

Dachshund Breed Council Newsletter

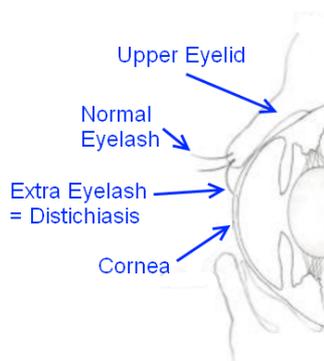


This month...

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Free Distichiasis Screening at Mini Club Show 10th Feb.

Distichiasis



Prof. Sheila Crispin will be carrying out free Distichiasis examinations at the Miniature Dachshund Club's Championship Show on Sunday 10th February.

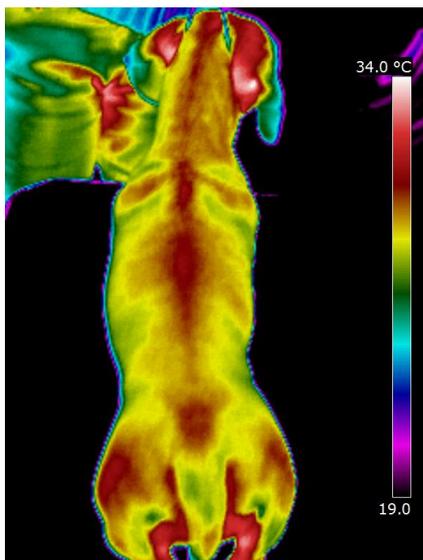
The background to this research project, supported by the Breed Council, is [here](#).

Please [download and complete a Distichiasis Form](#) for each of your dogs and bring this to the show, along with each dog's REGISTRATION DOCUMENT and two copies of its PEDIGREE.

If time permits, Prof. Crispin is happy to examine Mini Smooths and Mini Wires as well.

The show takes place at: The Sports Connexion, Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3FL

Thermal Imaging of Dachshund Backs



At the Southern Dachshund Association's Championship Show on January 19th Anna Schumann took Thermal Images of 58 Dachshunds. This was the first screening event in this research programme. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Anna said "Thank you for making me feel welcome - I was very impressed with the dedication shown by the owners to get to the show! I took images of 58 dogs on the day - more news once I've delved through the images..."

The aim of the study is to see if thermal imaging can be used as a diagnostic predictor for future back problems in the breed. You can read more about this research [here](#).

The Health Sub-committee is currently in discussion with the French Bulldog Club Breed Health Coordinator about the possibility of running a joint "Back Disease" seminar later this year. Further details will follow.

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Lafora Disease

Lafora Screening Programme - update

The following update was posted on the [WHDC website](#) on 7th February:

Since our last update, Dr Minassian has engaged an additional Research Assistant, which should speed up the perfection of the new (old) Carrier test method that will give us an acceptable turnaround time and cope with the volume.

In the meantime, Dr Minassian and the laboratory team in Canada, are willing to accept blood samples for affected / unaffected tests, through the Lafora Group. The cost for the affected / unaffected test is £80. The blood samples will be retained so that, for those who want it, the DNA can be used to subsequently carry out the new (old) Carrier test when it is up and running (there may be an additional cost for this).

To move this forward, we have organised a Testing Day on Wednesday 17th April 2013. The first people to be invited will be those who are still waiting for an affected / unaffected result from the Centogene testing. Then those requests that we have received whilst we have been waiting for the go ahead from Dr Minassian. Requests for new affected / unaffected tests need to be made either to:

Sue Holt - susan.holt@talktalk.net

or

Nora Price - laforatesting@mypostoffice.co.uk

If the demand for the Testing Day on 17th April is greater than we can cope with in one day, we will organise an additional day and post details on the Wire Haired Dachshund Club website. Sue and Nora will be in touch with those who have already made requests, to confirm details and get the relevant forms completed.

The testing day will again be held in the Midlands at the Poole House Veterinary Hospital, Lichfield, Staffs.WS13 8BY. We will allocate time slots as we co-ordinate requests.

In the meantime, breeders can use the information on the Wire Haired Dachshund Club web site www.whdc.co.uk to check the status and background breeding of animals they are considering for use in their breeding programmes.

The WHDC will post any new updates [here](#) – thank you for your continued patience.

Dogs in motion – Video

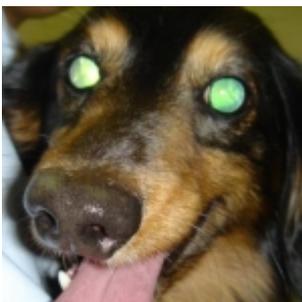
The German Kennel Club's YouTube video of Dogs in motion is available [here](#).



As well as film of many different breeds moving (including a rather shaggy Wirehaired Dachshund), it includes X-ray shots and graphics of dogs' skeletons and muscles during movement.

The book, "Dogs in motion", was launched at the FCI Centenary Winner Show, and is now available exclusively through [OUR DOGS](#) at shows and through their [online bookshop](#). This book shows the locomotion of dogs in a completely new light. It is based on a study funded by the Society for the Promotion of Canine Research and VDH member associations and conducted under the leadership of Professor Dr. Martin Fischer.

PRA cord1 Hereditary Clear Lists



cord1 PRA

The Kennel Club has kindly provided us with updated lists of all the Dachshunds who are registered as Hereditary Clear of the cord1 PRA mutation. You can download the lists from our website, [here](#).

- Approx. 1500 Mini Longs have been registered as Hereditary Clear of cord1 PRA
- Approx. 1200 Mini Smooths have been registered as Hereditary Clear of cord1 PRA
- Approx. 300 Mini Wires have been registered as Hereditary Clear of cord1 PRA

Our cord1 PRA information page is [here](#).

Judging Lists 2013

The Breed Council's 2013 Judging Lists were published at the end of January and are available from the [Council Secretary, Lesley Brown](#), or any Breed Club Secretary.

If your contact details are incorrect, or if they change during the year, please let Lesley have an update.

Dachshunds helping in human spinal research



University of
BRISTOL

Dr. Nicolas Granger has advised us that he has just received ethical permission from Bristol University to continue some work on urinary incontinence in paraplegic dogs. This work was originally started by a team in Cambridge. This is a very important topic, both for dogs and people.

He has funding to treat 4 dogs as part of a research project and previously [treated 9 dogs](#). The project consists mainly in implanting small electrodes on the nerves going to the bladder to be able to control it, which does work well. This sacral nerve stimulating implant is a simple and apparently effective neuroprosthetic device that restores urine voiding in paraplegic dogs.

Although this is probably less 'fashionable' than the cell therapy [recently publicised](#), it is nevertheless really important work with potential benefit for humans as well as dogs.

Further information on the criteria for acceptance on the research programme will follow, so if you own a paralysed Dachshund you may be able to help.

2012 Dachshund Registrations

The Kennel Club has published the Registration figures for 2012. Mini Smooth Dachshunds are the UK's 19th most popular breed, up one place from 2011.

If you want to see the trends since 1999, [visit our website](#). The 2012 registrations for each variety are as follows:

Smooth = 108; Mini Smooth = 2854

Long = 138; Mini Long = 911

Wire = 321; Mini Wire = 688

On the internet

New: [Midland Dachshund Club website](#)

[February Kennel Gazette](#)

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