

THE DACHSHUND BREED COUNCIL

APRIL 21st 2013

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

Meeting 10.30

MINUTES

Chairman: Ian Seath

Present:

Chair Ian Seath

Secretary: Lesley Brown

Treasurer Katherine Herrington

KC Breed Liaison Officer

Health Coordinator

Mentoring/Education Coordinator

Zena Thorn Andrews

Roger Sainsbury

Helen Geeson

Cambrian	Apologies	
Dachshund Club	Anne Moore	Linda Coverley / Jane Cule
Dachshund Club of Wales	Apologies	
E Counties DA	Wendy Hall	Gina Hardy
E Yorkshire DC	Irene Cook	
Lancs and Cheshire DC	Apologies	
Long-haired DC	Mike Wedge	
Midland DC	Flo Winchurch	Ian Smith
Miniature DC	Dawn Norton	Judy Squires
Northern Counties DA	Apologies	
Northern LH D Br A	Apologies	
Scottish DC	Apologies	
Smooth-haired DC	Katherine Herrington	
Southern DA	Sue Ergis	Gina Salisbury
Ulster DC		
WEDA	Gill Goad	Roger Hayward
West Riding	Apologies	
Wire-haired DC	Arnold Derry	

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4	<p>Treasurer's Report Treasurer will present an in-depth report at the AGM to follow this meeting. Present balances Breed Council account £998.36 and the Health Fund stands at £2,222.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence Secretary read correspondence re weighing miniature dachshunds from South Africa to the Kennel Club, Breed Council and Miniature Club. The South African questions have been answered and the Secretary read the Breed Council's reply. Mrs Squires suggested that the chairman should send a copy of our reply to the KC. <u>Action</u> - Send copy to KC</p> <p>Secretary read e mail outlining Pet Dachshund Owners getting together doing a sponsored walk and raising a considerable amount of money for the AHT and the Breed Council's Health Fund. Chair had written thanking them for their support.</p>	Ian Seath
6	<p>KCBLC ZTA reported a change in the Junior Warrant points. A Best of Breed and Best Puppy can claim 3 points if they were not won in the class. This will be implemented for 01/01/14.</p> <p>The KCBLC have a proposal to be discussed in May re inclusion of three dogs in stud book for A3 List. There is a loophole at the moment in judges owning in partnership a dog which is in the studbook. It is proposed that the dog must be jointly owned for two years. <u>Action</u> - The Dachshund Breed Council support the proposal.</p> <p>Critiques – Dog World, Our Dogs and Show Secretaries should receive Judges Critiques within three weeks of the show. Secretaries to include in their Annual Returns any Judge who has not submitted a critique. It was pointed out that exhibitors pay entries for Judges opinion and if placed should expect and receive a Critique. It is proposed that Secretaries send a list of non-compliant Judges with their Annual Returns. <u>Action</u> - Breed Council voted to wholeheartedly support this proposal.</p> <p>Special Classes – Under new Regulations it is possible to hold “special” classes at a Show for B and C List Judges. Possibly to take place during lunch break. ZTA passed on information to Secretary to circulate post meeting. <u>Action</u> – copy FAQs to all clubs.</p>	<p>Zena Thorn-Andrews</p> <p>Zena Thorn-Andrews</p> <p>Lesley Brown</p>
7	<p>A2 and CC Approvals The Secretary read list of CC approvals since October meeting. The SHDC asked if the Secretary could send a copy of CV plus the breakdown of data to them. It was decided the Secretary should scan the CV for the SHDC but to continue sending breakdown of data to all other clubs and supply the CV only if requested. <u>Action</u> – supply CVs to SHDC.</p>	Lesley Brown

