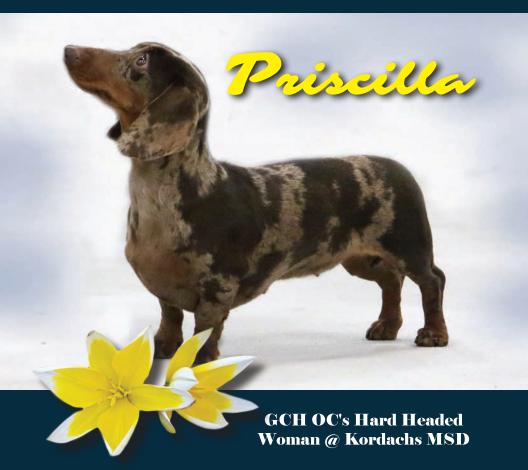
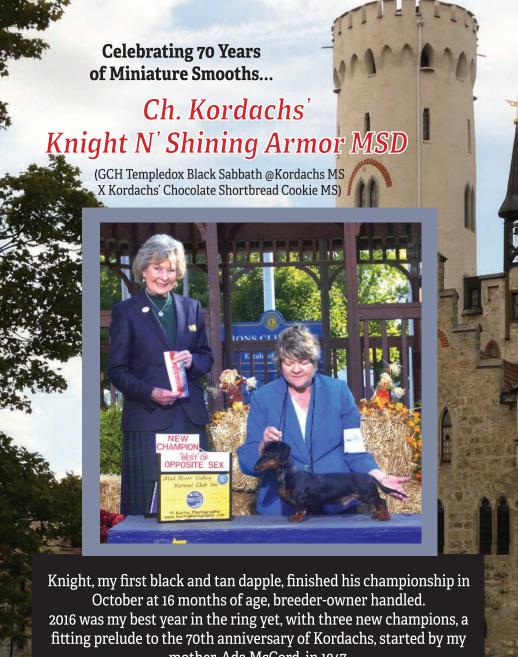
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Message from the President

GREETINGS, HERE'S TO A GREAT YEAR Welcome to the new board for 2017/18, new members and continuing ones. I would like to personally thank Emma Jean for her many years of outstanding work as the President of NMDC. I am so thankful that she will continue on this board as we need and respect her input in every way.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I accept the position of President of this great group of miniature dachshund

owners/breeders/exhibitors and supporters. For those of you that don't know me, I have been in dachshunds for over 40 years. I have owned both standards and miniatures. Now I only have miniature longhairs, but have had a wire or two. I live in Oklahoma with my husband Ray and we share the "AUBRAY" kennel name. I am a member of NMDC, Sooner DC, Town and Country KC, and DCA. I am an AKC judge and have judged many dachshund specialties both stateside and overseas to include NMDC and DCA.

I am a firm believer in breed separation not variety. If and when the World Dog Show should consider the USA we would have to be in compliance with the FCI standards. FCI has dachshunds separated not by one breed, but each size and variety is a separate breed. Is that going to happen? Who knows but we NMDC members and miniature owners are already ahead of the game. We have experience writing a standard and guidelines just for miniatures. I myself, would like to see dachshunds become six different breeds. But for the time being I would be happy if we would just separate miniatures and standards with each having all three varieties; all under the DCA umbrella. I would like to see us weigh all miniatures but use this as a fault, like any other fault, not a disqualification. The reason for this is twofold. In-weight miniatures can produce a throwback that goes over the required weight even though it was miniature to miniature breeding. I have observed that color and pattern does not seem to be a problem in the miniature world, and I so agree with this trend. These are just a few of my thoughts.

I look forward to serving all members and protecting our breed for the next two years. I am very open and welcome any comments you would like to share or any concerns you may have. This is our club and all member have a right to be heard. If you have any concerns or comments be sure to stop any of our board members and share with them.

Here's to growth, fellowship, and good times with our miniatures. Be good to one another and share, share, share. I believe each of you has something to share, so please do.

Aubrey Nash



Being Smart About Those First Dog Shows

By Vicki Ronchette

By now, you have figured out that I am all about making sure that dog shows are fun for dogs. It's only fair that if we are going to ask our dogs to participate in a sport with us, that we make sure that they enjoy it. Not only is it the only ethical way to approach it, it's also the only realistic way to approach it. If a dog is not having fun, he is generally not going to be competitive. So, whether you are starting out a new puppy or an adult that is new to the show scene, it is critical that you go about it the right way or you risk ruining dog shows for your dog forever, or at least for a long time.

