

## Dachshund Breed Council

### Minutes of Meeting of The Dachshund Breed Council

April 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Acton Trussell Community Hall. 11 a.m.

Chair: Ian Seath

#### Present:

*Secretary:* Lesley Brown

Cambrian	Zara Boyle (observing - no mandate to vote)	
Dachshund Club	Anne Moore	Helen Geeson
Dachshund Club of Wales	Judith Armstrong	Christine Sheppard
E Counties DA	Wendy Hall	
E Yorkshire DC	Irene Cook	Katherine Herrington
Lancs and Cheshire DC	Kath Bethel	
Long-haired DC	Trevor Watkins	Hazel Watkins
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Gladys Mead
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton	Judy Squires
Northern DA	Trish Hancock	
N Eastern DC	Trish Hancock	
Northern LH D Br A	Andy Bethel	
Scottish DC	Edna Cooper	
Smooth-haired DC	Lovaine Coxon	Clare Bethel
Southern DA	Sue Ergis	Gina Salisbury
Ulster DC	Apologies	
WEDA	Pat Reese	Roger Hayward
West Riding	Janet Kay	Valerie Skinner
Wire-haired DC	Sue Johnson	Joanne Lavin

*The Meeting started with a minute's silence to mark the passing of members of the Dachshund Community.*

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1	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Ann Jeffrey WEDA, Lesley Patton WHDC, Phil Rollinson WHDC, Ulster DC.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Meeting held 10/05/09</u></b> Minutes previously circulated were read by Secretary and accepted as a true reflection of the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Prop. V. Skinner, Seconded J. Squires.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></b> There were no matters arising.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> Secretary read out correspondence not covered by agenda items.</p> <p>Letters from two judges who had not been included on the 2010 lists. Chair asked for comments and a full discussion took place. LHDC queried the handling of the complaint and asked if it was correctly dealt with by the Dachshund Club. Anne Moore answered in full on behalf of the Dachshund Club with evidence presented to them verbally and in writing. E. Yorks. queried whether the matter should have been an agenda item at the previous meeting. Chair replied it was acceptable to have been raised as AOB. The DBC Judges List is a Breed Council matter, although individual Clubs could choose to amend their own B or C Lists. After discussion a decision to uphold the original decision not to include the judges on the 2010 B all-rounder list was made by a majority of clubs. <u>Action:</u> Sec to write to the judges including the DC's statement.</p> <p>Letter from Mrs W Hall concerning the lower age of breeding bitches was read and discussed. It was reconfirmed, as per the Code of Ethics, that bitches should not be bred from before the age of 12 months. <u>Action:</u> Sec to write to KC re: minimum age at mating requesting that puppies from a bitch mated before 12 months should not be registered.</p> <p>Letter from Janet Lovick-Gibbs regarding cross-bred dogs. No action; letter FYI.</p> <p>Letter from GSD Breed Council. Re: testing and health issues in all breeds of pedigree dogs. ZTA replied that, given the range of ages appropriate for different tests, the proposal could be rather difficult to implement. Discussion on agreement in principle, but to have realistic aims, Breed Councils to work together is a positive action. Discussion on identification of breeding stock and policing of such ensued. <u>Action:</u> Sec. to write to GSD Breed Council with support in principle.</p>	<p>Lesley Brown</p> <p>Lesley Brown</p> <p>Lesley Brown</p>