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8	<p>CC allocation at General Championship shows ECDA read a letter previously circulated to the Council. WEDA (Gillian Goad) pointed out the West Country had one show in the Peninsula in CCs for Mini Longs and CC allocation for Dachshunds is poor. The Midlands are well supported. East of England have better allocation than the West Country. In summary WEDA support ECDA. Discussion followed re Show timings and locations with CC allocation. It was suggested that SKC have one show with six sets and not two shows. From the South and the West it is a three hour drive to the Midlands. Dachshund Club felt they could not support this as it is not feasible and there is a possibility of Dachshunds losing tickets. Suggested everyone discusses this in Committee. <u>Action</u> – ECDA and WEDA to get together to put forward a specific proposal for the allocation of GCS CCs. Secretary will circulate their proposal to the Clubs for discussion in Committee. <u>Action</u> - Ideas and proposals from the Clubs to come back to the November Meeting.</p>	<p>Gina Hardy & Gillian Goad</p> <p>All Clubs</p>
9	<p>Health and Welfare</p>	
9.1	<p>H&W Sub-committee Roger Sainsbury presented his report on behalf of the Sub-committee.</p> <p>Roger asked that all clubs check that their websites had working links to the DBC main website and to the Health website. <u>Action</u> – clubs to ensure working links to DBC sites.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the Health Plan’s proposed objectives in relation to breeding. A number of views were expressed imposing a 20 litter maximum for a stud dog was too limiting. RS pointed out new scientific and genetic information was coming in constantly. Limitation to stud dogs lessens the chance of adverse genetic conditions from over-use of individual stud dogs. Wirehaired Club felt it was too limiting to the Breed – it will impact on the genetic gene pool as owners will not allow their dogs to be used at public stud and the owner of a stud dog will become more selective. Chair put forward that although proposed as a preventative measure this would be very difficult to enforce (in the same way as the Code of Ethics). ZTA was against limiting exhibitor breeders. It was also suggested that imports and health tests should be mentioned in the Health Report. Implications of what they will bring to the breed. <u>Action</u> – Clubs to discuss this in Committee and decide on wording of proposals. in readiness for the next meeting.</p> <p>With regards to Lafora in mini wires – many vets are not diagnosing this correctly and many are ignorant of this condition. Difficult still to get people to comprehend mating a carrier to a clear is safe and will only produce carriers.</p> <p>The Dachs Life Survey flagged up heart incidence in wires as significant. VetCompass and SAVSNET are collecting data from practices throughout the UK.</p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>All Clubs</p>

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	<p>It will be useful to compare this data to our Dachs Life Survey.</p> <p>A research paper recently reported a high incidence of Brittle Bone Disease, particularly in Wirehaired and Mini Wirehaired, in Germany. There is a proposal to screen 20 to 30 dogs in the UK to see if the problem warrants further investigation. Following results it will be decided or not whether to screen for carriers. It is suggested that people importing dogs from the continent should be aware of these conditions.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – set up a research screening exercise for UK dogs.</p> <p>The Royal College research into epilepsy have asked for dogs with this condition to take part in testing a new diet.</p> <p>The Chair reminded delegates to encourage owners to report conditions to the Health website.</p> <p>There was also a concern that owners taking part in Cani-X, mini agility or other similar activities should ensure that both the owner and the dog were suitably fit to take part first.</p> <p>The Dachshunds again came top of the Karlton Index.</p>	Roger Sainsbury
9.2	<p>IVDD</p> <p>The AHT now have enough samples of the non-affected dogs and to further the testing now need samples from dogs that have had surgery.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – recruit dogs who have had IVDD surgery.</p> <p>Thermal Imaging back screening took place at the Southern Show – so far no report back has been received.</p>	Ian Seath
9.3	<p>Lafora Disease (MWHD)</p> <p>WH Club received an update on the test on the 17th April. There is now a reliable test for clear, carrier and affected dogs. This is still using blood samples only. A second batch of testing of 45 dogs has been sent to Canada. There will again be testing available at the same venue for 50 to 60 dogs which will be £190 plus the kit. Cost is likely to be in the region of £225 per test. Details to be confirmed later. There will be over 300 test results on the website after this latest batch has been completed. It is hoped the KC Charitable Trust will also subsidise the cost.</p> <p>MWH Club (Judy Squires) suggested rewording the Consent document to say affected dogs could be bred to a clear. The resultant progeny would be carriers. Discussion followed and it was agreed that any dog showing clinical signs of Lafora should not be bred from.</p> <p>Action – Feedback concerns on the Consent form to the Lafora Sub-committee.</p>	Arnold Derry
9.4	<p>Eye Disease (Miniatures)</p> <p>Judy Squires reported that MLH cord1 status is fine and in MSH most are now testing dogs before breeding.</p> <p>Distichiasis testing unfortunately did not take place at the Min Club Show as Prof. Crispin was snowed in. A session will now take place at Hound Show.</p>	

