

5th International Dog Health Workshop (IDHW)

The 5th International Dog Health Workshop (IDHW) was held from 13 June to 15 June 2024 in Helsinki (Finland).

As an IPFD Partner (International Partnership for Dogs) I represented ENCI supported by the offices at the meeting together with the participating Kennel Clubs, key genetic testing laboratories worldwide and academic representatives.

The main themes of the IDHW were the promotion of collaboration and networking to facilitate the sharing of information and resources on the canine species to improve dog welfare.

Among the various talks and discussions, there was a debate on the complex, diversified and evolving relationships of humans with dogs, the impacts on their health and well-being and the important impact of genetics and the tests available today.

Plenary sharing sessions then continued, in which the theme leaders presented the results of the discussions within 4 interactive sessions:

Supply and demand - every dog counts; Breeding for health and well-being; Big Data - how to manage the large amount of data available today; and Defining Breed vs Variety.

The workshop concluded by identifying the areas of convergence between the topics covered with the aim of identifying collaborative actions to improve the health and well-being of dogs.

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