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	<p>Sample contract for puppy sale from a solicitor/breeder for general information and circulation.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Sec. to circulate to Clubs and also from any other sample contracts members may wish to share.</p>	Lesley Brown
5	<p><b><u>KCBLC</u></b> ZTA: There was little to report; the next meeting would be looking at Codes of Ethics and asked that Clubs police CoE of members. It was felt that Club members can be excluded if their practice is not compliant with the CoE.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Sec. to circulate CoE to all Secretaries.</p> <p>SDC asked for clarification on Cord 1 testing within the CoE. DC reminded Clubs that any amendment to CoE has to be ratified by the KC. It was agreed that some guidance notes, separate to the CoE would be drafted for all Clubs to communicate to members.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> H&amp;W S/C to draft guidance.</p> <p>It was reported that Boston Terriers have non-issue of an export pedigree unless country had a laws of cruelty and reciprocal agreement. It was agreed that DBC would support this approach.</p> <p>The KC now has an up to date list of all Dachshund Judges.</p> <p>Colours of Dachshunds: The revised list of acceptable colours is now available on the KC website.</p> <p>The KC JDP might benefit from participating in our mentoring scheme, pack could be passed on to other breeds.</p> <p><u>DONM Nov 24<sup>th</sup></u> any items to be in to Zena before Aug 24<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Lesley Brown</p> <p>Ian Seath &amp; H&amp;W S/C</p> <p>All Clubs</p>
6	<p><b><u>A2 &amp; CC approvals</u></b> Sec reported there were only two A2 list approvals since the last meeting, one breed specialist and one all-rounder. Summary of details had been circulated and all responding Clubs were in favour. Sec reported that evaluators had been easier to source since the last meeting.</p> <p>The KC General Committee would not comment on recent unsuccessful applications even though the Breed Council Clubs had replied positively and candidates appeared to fulfill the criteria.</p> <p><u>Action</u> DBC to ask KC Judges Committee to explain how these individuals could progress to be approved. [Liaise Chair, LHDC and Sec.]</p>	Ian Seath
7	<p><b><u>Judging List</u></b> Sec read letters to Judges from WEDA on the failure to produce a</p>	

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	critique. General consensus of opinion was that judges had to fulfill their contract, of which writing a critique is a KC requirement. LHDC thought there should be a time limit on a critique. Chair suggested individual Clubs could include that requirement in their Contracts. Club Secs should write to judges querying any lack of critique, remind the judge of the contract and KC requirements and, if necessary, then raise the matter with the KC. Names of judges who fail to produce critiques should be circulated to member Clubs and this should be taken into consideration when compiling future Judging Lists.	All
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Health &amp; Welfare</u></b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b><u>Health Plans</u></b> Anne Moore circulated copies of the health survey data from the Breed Conference and the latest data from the H&W website. IVDD and Lafora's were the two most reported items on the H&W website. Chair stressed equal importance of recording "death from old age" to try to keep a balanced view of the breed's health.	
<b>8.2</b>	<b><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MLHD</u></b> Judy Squires reported that the late/early onset research currently being undertaken had no new results yet. Trevor Watkins reported 42% untested and 58% tested MLHDs. There need to be 70% tested before the KC will consider refusing registrations of "Affected" puppies.	
<b>8.3</b>	<b><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MSHD</u></b> There are no updates at present. Lovaine Coxon advised that Accredited Breeders are not required to test and the general opinion is that this is undermining the Clubs' advice on health testing. The matter is being dealt with by the KC following e-mail correspondence with the Chair. <b>Action:</b> Formal letter to KC re ABS & cord1 testing of MSHD. Note should be taken of test results and published. ZTA suggested she could also raise this issue at the KCBLIC to ensure other breeds were aware of the need to ask for new tests to be added to ABS requirements as they are not picked up automatically by the KC.	Ian Seath  Zena Thorn-Andrews
<b>8.4</b>	<b><u>Cord 1 Retinal Degeneration MWHD</u></b> Judy Squires reported update from AHT. 1 affected but a small number in total. AHT have offered to test a sample of MWHDs to ascertain the extent of the mutation in the breed. 50 dogs with 50 different sires and 50 different dams are required, from a representative cross-section of the breed. Judy Squires offered to coordinate and lead on this. <b>Action:</b> Judy Squires to coordinate 50 MWHD and liaise with AHT, DBC and Owners. AHT will send anonymous, summary results to	

