



Dachshund Club of Queensland Inc

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Club Code

To show my faith in the improvement of the breeding of purebred Dachshunds.

To help my fellow members with my experience and knowledge.

To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise.

To be constructive and not destructive.

To build my Club to the prestige it deserves



Where has the year gone?

Here we are, already in August, with the end of the year not far away and it seems like just the other day it was New Year. Is it just me or does every year seem to go quicker the older we get?



For our club 2023 will be the year we remember the National Dachshund Show which we are thrilled to report back on as a resounding success. In fact, many attendees, if not all, pronounced it to be the BEST EVER National that they had attended. A HUGE thanks goes out to everyone involved. Our hard working club committee headed up by President Mark Yardley, who all seemed to live, sleep, eat and breathe the National in the final weeks leading up to the event.

Mention must be made of the wonderful officials who worked so tirelessly over 4 days of the shows, namely Master of Ceremonies Ulla Greenwood, Ring Steward Melissa Starkey, Show Manager Bill Smith and Assembly Steward Denise Smith. They all did an amazing job and helped to make the show the success that it was.

Congratulations again are extended to the Best in Show winner, the Standard Smooth Champion bitch, Tischamingo Is Who We Are (call name Selena) owned and handled by Jason and Fiona Walker. The Walkers “walked away” with a whole host of prizes, including \$500 in cash donated by Pam Payne from Troika Dachshunds in NZ, the NDC





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floating Trophy, a Serges Show Trolley, a large bag of advance Dog Food, a huge rosette and an Orivet voucher to the value of \$190.

Everyone loved seeing the National Show Judge Mrs Dawn Norton from England, arrive on the morning of the first day in a carriage drawn by 2 beautiful Clydesdale horses. She certainly made a grand entrance!



The judges over the 4 days were Mr Calin Simu (Romania), Mr Dan Harrison (USA) and Mrs Dawn Norton (UK). They all seemed to enjoy their judging appointments.



Thanks go to Tanya McDonald who, after conclusion of the weekends showing, escorted Dawn Norton all around Brisbane to show her the sights, this being Dawn's first ever trip to Australia.

We are still awaiting the show critique from Dawn. This will be published on our website once it has been received.

The full results and names of winners at the National Show can be found on our website www.dachshundclub.com.au on the "Show" page.

NATIONAL DACHSHUND SHOW HISTORY by Robyn Gersbach

In 1988 the first National Council was formed after which it was decided to hold Australian Dachshund National shows, a dream come true for many breeders and exhibitors.

The first National show was held in March 1991 in Sydney. The total entry number was 448 dachshunds - a number that had never before been seen at a show in Australia. To have so many dachshunds of all varieties in one place at one time was a thrill for everyone present.

The first NDC Handbook published - Volume 1- covered shows and events between the years 2000 and 2003.

National Dachshund Council Handbook Volumes 4 (2015-2018) and 5 (2019-2023)

Just a few copies of the National Dachshund Council Handbooks Volumes 4 and 5 are available to purchase at the cost of \$60 each. Postage can be arranged interstate at an additional cost of \$20. Please note that all the older Volumes, namely numbers 1, 2 and 3 are sold out.



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Please contact NDC Secretary Lisa Marsh-Furness at marshlisa2@gmail.com if you would like to purchase one of these Handbooks. They provide a wealth of information and history on the Dachshund breed in Australia with photos of past and previous Champions and their breeders, some of whom are no longer in the show ring. If you want to extend your knowledge of history of the breed in Australia, then these Handbooks are the way to go.

Weekly show dog training and Christmas in July



Leisa Lockett, our training co-ordinator, continues to provide a fun and informative evening every Thursday at the Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds in Durack, where training sessions have grown enormously in popularity and we would like to thank Leisa for all her hard work in making the training sessions such a success. Bill Smith and Jacqui Young are our regular trainers on hand with the assistance of Bryan Shaw, Dennis Moran and Debbie Rodgers, to whom we are very grateful for giving up their time to make these evenings so popular.



Leisa recently hosted a Christmas in July training party which was very well attended. She provided snacks and prizes for the trainers and trainees and their dogs. Lots of fun was had by all and a huge sense of camaraderie has risen amongst those attending training sessions. It's also a great way to get to know other breeders and handlers attending shows, not just those in the Dachshund breed.



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If you would like to join in the fun, please come along on a Thursday evening, training starts at 7pm and is only \$5 per handler. Bookings can be made via Show Manager or you can pay cash on the night. We encourage breeders who have sold puppies to encourage their new owners to join in as it's the cheapest puppy socialization classes around and it may encourage new people to try their hand at showing.

Dog Tracking as a Sport – by Julie Hamilton



Have you ever considered taking up the sport of tracking with your dog? Dachshunds, as scent hounds, are exceptionally good at it. The objective is to find a person (track layer) who has walked from 20 mins up to 2 hours earlier on a specific trail. There are 8 levels and it is open to all breeds of dogs.

Once the track has been laid including articles (socks and small pieces of materials) the dog and handler then start at the first article and follow the track while observed by a judge and steward.

The dog is on a 10m lead with the dog leading the handler and the tracks for beginners are 800m and up to 1200m for level 8. The track layer once they walked the track that was designed the day before remains at the end of the track, lying down and covered, to be found

Pic: Caboolture Sports Dogs Obedience Club hosting a trial in Tansey around the camp fire, photo courtesy of Julie Fearnley.

All three of our Dachshunds track and they absolutely love it. You can do this for fun in a park or competition, and if you would like to know more, please contact myself, Julie Hamilton, at the Dachshund Club of Queensland.



