatment</li><li>• Update on the search for DNA tests for epilepsy</li></ul>	Elsa Beltran (Animal Health Trust)
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Q&amp;A - panel discussion with speakers</b>	
<b>16:45</b>	<i>Close</i>	

## Booking Form

I wish to book \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the Dachshund Breed Conference 2012 and enclose a cheque/postal order (payable to Dachshund Breed Council) for \_\_\_\_\_ (£20/person).

Name(s):			
Address:			
Post Code:		Phone:	
E-mail:			
Any special dietary requirements?			

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You will receive confirmation of your booking by post or e-mail.

