

## \*\*\*SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 17 MAY 2024\*\*\*

### IPFD 5<sup>th</sup> International Dog Health Workshop (IDHW)

13-15 June 2024, Helsinki, Finland

#### Invitation to Present a Poster

**GOALS:** To facilitate information transfer and increase 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 several of those.

Posters will be displayed from the Thursday registration until Saturday lunch. There will be a dedicated session for poster presentations on Thursday afternoon. **We ask that you bring your printed poster with you and affix it to one of the provided stands before 14:00 (2 pm) on Thursday, 13 June. In order to present a poster, you must send a title and a short description of the topic (i.e., 2 or 3 lines), together with your name/email/affiliations/credentials, etc., to [david.st.louis@ipfdogs.com](mailto:david.st.louis@ipfdogs.com) AND [aimee.llewellyn-zaidi@ipfdogs.com](mailto:aimee.llewellyn-zaidi@ipfdogs.com) by 17 May, 2024, at the latest. You will be informed within 5 days if it has been accepted. We have limited space, so please contact us as soon as possible.**

*Topics of particular interest/Themes for Breakout Sessions:*

- 1) **Does the Colour Matter? Defining Breed vs Variety** How attitudes to the definition and understanding of *breed* affect actions for health; impact or influence of primitive breeds and historical development on populations today; breed formation and how breeds related to each other. Positive impact of crossbreeding programs and future of *outcrossing*. What is working and *what could be better if...* in efforts to reward breeding and showing with health in mind.
- 2) **Supply and Demand. Every Dog Counts:** Covid increased the number of puppies born – now we are paying this bill with many dogs looking for a new home. Changes in, and impact of animal welfare legislation; KC registries vs. authority registries – big picture of dog welfare, increasing support for improving welfare, can registries help homeless dogs? Pedigree dogs and non-pedigree dogs – how do we persuade/use/adjust for (new) legislation to be more inclusive and positively impactful?
- 3) **Breeding for Health and Well-being:** Selection, evaluation and application of genetic testing: building expert resources for genetic counselling/IPFD Harmonization of Genetic Testing for



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Dogs (HGTD) initiative; coordinating across stakeholder groups; latest developments in genetics and genomics. Innate health in dogs; how to comprehensively address dogs' health and wellbeing in breeding; reducing exaggerations and addressing the impact of trends/extremes

**Big Data:** Use of Big Data to develop breeder tools; International cooperation, data sharing, financial support/resources to develop tools for breeding: Epidemiology, Genetic diversity, Parentage testing, EBV/GBV estimation for health and behavioural traits; qualifying/improving "risk" tests.

**5<sup>th</sup> IDHW Quick Links:**

[5th IDHW Program Overview, Goals & Outcomes, Themes, Speakers, & Schedule](#)

[Registration and Accommodations](#)

[Call for Poster Presentations](#)

Contacts: Poster Submissions - [Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi](#) and [Dave St. Louis](#) | Registration/Hotel - [Finnish Kennel Club](#) | IDHW Program - [Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi](#) or [Katariina Mäki](#)