

6th IDHW Online Event: 16-17 April 2026



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Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana (ENCI), for generously hosting the in-person event in Bologna, Italy, & for their ongoing support as IPFDogs Contributing Partners.

ENCI is also co-hosting the **4th FCI World Congress for Show Judges & 2026 World Dog Show**, immediately following the 6th IDHW in Bologna.



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IPFDogs: Bringing the Dog World Together

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- Complex dog health & well-being issues extend across international borders.
- IPFD (now IPFDogs) was formed in 2014 to **bring stakeholders together, harness their strengths, & facilitate collaboration.**

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IPFDogs: Our Mission

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The International Partnership for Dogs (IPFDogs) is a non-profit organization leading a **global, multi-stakeholder effort** to address issues affecting dog health & well-being.

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IPFDogs: Our Goals

- To share robust **tools, information & resources** throughout the global dog community to address the challenges of today & tomorrow
- To **connect the global dog community** & harness the power of its collective knowledge, experience, & resources
- To **develop & manage the infrastructure** needed to support collaborative initiatives

IPFDogs: What We Do

Information:

- We **collect, collate, clarify, & create** resources to provide evidence-based information & expert analysis on a broad range of issues affecting dog health & well-being.
- We **share this information** through our online channels: DogWellNet.com – The Dog Wellness Network, IPFDogs.com, member emails & social media.

IPFDogs: What We Do

Coordination & Collaboration:

- IPFDogs is an **essential coordinating mechanism** bringing stakeholders together, harnessing their strengths, & facilitating collaborative efforts.
- We **encourage, initiate, & facilitate collaboration** among our Contributors, Partners, & Sponsors – & other stakeholders in the dog world, many of whom may not have worked together previously (e.g., Genetic Test Providers, Pet Food Makers, & Dog Wellness Groups).

IPFDogs: How We Work

- IPFDogs is a truly "**people driven**" **service organization**. Our structure & resources (a modest budget & small group of consultants, volunteers, & Board Members) facilitate the activities of our stakeholders.
- IPFDogs is a **unique organization** that can operate at arm's length, independently & transparently, to address the breadth of challenges in dog (pedigree & non-pedigree) health & welfare.

IPFDogs: Where We Work

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- IPFDogs is registered in Sweden & supported by the **Swedish Kennel Club**.
- As a “**virtual**” organization, we have no physical headquarters/offices, & we work wherever we are & with those who share our Mission & Goals.

IPFDogs: Our Audiences

- Our key audiences are, first & foremost, **committed & health-conscious breeders**, as well as those who support & advise them (kennel & breed club health committees, breeding advisors, veterinarians, researchers, etc.), but also include essentially **all those involved in the world of dogs**, including kennel/breed clubs, dog owners, the pet industry, & more.

IPFDogs: Our Partners & Sponsors

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- **Contributing Partners:** Founding, Initiating, & other Partners who provide financial support to IPFDogs.
- **Collaborating Partners:** Breed-Specific & Non-Breed-Specific organizations officially collaborating with IPFDogs.
- **Sponsors:** Organizations or individuals providing funds & in-kind support to specific IPFDogs initiatives, such as the Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs.

IPFDogs: Our People

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- Our people include a **Board** comprised of individuals with respected international reputations & a small but committed **team of consultants** in several countries.
- Learn more about them at **IPFDogs.com**.

Our Signature Work: International Collaboration

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- IPFDogs is a **global organization**, working with partners including cynological organizations, professional & academic groups, welfare organizations, & corporate/industry partners.
- IPFDogs' projects are unique in their ability to bring together a **diverse range of experts & perspectives**.
- We are continually increasing engagement of individuals & organizations through our websites, **DogWellNet.com – The Dog Wellness Network** & the **all-new IPFDogs.com**, which focuses on our organization & facilitates relationship building.