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	<p>Dachshund Club were asked if they might be able to host a clinical testing session at their Championship Show.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – Discuss whether an Eye Screening session can be set up at DC in November..</p>	Anne Moore
	<p>Heart Disease (Wires)</p> <p>Arnold Derry for the WH Club reported that testing had been carried out previously (2006, 07, 09) and they don't see they will need to retest for another 12 months.</p> <p>Dachslife 2012 and online reporting shows a higher percentage of Wires with heart conditions than any other variety.</p> <p><u>Action</u> - Chair to circulate data to WHDC for their Committee to review.</p>	Ian Seath
10	Education and Training	
10.1	<p>Mentoring Scheme</p> <p>Helen Geeson reported 16 candidates currently on her list. The breakdown was some new to the breed, C List and B List Judges and B List All-rounders giving CCs in another breed. There is a need for more mentors.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – Secretary to send A List Judges email addresses to HG.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – Recruit more Mentors.</p>	Lesley Brown Helen Geeson
10.2	<p>Planned Education & Assessment Events</p> <p>Helen Geeson said there was a need to run more breed-specific seminars.</p> <p>East Yorkshire plan to produce a DVD for novices.</p> <p>Great Joint Dachshund Association plan breed based seminar and practical to include grooming, tracking and critique writing.</p> <p>LHDC hosting a Fun Day 8 September.</p> <p>WEDA Fun Day 16 June and at a later date a Breed Specialist Seminar.</p> <p>Dachshund Breed Council to host a seminar later this year.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – Chair and Ed. Coord. to arrange a seminar.</p>	Ian Seath & Helen Geeson
10.3	<p>Discover Dogs</p> <p>There are now three events: Discover Dogs. Midland Dachshund Club responsible for Crufts. Southern Dachshund Association responsible for Earls Court Discover Dogs and the London Pet Show.</p> <p>Midland asked for central funding for Discover Dogs and Education as many Clubs fail to pay their £10 club subscription to Midland. Midland heavily subsidise this event. Chair suggested funding for DD should be included in the discussion of Breed Council subscriptions at the AGM.</p>	
11	<p>Communications</p> <p>Post meeting usual newsletter update. Breed notes in the dog press and website update.</p>	Ian Seath
12	Any other business	

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	<p>ECDA asked that the DBC have one meeting a year and not two. WHDC thought one meeting was not enough. WEDA pointed out that this had been discussed at the previous meeting and was not supported, so should not be raised for at least 12 months.</p> <p>Judy Squires, Min Club voiced an opinion that it was disappointing that several clubs were absent and thought that at least one member of the Clubs' Committee could attend.</p> <p>Southern Dachshund Association (Gina Salisbury) re social media. Gina raised the problem of people voicing derogatory comments of people and their dogs in the social media. It was suggested that perhaps a comment in the breed notes should be published.</p> <p>Helen Geeson pointed out that our Code of Ethics already includes a clause of sporting behaviour.</p> <p>Gina Salisbury proposed that the following clause should be included in the Code of Ethics. No member shall use social media to make unjustified derogatory comments – direct or implied – about another member, the association or an official of the association. Such conduct may be considered incompatible with continued membership and may lead to the expulsion of that member.</p> <p>Proposed by Gina Salisbury seconded Mike Wedge.</p> <p>WHDC thought individual comment on this should come from Clubs so this proposal needs to be taken to Committee. It was therefore not voted on.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – Clubs to discuss in committee whether they want to add this clause to our CoE.</p> <p>Recessive MLH – Mrs Squires had been informed a breeder of a Mini Smooth litter has produced one recessive mini longhair and wants to register it as a mini longhair. The breeder had asked the KC for advice as she was concerned the puppy's insurance might not be valid if it had to be registered as a MS. Discussion followed re validity of pedigree but basically consensus of opinion was that we would have to see what stance the KC wished to take. Puppies are normally registered as to the coat of their parents.</p> <p>A2 application forms – Clubs receive A2 forms which are incorrectly filled or missing many details. Jeff Horswell and Ian Seath have devised a guide to help candidates fill in their A2 approval correctly.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – circulate guidance document to all Clubs.</p> <p>It has been suggested that there is a lack of up and coming younger members and that they generally did not feel confident and welcome to the established committees. Discussion took place about welcoming newcomers, mentoring and other possible ways to involve newer and younger people in Breed Club and Committee activities.</p> <p><u>Action</u> – Helen Geeson, Ian Seath and Lesley Brown to liaise to identify possible ways forward.</p> <p>Dachshund Feature in Dog World – Chairman had received criticism of this feature from Jemima Harrison who had pointed out a dog which she felt showed</p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>Ian Seath</p> <p>Ian Seath, Lesley Brown, Helen Geeson</p>

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	over-exaggeration. It was noted that sometimes photos are not well chosen and don't reflect the true proportions of the dog. Two further points were made: (a) it will take time for breeders to address conformation issues and (b) there is nothing stopping judges from judging to the Breed Standard now.	
13	Date of Next Meeting Sunday 24 th November – 10.30 a.m. start	Lesley Brown