Dogs, like other animals, can experience "single event learning" which means that some experiences, particularly very frightening ones can have a lasting effect. If your dog goes to a dog show and has a very frightening experience or a very stressful or upsetting one, he may associate dog shows with bad things. If we want our dogs to win at dog shows we have to make sure that they have fun at them and that they enjoy showing. We want all their dog show experiences, especially their early ones to be fun and rewarding. It is really critical that your dog doesn't experience any really scary experiences at his or her first few dog shows. It is doubly important if you are working with a puppy under a year old or a very sensitive dog.

Since the first and most important thing to do is to make sure that your dog has fun at dog shows it is up to you to set it up to ensure that this happens. Bring high value treats and toys to dog shows. Realize that the first few times to a dog show can be very overwhelming so it's important that you are prepared to set your dog up to have fun and enjoy himself. Bringing toys and treats will help

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to hit the show ring!
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Stryker is Owned by Arthur Sanderson and Daryl Turner.
Stryker is PRA-Cord1 carrier.



My Comment

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Mya went WB and BOW at her first AKC show from the 6 to 9 puppy class. She finished her UKC title two weeks earlier going Best of Breed over four champions. We are very pleased with this little girl and have great hopes for her.

Mya is owned by Fred and Robin Imfeld and Co-0wned by Daryl Turner



Front Cover

GCH OC's Hard Headed Woman@ Kordachs MSD.

was born on Elvis' birthday in 2015 and dubbed "Priscilla" by breeder/co-owner Robin Mousseau.



"Cilly"finished her championship with a five point major and BOS over specials at the 2016 Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club specialty under Dr. Steve Keating in August. Her title includes two Best of Variety wins over specials out of the 12-18 month class, and she earned her GCH in November.

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Back Cover

Ch. Kordachs' Christmas Cowboy v. Talisman MS

(Petalpusher Maverick @ Kordachs MS X Kordachs' Jingle Bells MS)

Toby is shown here going WD/BW in November under Dr. Eric Liebes to finish his championship. Toby was handled exclusively by his owner, Rebecca Kilgore-Armstrong (Talisman), her first miniature dachshund champion! Congratulations, Becky and Toby!

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Robb-K"s Little Yankee Journey - MS

Joan Allen owner bred - trained - shown



Thank You Judge Dr. Liebes



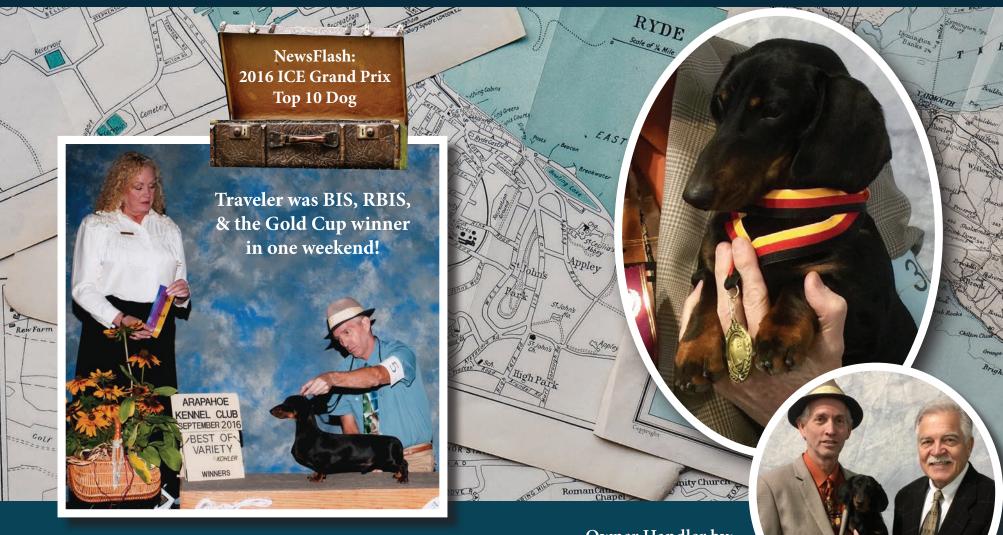
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KC Announcement Prompts Lafora Fears

Posted By Dog World-UK

In Canine Health Dog World UK Learn!

A NEW Kennel Club decision regarding the registration of Dachshunds could lead to disease being introduced to two varieties, the breed council has warned.

The KC has agreed to allow puppies of different coat types than their parents due to recessive genes to be included in the breed register to which their coat most closely conforms.

But in doing so it has taken no account of safeguards which the council says are needed to avoid 'inevitable adverse consequences' because it has refused to stipulate that puppies should be DNA health tested before registration, the council claims.

The KC's latest announcement is the same as one it made in July which it then hastily withdrew; at the time it was assumed this was because the club had become aware of the breed council's views – having apparently not consulted it on the matter.