Pic: First pass in a tracking competition for Delle hosted by the Gympie Dog Obedience Club



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ON THE WINGS OF AN ANGEL – by Yvonne Shaw

I wonder just how often people think of the emotion that a little dachshund (or any other dog) feels when they give birth to a new puppy, or a litter. Just recently, we experienced the surprise of finding a baby puppy in a crate where the new little Mum and Grandmother were sleeping in a bedroom. As is customary with so many owners during night sleeps, our little dogs sleep with another dachshund in their crate, covered by warm blankets. We had put out our little brood, with only two left to get out of bed for normal morning toileting. We lifted out one girl who was reluctant to leave the crate, and when we came back to get the other one (Grandma), she sat by the crate door, like a little guardian of that bed.

Looking into the crate, we saw one tiny little baby puppy, and a little cry came out. We were both shocked, to see a baby. Not only was this little dark baby difficult to see amongst the blankets, but the dry-bed was spotless, as were both girls, Mum and Grandma. Not a mark on them or the bed! We had no indication that the Mum was pregnant. We picked up the baby, and quickly checked the girls. Our little 3 year old Mum had given birth to a singleton. Both mum and daughter are renowned for silent seasons, with no indication, apart from the agitation of one of our boys for a day or so, it was the only indication ever.



(Pic for illustration only)

We quickly put Mum and baby together, and the bond was already there with a new little Mum. Fussy and just wanting to nurture her baby! This was instant, an incredible joy to see. I know dachshund mums are renowned for their ability to become dedicated mums and in this case it was a Grandmother and Mother protecting a new-born. The little Grandmother would have witnessed her daughter giving birth to a new baby, in the confines of the crate.

Sadly, two days later, the little one, already named “Astra”, lost temperature, and all efforts to get her temperature up to normal, didn’t work. After an after-hours trip to the 24 Hour Vet at Everton Park, her temperature was up to 38C. We brought her home, heated the bed and did everything to keep the temperature of Mum and baby normal. In the early hours of the morning, the little one left us “On the Wings of an Angel” cuddled into the side of her warm mother.

Today, I am finding that the mother of little Astra is distraught, searching for a baby and grieving in her own way for her little girl who has now gone. No amount of cuddling has consoled her, and she will only settle if I am holding her in my arms. It makes me more aware of the fact that these little four legged companions have the ability grieve and feel a loss, just so much. We must never underestimate how they feel. I can see a sadness in the eyes of my little girl today, and I also detect that she is asking “why?” Would she understand that she went “On the Wings of an Angel”.



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CLUB HISTORY - DAKLEY MINI SMOOTH DACHSHUNDS

Dakley kennels were established by Daryl and Joan Cross in 1966 in Canberra and they moved to the Sunshine State in 1982 upon a change of employment. Dakley Mini Smooth Dachshunds performed very well in the show ring, with particular success achieved at 4 of the National Dachshund Specialty Shows and at the Brisbane Royal from 2000 onwards.

Much of their success came as a result of a judicious breeding programme with the lines of the well known Sonderbar Kennels (the late Billy Hardie) in Sydney as well as with Ros and Gordon Assay of Assuana kennels, based in Warwick. Many of the top winning dogs in Queensland in the early 2000's carried Dakley breeding.

Some of their major achievements in the show ring included:

- 2000 Brisbane Royal – Ch Dakley Honey Blonde (BOB)
- 2003 National Specialty – Ch Dakley Noahs Shem (R/Ch)
- 2003 Brisbane Royal – Ch Dakley Noahs Shem (BOB)
- 2005 Brisbane Royal – Ch Dakley Sarai (BOB)
- 2006 Brisbane Royal – Ch Dakely Noahs Shem (BOB)
- 2006 National Specialty – Ch Dakley Noahs Manska (Aus Bred in Show)
- 2006 Queensland Specialty – Ch Dakely Noahs Shem (BIS)
- 2007 Brisbane Royal – Grand Ch Dakley Noahs Shem (BOB)
- 2009 National Specialty – Ch Dakley Elsheba (BIS)
- 2012 Brisbane Royal – Ch Dakley Lacey (Ch)
- 2012 National Specialty – Ch Dakely Cagney (R/Ch)



Daryl was President of the Dachshund Club of Queensland for many years and Joan was Club Secretary. They are still seen today at many of our local shows, with Daryl doing a brilliant job of videoing the General Specials and Joan taking the opportunity to chat to exhibitors. Joan is presently at home recovering from hip replacement surgery. They have retired from breeding dachshunds but still have a few of their older dogs at home who are all earning a well earned rest in the retirement.

We wish them all well!

FUTURE EVENTS – CHAMP SHOW 13TH AUGUST 2023

The committee have decided to host a second Championship Show this year to make the most of the fact that a judge with a strong knowledge of dachshunds will be here in the country during August. Miss Jill Rhodin of Sweden will be judging our Champ Show on Sunday 13th August and we invite you to enter the show with your dogs or to come along as a spectator.



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This show is being sponsored by the lovely people from Hey Happy Dog, Joan and Lee Walker, who have donated some bags of their nutritious oats based breakfast food as prizes. Read more about this healthy breakfast food at www.heyhappydog.com.au

All first orders receive a discount and free delivery.

Entries for our Champ Show are currently open on Show Manager.



We are also holding a raffle of a trolley box, tickets are only \$2 each and the lucky prize winner will be drawn at the show so get your tickets now and make the most of the opportunity to win a trolley box for just \$2!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to contribute to our newsletter please send articles of interest to our editor, Lisa Marsh-Furness, at the email address found at the foot of this newsletter. All contributions will be welcome.

Club website: www.dachshundclub.com.au

Don't forget to check the website for updates and general information about dachshunds, the club, shows, social events and breeders and stud dog listings.

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