



Breed Health Symposium 2019 Programme for the Day

Date and time: Wednesday 18th September, 09:30am to 15:30pm
Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, CV8 2LZ

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

10:00 – 10:10 **Introduction to the Day**

Mr Bill Lambert (Senior Health & Welfare Manager at the Kennel Club) will give an introduction to the day and an update on changes within the Kennel Club Health Team.

10:10 – 10:50

Seminar One: Update on Canine Research at the Animal Health Trust

Dr Cathryn Mellersh (Head of Canine Genetics) and Dr Sally Ricketts (Postdoctoral Geneticist) give an update on the Give a Dog a Genome project and research undergoing at the AHT on complex canine diseases.

Breed-specific questions will be possible in the afternoon booth sessions, upon appointment.

10:50 – 11:50

Seminar Two: Feeding for the Future – How Nutrition Impacts on Generational Health and Wellbeing

Dr Jacqueline Boyd (Nutritional Consultant at Skinner's) discusses the topic of canine nutrition and how this fits into wider aspects of canine health and wellbeing, such as genetics, exercise and other environmental factors.

The session includes time for 15 minutes of questions and answers.

11:50 – 12:00

Break

12:00 – 12:15

Seminar Three: Update Regarding Hereditarily Clear Status

Dr Tom Lewis (Quantitative Geneticist at the Kennel Club) discusses the upcoming regulation regarding hereditarily clear status in litters, whereby litters with hereditarily clear status will require re-testing after the third generation, which is to be introduced from January 2022. Breed-specific questions will be possible in the afternoon booth sessions.

This programme for the day may be subject to alteration.

12:15 – 13:00

Seminar Four: “I’m a Breed Health Co-ordinator get me out of here!”

The Breed Health Co-ordinator Mentors discuss the key issues BHCs may face in their role and how to overcome such scenarios in a question and answer session. Afternoon booths are available for any further queries.

13:00 – 14:00

Buffet Lunch Available

14:00

Question and Answer Booths

The following researchers and/ or organisations will be attending to allow BHCs to discuss face to face any topics relating to their breed:

- Dr Cathryn Mellersh & Mr Chris Jenkins (AHT Give a Dog a Genome)
- Dr Mike Starkey (AHT Cancer Research)
- Dr Chris Jenkins (AHT Epilepsy Research)
- Miss Hannah James & Dr Tom Lewis (BHCP and Genetic Enquiries)
- Mr Ian Seath, Ms Liz Branscombe, Mrs Lesley Field, Mrs Louise Goldcliffe, Mrs Tina Watkins, Dr Archie Bryden (Breed Health Co-ordinator Mentors)
- Dr Dan O’Neill (Vet Compass, Chairman of the Brachycephalic Working Group)
- Ms Kelly Thatcher (British Veterinary Association)
- Dr Jane Ladlow and Dr David Sargan (Respiratory Function Grading Scheme)
- Dr Rowena Packer (RVC Epilepsy Group)
- Dr Eleanor Raffan (GOdogs team)
- Dr Dylan Clements (Roslin Institute)
- Dr Naomi Harvey (Itchy Dog Project)
- Miss Charlotte McNamara (CombiBreed)

15:30

Close of Day