At the time council chairman Ian Seath said that although the deci-

sion was 'entirely logical' from the perspective of coat genetics he feared the decision could lead to Lafora disease, a form of epilepsy, being introduced to two varieties.

It is estimated that nearly 50 per cent of Miniature Wires carry the Lafora mutation.

These fears still exist, but today the KC said additional registration restrictions were 'unnecessary'. The breed council responded saying it now needed to understand why the club felt the risk did not warrant DNA health testing 'as a prerequisite for registering recessive-coated puppies'.

"This is a reissue of an announcement made by the KC earlier this year which was subsequently withdrawn after our health committee asked them to think about safeguards with respect to health," said Mr Seath and committee Roger Sainsbury in a joint statement. "Although we were happy that Dachshund puppies born with recessive coats would be able to be registered as the breed with that coat we had reservations because of the real risk of known genetic conditions being transferred from one breed to another. In particular, we were concerned that, with nearly half the DNA-tested Mini Wires carrying the Lafora (myoclonic epilepsy) mutation, this disease could be introduced to the Mini Smooth gene pool by registering puppies with recessive smooth coats."

DOG WORLD's Dachshund correspondent Lesley Patton agreed, saying the KC should have stipulated that any Miniature Wire litter should be tested for Lafora or be from Lafora-free parents before they are registered.

"It would have been very easy to write that in," she said. "It's so silly and doesn't fit in with the KC's ethos and guidelines at all."

July's and the latest announcement also says that Rough Collies

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from Smooth Collie parents can be registered as Rough for the same reason, and that annex D of regulation B2 was being altered accordingly. The same already applies to Longcoat Chihuahuas bred from two Smooths and Belgian Shepherd Dogs.

"It makes sense that Dachshunds born with a different coat type to that of their parents should be eligible to be entered in the register of the breed to which their coat most closely conforms, especially as a precedent already exists with the Chihuahua, Belgian Shepherd and Collie breeds," said KC secretary Caroline Kisko.

"However, we would point out that the KC reserves the right to DNA profile any litters where parentage may be in question."

The new proviso does not allow for the interchange of Dachshunds between the two sizes.

In a letter the KC told Mr Sainsbury that the health committee's request had been discussed by the KC's Dog Health Group and General Committee which felt the additional registration restrictions were unnecessary.

"Any risk to health would not be increased and concerns would be able to be managed by standard good breeding practices," it said. "In addition, the stipulations requested would be inconsistent to other breeds registered by type and monitoring would be impractical.

"Therefore, it has been agreed that on balance, it is most reasonable for the breed to be treated consistently with other breeds in that when Dachshunds are mated any dog in the resulting litter shall be entered in the register of the breed to which its coat most closely conforms."

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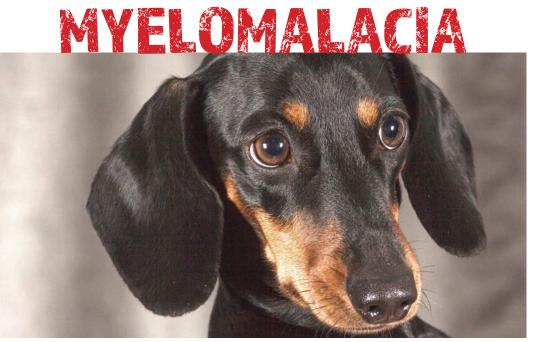
Consider going to some shows just to hang out with your dog without entering. A lot of people have a difficult time with this and figure that it's a waste of time to go without entering. Not true! It's actually a really good idea to take your dog to a show or two without entering so that he gets used to the sights and sounds that he will be exposed to at a dog shows. Unless you have practiced in a LOT of different environments with a variety of different distractions you have no idea how your dog will react and how well he will be able to perform at a dog show, unless you attend a couple first to see how he does. Dog shows are fun for people but they can be extremely overwhelming to some dogs. Dogs that are easily aroused or shy or timid really need to be desensitized to the dog show environment before being expected to perform reliably at one.

This next recommendation is a really important one and one that a lot of people take very lightly, unfortunately. I recommend that a new show dogs first shows are one day gigs. I would never ever start a puppy at a two day show and I would certainly never take a new show dog or a young show dog to a three or four day cluster. Even with a very well trained and experienced show dog, three or four days is a lot. I have seen many very stable dogs that seem to enjoy dog shows get really burned out on the third or fourth day of a long show weekend. It takes a lot for a dog to work up to being able to cope with that, and in my opinion it's simply not fair to expect that from young or inexperienced dogs. So, start them out nice and easy with just one day. If you do enter a four day cluster I recommend you pull the dog if you start to see signs of stress or fatigue.

