

The Dachshund Breed Council

Secretary
Mrs Lesley Brown

Chairman
Mr Ian Seath

Treasurer
Mrs Katherine Herrington

Minutes of the first meeting of the Dachshund Breed Council
14th September 2008 at the Peace Memorial Hall, Penkridge

Chair: Ian Seath.

Present:

Cambrian DC	Debbie Plant	Nicky Jones
Dachshund Club	Anne Moore	Helen Geeson
Dachshund Club of Wales	Geraldine Brace	Lynda Billingham
E. Yorkshire DC	Irene Cook	
E. Counties DA	Jean Matthews	
Lancs & Cheshire DC	Kath Bethel	
Long-haired DC	Delia Edwards	
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Gladys Mead
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton	Judy Squires
N. Eastern DC	<i>Apologies</i>	
Northern DA	Chris Moore	
Northern Long-haired Dachshund Breeders Assoc.	Andy Bethel	
Scottish DC	<i>Apologies</i>	
Smooth-haired DC	Clare Bethel	Lovaine Coxon
Southern DA	Sue Ergis	Gina Salisbury
Ulster DC	Apologies	
West of England DC	Pat Rees	Doug Richardson
West Riding DA	<i>Apologies</i>	
Wire-haired DC	Phil Rollinson	

Before start of business a presentation of Gift Vouchers was made by the Chairman on behalf of the Clubs to the retiring Chair of the UKDCF, Mr Bryan Dyson. Mr Dyson expressed his thanks.

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Report from KC Breed Liaison Council Representative Zena Thorn-Andrews

Mrs Thorn-Andrews thanked all BC members for the cards & representing Dachshund Clubs at Terry's Memorial Service.

The last KC Liaison Meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. The KC Breed Standards Committee will be looking at the Dachshund Standard along with others post the BBC programme. She advised that the member Clubs should use meetings to consider education, the current Standard, exhibits, and size of rings. Although there seems to be no need to alter the Breed Standard drastically we have to be proactive in relation to health and welfare and avoid potential unhealthy exaggerations.

The Chair thanked Mrs Thorn Andrews.

Item	Discussion, Decisions and Action Points	Responsibility
1	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chair</u></p> <p>The following were nominated: Mrs L Coxon. Prop. WEDA. Sec. SHDC Mrs L Billinghamurst. Prop. DC of W. Sec. Min DC</p> <p>A vote was taken and Mrs L Coxon was duly elected as Vice-Chair, to stand until the AGM.</p>	
2	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Secretary read out correspondence not covered by the agenda:</p> <p>Letter from The KC confirming Breed Council Status.</p> <p>University of Liverpool thanking the Forum for donation of £25.</p> <p>Accredited Breeder Scheme discussion arising from letter from ECDA. Member Clubs were in agreement that mandatory Health Tests & permanent ID of brood bitches should be included in the ABS scheme. ABS cannot require members of scheme to have kennels. General consensus of the ABS inspection was that it was thorough and it is up to Breed Societies to report unsuitable members of ABS. Discussion followed on ease of policing puppy sales info, KC should advocate quality not quantity.</p> <p><u>Action</u> Secretary, with Anne Moore, to write to KC with suggestions for ways to enhance the ABS.</p>	Lesley Brown & Anne Moore