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	DBC, but individuals will get their own dog's results.	Judy Squires
8.5	<p><b><u>Lafora's Disease</u></b>            Both L Patton and P Rollinson being absent Sue Johnson read Lesley Patton's report to the meeting. Main points were to remove all affected dogs from the breeding pool. There is no test at present which identifies "Carriers". There have been swab sample sessions at SDC, WHC &amp; WEDA shows to collect 100 samples to send to Canada for testing. Cost is £116 per dog but WHDC members are being subsidised and only pay £50. Take up of the swab sample has been slow, but arrangements are being made for further test venues and dates. ZTA suggested take up is slow as there is no test yet available to identify "Carriers". Funding for setting up a full "Clear, Carrier, Affected" test is approx. £24000. Chair thanked the WHDC for all their work so far and supported others' views that a full test was needed. He asked to what extent Clubs felt they would be able to offer financial support to the WHDC, if needed. There was a positive response, but Clubs would have to discuss more fully in their own Committees. It was suggested the KC Charitable Trust could be approached, as should the WHD Trust.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> DBC to write to WHDC, The KC and the Trustees of the WHD Trust.</p>	Ian Seath
8.6	<p><b><u>Epilepsy</u></b>            Chair reported AHT are collecting swab samples for their research into Epilepsy and can provide free test kits to owners.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Chair to circulate details of the research sampling via DBC's Newsletter (and website).</p>	Ian Seath
8.8	<p><b><u>IVDD</u></b>            Following the Breed Conference and Bill Oxley's presentation discussions were being planned with the KC with a view to setting up a UK X-ray screening programme.</p>	Ian Seath
8.9	<p><b><u>Welfare – General</u></b>            Chair had received a booklet from the Irish Wolfhound Clubs which they produced for new owners. It was suggested that the DBC H&amp;W Sub-committee might produce something similar.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> A Moore to assess and draft a Dachshund version.</p>	Anne Moore
9	<p><b><u>Education &amp; Training</u></b></p>	
9.1	<p><b><u>Resources Pack</u></b>            Andy reported the Education Resources pack had now been updated and all files were available on the Huddle webspace. It included the Guidance for Judges on Weighing of Miniatures which it had been agreed would be given to all Judges.</p>	

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9.2	<p><b><u>Mentoring Scheme</u></b> Mentoring sessions are planned for DC Open Show, LHDC and Northern. Uptake is slow, but the scheme is moving forward. Feedback from students and from mentors will be an important part of the scheme. <b>Action:</b> Ensure the Mentoring Pack contains relevant information from the main Education Resources Pack.</p>	Lovaine Coxon
9.3	<p><b><u>Stewarding Seminar</u></b> Update: disappointing uptake, date now clashes with Northern DC Show. Advert only just in to dog press. Can run with 10 persons if less will have to cancel. At date of meeting unsure of feasibility. <i>N.B. Seminar now canceled due to lack of response. (Sec.)</i></p>	
9.4	<p><b><u>Planned Educational Events</u></b> Chair asked round the table....Educational events to date are: Southern... seminar and hands-on assessments 10/4/10. Min. Club in conjunction with Eastern Counties Assessment 7/3/10. DCW – hope to run seminar and assessment early next year. Scottish DC 18<sup>th</sup> July – miniature agility team, BBQ and a grooming demonstration aimed at pet owners. Northern reported they will host a seminar and assessment but no date planned. Chair summarised there is a clear need for more education and assessment events all round the UK. DBC agreed to run a seminar at KC Stoneleigh. <b>Action:</b> Anne Moore to explore date options and work with Chair to organise.</p>	Anne Moore & Ian Seath
9.5	<p><b><u>History of Dachshunds</u></b> Lovaine asked the meeting to consider the ‘older’ Dachshund community members. In the recent past many of the founding and influential breeders had died and their history and knowledge has gone without record. A small ‘blog recorder’ was demonstrated and a proposal that we interview breeders/owners of influential dogs/bloodlines and incorporate into a video. After a positive discussion with suggestions on the possible questions this was felt to be something feasible and of wider interest. <b>Action:</b> Lovaine Coxon to lead and report back.</p>	Lovaine Coxon
10	<p><b><u>Communications</u></b> Chair, Press Officer and Sec. to agree a post-meeting press release. Press Officer reported that Chair and Sec. kept everyone informed. Thanked Chair and Sec. for making job problem free.</p>	Irene Cook, Ian Seath & Lesley Brown

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11	<b><u>AOB</u></b> Sec. to attend and pass Food Hygiene certificate to enable easier arrangements for providing a meal/snack at meetings.	Lesley Brown
12	<b><u>DONM</u></b> Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct . 2010 @ 11:00 a.m <b>Venue:</b> Acton Trussell Community Hall. <i>N.B. – Hall booked and meeting confirmed post-meeting. (Sec.)</i>  Meeting ended 14:25.	Lesley Brown