

Dachshund Breed Council Newsletter

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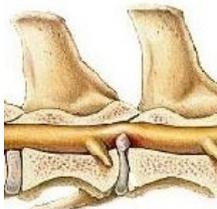


This month...

September 2012

Back Disease Project – Judging Lists 2013 – Dachshunds in the News - Health Seminar – Dachshund Coats and Colours - Health Reporting

Back Disease (IVDD) Research Project – we need more samples



Back Disease

In 2011 we asked for DNA swab samples from dogs over the age of 10 who had no history of back problems. We still need more samples from additional Dachshunds to support our IVDD research programme.

If you have a Dachshund over the age of 10 who has never had back problems (however minor), please e-mail ian@sunsong.co.uk and arrange to receive a cheek swab kit from the AHT. These samples will act as the “controls” in the research being carried out by the AHT. We are asking owners to make a small donation (£10) to the AHT to cover the cost of the swab kit and postage.

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.

Breed Council Judging Lists 2013

The Breed Council will be compiling its Judging Lists for 2012 over the next couple of months. If you wish to have your name added to the list, or if any of your contact details have changed during 2012, please send an updated CV to the Secretary, [Lesley Brown](#), no later than 30th November 2012.

You can download a CV Form from our [website](#).

As in previous years, any Judges who have failed to submit a Critique for an appointment this year, will not be eligible for inclusion on the 2013 lists. Our Guide to Critique Writing is available [here](#) as a downloadable pdf file.

Our Health website has a [page explaining Judges' responsibilities](#) in relation to health and welfare.

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



Dachshunds in the News

The Daily Mail seems to have a knack of finding (odd) Dachshund stories and in the past few weeks there have been two more. (Click the Headlines to go to the Daily Mail articles)

Headline 1: Polish dog owners celebrate their love for Dachshunds in bizarre fancy dress parade

Apparently, this was the 18th year that the annual Dachshund Parade has been held in the streets of Krakow in Poland.

Watch the video!

Headline 2: Now that's a sausage (roll) dog

The article reported that dumpy Dachshunds Maddie and Josh had ballooned to double their body weight - 9kg and 11kg respectively - after being nearly 'killed with kindness' by their elderly owner. The two Dachshunds were taken in by animal charity Dogs Trust when their elderly owner was no longer able to take care of them. They had clearly been over-fed and under-exercised.

If anyone needs advice about the correct bodyweight for a Dachshund we have information on our [Health website](#) which includes a visual guide and links to the [Pet-size-o-meter](#).

Dachshund Health Seminar 13th October 2012 – a few places left



The Dick White Charitable Foundation has kindly offered to run a Health Seminar for the Dachshund Breed Council at their Referral Practice near Newmarket. We have taken over 30 bookings, but still have a few places left (max. 40).

The Seminar will take place on Saturday 13th October (09:00 – 16:00) at Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire, CB8 0UH.

Prof. Dick White's practice team of highly-experienced Specialists with expertise across a wide range of veterinary disciplines will provide the speakers for the seminar. Topics will include:

- ⤴ Soft tissue – hernias
- ⤴ Dermatology – managing ear and skin conditions
- ⤴ Neurology – brain and back
- ⤴ Diabetes treatment
- ⤴ Hydrotherapy and physiotherapy demonstrations
- ⤴ Anaesthesia – acupuncture

There will also be an opportunity to have a tour of the referral clinic to see their facilities.

If you would like to reserve a place a Booking Form is available on-line at our Health website, [here](#). Alternatively, please e-mail or 'phone Ian Seath (ian@sunsong.co.uk; 01628 529936).

The cost of the seminar is ONLY £10 which includes refreshments and lunch. The £10 fee includes donations which will be made to the Dick White Charitable Foundation and the Dachshund Breed Council Health Fund.

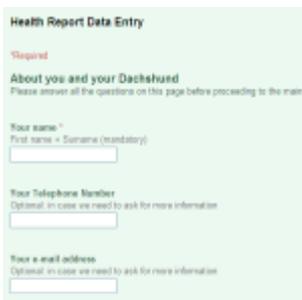
Dachshund Coats and Colours

At our 2012 Breed Conference, Helen Geeson gave a presentation on the Genetics of Dachshund Coats and Colours. Her slides are available [on-line here](#) as a pdf file.

Find out about:

- Recessive coats
- The difference between colour and pattern
- Dilute and solid colours
- Dominant and recessive colours
- Health problems associated with the Merle (Dapple) gene

Health Reporting



The screenshot shows a form titled "Health Report Data Entry" with a red asterisk indicating required fields. The form asks for the user's name (first name and surname), telephone number, and email address. It also includes a heading "About you and your Dachshund" and a note to answer all questions before proceeding.

We still need people to report any health problems or cause of death for their Dachshunds at our [Health Reporting page](#).

Currently, we're getting about 7 reports per month and around 26% of the reports submitted are for back problems.

Cancers and Tumours are the second most common report (9%) and Neurological problems such as Epilepsy and Lafora Disease are third highest (8%).

Report a health problem

You can view all the latest statistics [here](#).

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