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3	<p><u>Communications</u> SHDC stated that following the BBC programme there is a need for a Press Officer to circulate a group statement should the need arise. Irene Cook indicated she would be willing to undertake the role. All members were in agreement. PO to work closely with Sec. and Chair. Mrs Coxon suggested that clear Terms of Reference be drawn up for the role.</p>	Ian Seath & Irene Cook
4	<p><u>Show Dates</u> Show date sheets 2009 & 2010 were passed round and filled in. <u>Action</u> Geraldine Brace reminded Clubs to submit their dates for inclusion in the 2009 DCW Calendar. <u>Action</u> A clash of dates between L&C and Midland DC is still to be resolved. Judy Squires reminded Clubs that, if they were considering moving dates, it would be helpful to advise the other Clubs and try to avoid clashes in an already crowded calendar.</p>	All L&C, Midland
5	<p><u>Health and Welfare</u> The Sub-committee comprises: Anne Moore, Lesley McNaughton, Val Skinner & Judy Squires.</p>	
5.1	<p>Diabetes in Smooths Anne Moore reported that progress into obtaining information on Diabetes in Smooths was slow and asked for a representative from SHDC to work with the Sub-committee. Lovaine.Coxon agreed to do this.</p>	Anne Moore & Lovaine Coxon
5.2	<p>Lafora's Disease in Mini Wires and Epilepsy in Std. Wires There were some anecdotal incidents of epilepsy in Standards cited and a variety of issues were discussed. An hereditary component had been identified but there is no test, as yet. Causes of Epilepsy appear to be varied and more research/information clinical, rather than anecdotal, is needed. Miniature DC have passed any findings on Lafora's over to WHDC who will take the lead on addressing the issue.</p>	WHDC
5.3	<p>Cone-rod Dystrophy (Cord1 mutation) in MLHD A hard copy of updated research information from Dr. Cathryn Mellersh, Bryan McLaughlin (Animal Health Trust) and Jeff Sampson (KC/AHT) was circulated. LHDC and Min. DC feel that only tested stock should be KC registered & advocate early testing. Consensus of opinion was post BBC programme the KC need to take positive steps. Following a positive debate Chair summed up – cord1 DNA testing of breeding stock should be a mandatory requirement for registration of MLHD and “Affected” dogs should no longer be registered. <u>Action</u> Min. DC & LHDC to write to KC.</p>	Min. DC & LHDC

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5.4	<p>Cone-rod Dystrophy (Cord1 mutation) in MSHD Ted Jones joined the meeting to present an information paper he had prepared for the SHDC. The paper was written for those breeders interested in genetics, rather than being a guidance document for the public in general. The SHDC asked that the document be considered by each Club and they would welcome feedback and comments. <u>Action</u> All Clubs to send feedback to the SHDC. The main concerns discussed were the absence of MSHDs presenting with clinical symptoms and the importance of continuing testing of breeding stock and research to gather more evidence. It was also felt that there was a need for a simple information guide for breeders and the public in relation to Cone-rod Dystrophy and the cord1 mutation. <u>Action</u> Chairman to draft a document for wider circulation.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Ian Seath</p>
5.5	<p>Colour Registrations and Double-Dapple Matings ECDA had written asking the H&W Sub-committee to take up the issue of “unlikely” colours that were being registered by the KC and also to provide some simple guidance on the risks of Double-Dapple matings. <u>Action</u> H&W S/c to draft some guidance on DD matings. Refer also to Breed Standard actions, below.</p>	<p>H&W S/c</p>
5.6	<p>Heart Disease in Std. Wires Phil Rollinson reported that Heart Testing had been carried out at WHDC Champ. Shows for 2 years but that there was insufficient data to confirm whether or not a problem existed.</p>	
5.7	<p>The Breed Standard In light of the recent criticisms of pedigree dogs it was agreed that it would be advisable to review the Dachshund Breed Standard. The following issues to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the importance of health and welfare adequately explained in the Standard? ● Are there any aspects that might be reworded to discourage exaggeration? ● Would it be appropriate to include guidance on length:height ratios (as the FCI Standard does)? ● Should the description of acceptable colours be re-defined (e.g. with regard to Double-Dapple, Piebald)? <p><u>Action</u> H&W Sub-committee and Z Thorn-Andrews to review the Standard and report back to Clubs with recommendations by the end of the year.</p>	<p>H&W S/c; Zena T-A</p>

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11	<u>Any Other Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Discover Dogs: Midland DC asked for donations of £10 from Clubs - cheques by end of year.● Treasurer asked for Clubs to set up SO to BC subscriptions payable on 1st Jan. Fees £25	All All

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.