

Dachshund Breed Council Newsletter



Breed Standard Colour Clause

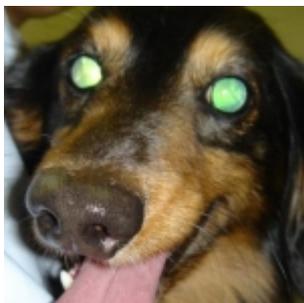
The KC has approved an amendment to the Colour Clause of our UK Breed Standard, with effect from June 1st 2012.

All colours permitted but no white permissible, save for a small patch on chest which is permitted but not desirable. The dapple pattern is expressed as lighter coloured areas contrasting with the darker base. Neither the light nor the dark colour should predominate. Double dapple (where varying amounts of white occurs all over the body in addition to the dapple pattern) is unacceptable. Pied, tricolour and the dilute colours isabella and blue are highly undesirable. Nose and nails black in all colours except chocolate/tan and chocolate/dapple where they are brown.

The amendment is the addition of: "Pied, tricolour and the dilute colours isabella and blue are highly undesirable."

We originally asked the KC to make Isabella and Blue "unacceptable", on health grounds. Both these dilute colours are known for having skin problems such as Colour Dilution Alopecia.

Double Dapple is "unacceptable" because of its well-known health risks and the KC will not register puppies from two Dapple parents. The other colours are now "highly undesirable" in the show-ring (and, in reality we don't see any here at UK shows).



cord1 PRA - all Miniature Dachshunds

If your Miniature Dachshund has two cord1 Clear parents it will be a "Hereditary Clear" puppy, with no need for a DNA test.

This status can be recorded on your dog's Registration certificate by the Kennel Club. Contact [Gary Johnson](#) at the KC if you need any help getting this status recorded.

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Colour Registration Lists

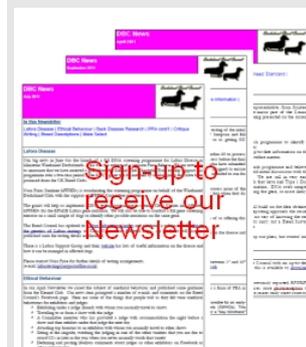
Following requests from the Breed Council, the KC has updated the list of Registration Colours for Miniature Long-haired Dachshunds. All the Registration Colour Lists were reviewed last year, but there was a delay producing the Mini Long list.

The Breed Council's Health and Welfare Sub-committee was particularly concerned that the list of Dapple variants was adequately covered. This is to help ensure that puppies with these patterns are correctly recorded and to avoid the potential for lightly marked dapples to be registered as solid colours, with a later risk of a Double Dapple mating.

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter. If you have Dachshund friends who aren't on the internet, please print a copy and give it to them.

If you've been sent a copy of this, but aren't on our mailing list, please click the link below.





Lafora Disease

Lafora Disease - Mini Wires

Following further work by the WHDC Lafora team, an updated list of tested dogs has been published on the [WHDC website](#).

The Canadian lab successfully tested our trial set of samples and obtained matching results from blood and saliva.

Prior to embarking on the full testing process, the lab is trying to perfect the saliva test so that everyone does not have to have blood taken – this will be less intrusive for the dogs and less expensive.

It is frustrating to have to keep waiting, but the lab is in a busy children's hospital where they are seeking a cure for the disease and that will always take priority. They have the wealth of expertise of Lafora research that we need, so we have to bear with them while they perfect and streamline the process.

Don't forget we have published a simple, pictorial guide to the genetics of Lafora Disease. Click on the picture below for a full size copy.

Parents	Puppies (expected percentages)
Clear parent + Clear parent	100% Clear puppies
Clear parent + Carrier parent	50% Clear puppies and 50% Carrier puppies
Clear parent + Affected parent	50% Clear puppies and 50% Carrier puppies
Carrier parent + Carrier parent	25% Clear, 50% Carrier, 25% Affected puppies
Carrier parent + Affected parent	50% Affected and 50% Carrier puppies
Affected parent + Affected parent	100% Affected puppies

Pets as Therapy

It's always interesting to hear stories of how clever Dachshunds are, or the tricks they get up to. We received this story about two Mini Wires who are PAT Dogs...

Leila is now a PAT dog. One of the Nursing Homes I visit is voting for Oliver in the PAT dog of the year competition. This is what they have said about him –

“Jacquie first brought her dog Oliver Twister along to see our residents in April, 2012. We had waited a while for a volunteer to be found but it was definitely worth the wait! Oliver's tailed does not stop wagging from the minute he enters the building! His owner, Jacquie, described Oliver as a “big dog in a little dog's body” and we couldn't agree more! He is a lovely little fellow who is happy to see anyone and everyone, but not happier than we are to see him! Along with the residents, Oliver has stolen the hearts of all the staff at Presentation Sisters Care Centre. I have spent time visiting the residents with Jacquie and I am delighted to see how each person responds. Eyes light up, arms stretch out to pat and there are always big smiles. He seems to bring to life and create a spark in people who might not necessarily respond to other forms of activity. He generates laughter and lots of talk about all sorts of topics that we might not usually touch upon.”

[Pets as Therapy website.](#)

Petshop Puppy Sales

A new website has been launched to campaign for an end to the sale of puppies from Pet Shops. [CanineActionUK](#) is calling upon Government:

- to recognise that the commercial trade in puppies through third party sellers is an outdated practice, likely to have considerable negative implications for owners and for the welfare of breeding dogs and puppies.
- to amend existing Sale of Dogs legislation accordingly.

You can also download two reports from the website:

- [Breeding and sale of dogs in the UK](#)
- [Online advertising of puppies in the UK](#)

The online advertising report concludes: "Those who choose a puppy solely on the basis of an internet advertisement are placing themselves at considerable risk."

You might also be interested to read in the same report how much some typical "designer cross-breeds" cost, compared with pedigree puppies. Please encourage potential Dachshund puppy buyers to download our free guide:



Buying and owning a Dachshund

A free e-book produced by the Dachshund Breed Council

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Dachshunds on the TV



Congratulations to Lisa Ronchetti and other members of the [Dachshunds in London](#) Group who featured on BBC1's the One Show on Tuesday 10th July. [BBC iPlayer - at 25 minutes]

There was some great publicity for Dachshunds.

Essential dog-related photos to store on your Smartphone

According to [Dogster.com](#) a photo isn't just worth a thousand words -- it might just save your dog's life. Here are some photos you should have on hand at all times.

- Pictures of your dog's medications and dosage details
- Your dog, to create a flyer in case s/he gets lost

- ID tag and Microchip identification number
- Vaccination record

Another suggestion is to keep a copy of your dog's pedigree on your 'phone; somebody always asks to see it!

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