Finally, please make sure that your dog is ready to attend a dog show before entering him. I can't tell you how many people contact me a week or two before a three or four day dog show because they entered their untrained, unprepared dog and now they are panicked because the show is in a couple of weeks and their dog is not ready. It is unethical in my opinion to enter a dog in a show when they are not prepared for the show ring. Even a stable dog will experience some stress at a dog show, especially their first shows, but if you also have a dog is not trained and has no idea what to do or what is expected and it's a recipe for disaster. It's simply not fair to the dog and a great way to teach your dog to dislike dog shows because they view them as overwhelming events where they are confused and don't know what to expect.

So, take your time, plan well and be smart. There will always be another dog show, so if your dog is not ready don't enter yet. If you do enter, take your time to ease your dog in so that they can slowly and honestly get used to the dog show scene so that they learn to love dog shows!

Vicki Ronchette is the author of Positive Training for Show Dogs — Building a Relationship for Success, From Shy to Showy - Help for your shy show dog and has written numerous dog training articles. Her articles have been published in the Chronicle of the Dog, The Whole Dog Journal, Best in Show Daily, Bay Woof and many other publications. Vicki also has a DVD available to help people learn more about using positive methods to work with show dogs. Her second book, From Shy to Showy - Help for your shy or fearful show dog is now available in print and in digital format.



THE HIDDEN THREAT

A disease that can strike after spinal cord injuries.

By Laurie Miller, RVT

Reprinted from Dodgers Digest January 2010 Subscriptions available: dodgerslist.com/newsletter.htm

This article is dedicated to "Trouble" who left too soon and is chasing a red ball at the Rainbow Bridge.

In my 25+ years of clinical experience as a registered veterinary technician, I've found that Myelomalacia, although rare, is a devastating disease when it strikes your pet. Myelomalacia refers to a condition in which the nerve tissue of the spinal cord begins to die. It is most commonly associated with a severe, acute, spinal cord trauma.

It is a fairly rare finding in

In my 25+ years of clinical IVDD dogs who have ruptured a disc, but when a dog has had a very severe, traumatic rupture, melomalacia, although rare, is devastating disease when it kes your pet. Myelomalacia is econsidered.

The typical clinical presentation of a dog who is at high risk for myelomalacia is one who has had an acute onset of paralysis with sudden loss of deep-pain recognition. These dogs may

also have ascending or descending signs of lower motorneuron dysfunction, meaning that their cord is no longer transmitting or receiving signals from muscle tissue. They will be flaccid above, as well as, below the disc rupture. (Not typical of most common intervertebral disc ruptures, who are just numb below the rupture site.)

On occasion, these acute ruptures will also be accompanied by fever and will be very painful when manipulated, especially above the area of the rupture, to the point that the dog will attempt to bite.

More commonly though, myelomalacia does not show up for several days after an acute rupture. Even when surgery is performed, the cord may or may not give a visual clue as to what is coming.

In extreme cases, the surgical site will be heavily bruised and the cord will appear blue at the rupture site and on either side. The surgeon may open the dura (outer covering of the cord) to explore its condition further. In cases of myelomalacia, the cord may already be liquefying and when the dura is opened, the damaged cord material will

simply run out. This is a case where it is necessary to euthanize on the table.

Unfortunately, myelomalacia may take time to progress. In these cases, sadly, the pet will seem fine post operatively or with conservative treatment. appear to be doing relatively well for a few days after the rupture. Then, as the death of the cord moves forward, the pet will become increasingly painful and sick. In my experience, this scenario takes place anywhere from 5 to 7 days after the initial rupture. No amount of pain medication alleviates these pets' pain. As the cord death moves towards the head, it will eventually reach the diaphragm and cause paralysis which leads to the patient's death. The most humane option is to euthanize these pets as once the progression starts, there is nothing that can be done to stop it.





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New Feature

All About The Brags!

Starting with the next issue, we will publish a brags column at no charge. You can announce new titles, performance as well as conformation. We will also accept brags on outstanding achievements – BISS, HIT, etc.

The following an example of the format:

Ch. Outstanding Canine (D) by Ch. Father Knows Best x Ch. I Remember Mama. Breeder: John Doe. Owner: Sally Showsalot

Send your brags to: Janice Finney Janice.finney@yahoo.com



Another New Kordachs' Champion! Ch. Kordachs' Christmas Cowboy v. Talisman MS



(Petalpusher Maverick @ Kordachs MS X Kordachs' Jingle Bells MS)

Toby is shown here going WD/BW in November under Dr. Eric Liebes to finish his championship. Toby was handled exclusively by his owner, Rebecca Kilgore-Armstrong (Talisman), her first miniature dachshund champion! Congratulations, Becky and Toby!

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