



THE KENNEL CLUB DOG HEALTH

Breed Health Symposium 2017 Programme for the Day

Date and time: Wednesday 4th October, 09:30am to 15:30pm
Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, CV8 2LZ

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration and refreshments**

10:00 – 10:15 **Introduction to the day**

10:15 – 10:45 **Seminar One: Breed Health Conservation Plans (BHCP)**

Dr Katy Evans (Health Research Manager, The Kennel Club)

The Breed Health and Conservation Plans (BHCP) aim to enable the identification of the most significant issues in each breed, where further research and support is required and the allocation of resources to these. These will be made in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including breed clubs, researchers and Breed Health Coordinators to create bespoke plans for each breed. A further 50 breeds are currently being identified to have BHCPs developed with them once the initial 17 are complete; in time all breeds will have their own BHCP and these will continue to be reviewed going forward.

10:45 – 11:15 **Seminar Two: Epilepsy**

Professor Holger Volk (Royal Veterinary College)

Epilepsy is the most common chronic neurological condition in dogs. Epilepsy is not a pure seizure disorder but also causes comorbidities such as behaviour changes. The cause of epilepsy can vary, but more and more genetic factors have been identified in recent years. Recent research has also highlighted that drugs are not the only answer of getting back control when managing a patient with epilepsy. A comprehensive approach is essential to improve Quality of Life and the management of epilepsy.

11:15 – 11:45 **Seminar Three: Sniffing out the science: How to interpret information about dog health**

Zoe Belshaw (University of Nottingham)

More information to come

11:45 – 12:10 **Update on Give a Dog a Genome Project**

Dr Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Kennel Club Genetics Centre (Animal Health Trust)

Dr Louise Burmeister, Postdoctoral Research Scientist (Animal Health Trust)

This programme for the day may be subject to alteration.

- 12:10 – 12:30 ***International Partnership For Dogs (IPFD) update***
Dr Brenda Bonnett, CEO (International Partnership for Dogs)
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Buffet Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:30 **Question and Answer Booths**
Dr Cathryn Mellersh & Dr Louise Burmeister (AHT)
Dr Brenda Bonnet (IPFD)
Dr Katy Evans & Bonnie Wiles (BHCP enquiries)
Dr Tom Lewis (Genetics enquiries)
Zoe Belshaw (University of Nottingham)
- 15:30 **Close of Day**