Our Signature Work: Education

- Our **educational resources** include searchable breed-specific genetic, health, & mentality recommendations/requirements established by experts throughout the dog world.
- Our **virtual meetings** support evidence-based decision making to improve dog health & inform the development of IPFDogs resources.
- By bringing these experts & resources together, IPFDogs helps develop & drive projects with **practical & purpose-driven outcomes**.

Our Signature Work: The Dog Wellness Network

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- Our completely redesigned **DogWellNet.com – The Dog Wellness Network** is a curated information hub & platform for resources to support IPFDogs & our partners & collaborators.
- Our resources are **developed by dog people**, for dog people & for all dogs.



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Key Content Includes:

- Detailed profiles on **hundreds of breeds & dog types**, with Globally Relevant Integrated Health Profiles (GRIHPs) for many popular breeds
- **Breed-specific health & well-being information & recommendations** including global health programs & evidence-supported genetic testing integrating the Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD) & Health Strategies Database for Dogs (HSDD)
- **Agria Swedish Insurance Data** for numerous breeds
- A vast collection of **resources on breeding, health, & well-being** including scientific articles, podcasts, & more.

Our Signature Work: IDHWs

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IPFDogs' International Dog Health Workshops (IDHWs) bring together stakeholders to:

- Improve **international sharing** of information & resources
- Provide **a forum for ongoing collaboration**
- Identify **specific needs & actions**

Our Signature Work: IDHWs

There have been five IDHWs to date:

- 1st IDHW (2012) hosted by the **Swedish Kennel Club**, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2nd IDHW (2015) co-hosted by the **German Kennel Club**, Dortmund, Germany
- 3rd IDHW (2017) co-hosted by the **French Kennel Club**, Paris, France
- 4th IDHW (2019) co-hosted by the **Royal Kennel Club**, Windsor, UK
- 5th IDHW (2024) co-hosted by the **Finnish Kennel Club**, Helsinki, Finland

Please contact us if your organization would be interested in co-hosting the 7th International Dog Health Workshop!

Our Signature Work: IDHWs

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Have you registered for the In-person Event in Bologna?

If not, please be sure to register as soon as possible!

Workshop spaces are limited, & hotel rooms in Bologna are in extremely high demand due to the World Dog Show.

Visit DogWellNet.com for details.

Our Signature Work: IDHWs

Next Steps for Bologna:

- We encourage you to review the **Pre-meeting Reading Materials** provided by the IPFDogs team & speakers on DogWellnet.com.
- All participants in Bologna are **invited to present a poster** to facilitate information transfer & foster networking opportunities (**submission deadline is 30 April**).
- **Tabletop Exhibit** spaces are still available.
- Visit DogWellNet.com for **details** on posters & tabletop exhibits.

How to Support IPFDogs' Work

In addition to financial assistance, IPFDogs' partners, sponsors, & contributors can support our work in many ways, including:

- **Sharing our resources & social media** with their members, colleagues, & contacts
- **Contributing content** for DogWellNet.com – The Dog Wellness Network
- **Co-hosting/Sponsoring** bi-annual IDHWs & Virtual Meetings
- **Volunteering time & expertise** for IPFDogs projects

How IPFDogs Can Support You

- Access to our knowledgeable **Consulting Team, Board, & Contributors**
- **Resources for breeders & breed clubs** (Genetic Testing, Breed Profiles, Health Data, & more) on DogWellNet.com – The Dog Wellness Network
- **Make connections** with our global partners, experts, & supporters
- **Share your news & resources** via DogWellNet.com, Digest Newsletter, & Social Media

Thank You!

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who made today's event possible:

- Our IDHW co-host, **ENCI**
- Our 6th IDHW sponsors: **Agria & Royal Canin**
- Our **Speakers, Theme Leaders, Facilitators, & Planning Committee**
- Our committed **Partners & Contributors**
- **All who joined us today** to help our global community improve dog health & well-being

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Please consider making an individual or corporate donation at DogWellNet.com to ensure our long-term sustainability & support ongoing efforts to create an enduring global collaboration that enhances the health & well-being of all dogs worldwide.

Thank you!

See You in Bologna!

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