

IPFD 4th International Dog Health Workshop (IDHW) 30 May-01 June 2019

Invitation to Present a Poster

GOALS: To facilitate information transfer and increase potential for networking at [the workshop](#).

TOPICS: To include, for example (see also description of Themes, further below):

- Any programs, research, or activities related to health and welfare in dogs, that relate in some way to the themes of this workshop (see below).
- Education/communication strategies or examples of innovative work to improve communication with a specific stakeholder group, or, especially across stakeholders.
- International programs/organizations/groups addressing dog health, welfare, or human-dog interactions.
- ***In all cases, experiences/descriptions of any measures of success or challenges is especially welcome.***

FORMAT:

Posters should be: Size=A0, Format=Portrait; should include or have attached contact information/photo of the author to enhance networking possibilities. NOTE: If you have an existing poster in landscape format, we may have room to accommodate 2 or 3 of those.

Posters will be displayed from the Thursday reception until Saturday lunch in the reception/coffee/public areas at the venue. **We assume you will bring your printed poster with you and deliver it to the reception desk by 17:00 (5 pm) on Thursday, May 30. In order to present a poster, you must send a title and a short description of the topic (2 or 3 lines, e.g.), together with your name/email/ affiliations/credentials, etc., to david.st.louis@ipfdogs.com AND brenda.bonnett@ipfdogs.com by April 29, 2019, at the latest. You will be informed within 5 days if it is accepted. We have limited space, so please contact us as soon as possible. Please indicate if you will require printing. IPFD and The Kennel Club reserve the right to refuse posters with objectionable content at the venue.**

Topics of particular interest, Themes for Breakout Sessions:

- 1) **The concept of 'Breed' and how it influences health and welfare in dogs.** How attitudes to the definition and understanding of *breed* affect actions for health; the history and future of *outcrossing*; public perception; conservation vs. development of breeds; the role/influences of standards; *judging for health/function* not just appearance; experience in other species.
- 2) **Supply and Demand.** The reality of sourcing – national vs. registered/pedigree populations; commercial breeding: the reality; new developments in health and welfare management, e.g. in the USA and Ireland; 'rescues'/marketing; the role of different stakeholders.
- 3) **Breed-Specific Health Strategies:** By breed, nationally and internationally. Defining and sharing tools to support the work of breed clubs.
- 4) **Genetic Testing for Dogs:** Selection, evaluation and application of genetic testing: building expert resources for genetic counselling/IPFD Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD) initiative; coordinating across stakeholder groups; latest developments in genetics and genomics.
- 5) **Exaggerations And Extremes In Dog Conformation:**
 - a) **Health, welfare, and breeding considerations;** review of national and international efforts, *on all fronts* – what has been achieved?; brachycephalics; other existing and emerging issues; overcoming polarization and conflict, resolving science and emotion.
 - b) **Education and Communication** – Past practices may not have achieved desired outcomes. What are tools and techniques to promote human behaviour change? What can we learn from other fields?