

# IPFD 4th International Dog Health Workshop (IDHW): Outline for Participants

## General Goals and Outcomes - all Themes:

*By the conclusion of the 4th IDHW participants should leave with a clear sense of key decisions on priorities / needs within the theme; remaining gaps/ challenges/ controversies; List of specific tasks/ actions to be undertaken over the next two years, by whom; and a clear understanding of how they, personally, will help achieve the desired outcomes.*

Please see: [4th International Dog Health Workshop Pre-meeting Resources](#) including:

- current overview of entire workshop; schedule; speakers list and poster invite, as well as,
- page for each them with links to more resources.

.... **Please note this is still evolving... check for new updates until the workshop...**

## Breed-Specific Health Strategies Theme

National and international programs and approaches to studying and improving health of dogs within a breed.

- **Working Group Coordinator(s):** Ian Seath, UK
- **Resource persons:** Gregoire Leroy, France; Per Arne Flatberg, Norway; Anne Bucksch, Sweden; Pat Long, USA
- **Facilitator:** Ian Seath, UK
- **Note Taker:** TBA

## Context for the breed-specific health strategies theme:

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> IDHW, participants in this theme agreed that effective and sustainable implementation of health strategies requires innovative solutions to many different challenges. Provision of sufficient and reliable information was agreed as critical, for both situational assessment as well as day-to-day screening of dogs. Considering the design of breed health strategies, the group decided that it was important to identify and balance the major issues for each individual breed and give guidelines on how priorities could be determined for each, while still allowing breeders discretion to make their own decisions within an overall framework of requirements and recommendations.

The group discussed their diversity of experiences across countries in relation to breed-specific health strategies and access to their local resources and tools that could be shared more widely. The use of the DogWellNet.com platform website as a repository for such resources was recommended.

The general conclusion was that there is no “one size fits all” solution for developing breed-specific health strategies and that the most effective interventions would be adapted according to the specific context of each breed, nationally and internationally.

## Key activities for this theme include:

- Confirming what we mean by a breed health strategy, by reference to currently available examples (see resources at end of document)
- Defining Health Strategy Providers and understanding the landscape of those providing direction, challenge and regulation (e.g governments, KCs, campaigners, breed clubs, vets)
- Understanding the challenges facing breed clubs, such as how to get started with a breed strategy, how to maintain momentum and how to accelerate progress

- The role of Kennel Clubs in the wider context (national and international), such as advocating for breeds, influencing legislation and providing resources for clubs and breeders
- Identifying and sharing currently available resources and tools to address these issues
- Identifying gaps in current capabilities (approaches, resources, tools) and how these might be addressed
- Viewing a demonstration of the IPFD's new Health Strategies Database

### Organisation of Breakout Session:

#### Preliminary Time frame

- Breakouts: 15:00-18:00 on Friday and 8:15-10:45 on Saturday morning.
- Reporting/ sharing from breakouts is from 10:45-12:45 on Saturday.
  - This will include both priorities, gaps and action plans

### Focus (tentative) for each Breakout Session:

#### 1. 15:00-15:50 – Friday

- Who's in the group and what they would like to achieve
  - Summary of pre-workshop responses
- Reviewing examples of available tools and approaches
  - Approach 1: Tackling inherited diseases in Bernese Mountain Dogs (with Pat Long)
  - Approach 2: Breed Strategy Framework & templates (with Anne Bucksch)
  - Approach 3: Irish Wolfhound pedigree & health database (with Per Arne Flatberg)
- Capturing summary feedback on these example approaches
  - What did we learn from each of them?
- Briefing for the next session

#### 2. 16:15-18:00 – Friday

- Addressing 3 key challenges; for example:
  - The challenges facing breed clubs to get started with a breed-specific strategy and how to overcome these
  - How to engage breeders (and owners) to take action in line with the strategy
  - How to measure the impact of our strategies and actions
- Preparing a key-point summary to share with participants of other breakout groups

#### 3. 08:15-10:15 – Saturday

- Recapping on Friday's outputs & focusing on actions to leave with
- Demo of IPFD Health Strategies Database for Dogs (HSDD)
- Identifying our toolkit for improvement
  - Capture/define current examples and how/where they work/who to go to for help
    - Group 1: Good practice examples at KC/national/international level
    - Group 2: Good practice examples at breed club level
    - Group 3: Good practice examples at owner/breeder level
- Reviewing the outputs
  - Each participant to identify 2-3 practical takeaways to adopt/adapt
  - Agree any gaps/needs
- Assigning people to actions to be completed after IDHW4
- Preparing the theme presentation to share at 10:45 in plenary

## Pre-workshop resources:

Please keep checking as resources will be updated at:

- [Pre-meeting resources](#)
- [4th IDHW Theme #3: Breed-Specific Health Strategies](#)
- Presentations and outputs from previous IDHWs.
  - Refereed publication: [Moving from information and collaboration to action: report from the 3rd International Dog Health Workshop, Paris in April 2017](#)

## Essential reading

- [Breed-Specific Health Strategies](#) **and especially:**
- [Breed-specific Breeding Strategies - 3rd IDHW follow-up](#)
- Review Irish Wolfhound approach, tools and Per Arne Flatberg's Blog at [info.iwdb.org](http://info.iwdb.org)
  - <https://youtu.be/q3BYBUg4xGg>
- Gregoire Leroy's Blog:
  - <https://dogwellnet.com/blogs/entry/112-breeding-policies-and-management-of-pedigree-dogs-in-15-national-kennel-clubs/>
  - <https://dogwellnet.com/blogs/entry/47-improving-dog-health-what-actions-for-breed-associations/>
- Ian Seath's Blog:
  - <https://dogeduk.wordpress.com/2018/09/30/how-to-create-a-culture-of-openness-trust-and-collaboration-for-breed-health-improvement/>

## More Background - Resources

Gregoire Leroy's Blog:

- <https://dogwellnet.com/blogs/entry/46-how-legislation-impact-dog-breeds/>

Ian Seath's Blog:

- <https://dogeduk.wordpress.com/2017/11/30/planning-for-breed-improvement-a-sound-basis-for-action/>
- <https://dogeduk.wordpress.com/2016/10/01/20-reasons-why-improving-breed-health-is-so-difficult/>