

# The Long and the Short of It

## Dachshund Club of Queensland Inc.



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### Message from Past President, Mark Yardley

Thank you for the support you have given me as President. It has been a nightmare at times, but I have enjoyed it. I wish I could continue but unfortunately I can't. Thank you to each and every person during the period of time I was President and as we continued to grow the club. Results don't matter, it is the club that matters. It has been an enormous year with the Nationals and with a lot of support from around the country and we all deserve a pat on the back. During the past year, not only have we hosted the Nationals, but we have had our championship and open shows and fun days and I hope the fun days will continue and the support the DCQ gives the D2DR will continue also. I wish everyone well and I will still be around to help if required.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 when Office Bearers for the next 12 months were elected. Unfortunately both Mark Yardley and Ainslie Carius advised that they were not standing again for election, but we expect to see them in the future at club functions and at shows. The club would like to thank both Mark and Ainslie for all their hard work and commitment to the club during their tenure as President and Vice-President.

The committee for the next 12 months is as follows:

President:	Dennis Moran
Vice Presidents:	Gyllian Hoyle and Leisa Lockett
Secretary:	Julie Hamilton
Treasurer:	Yvonne Shaw
Committee Members:	Anne Ifield Lisa Marsh-Furness Andrew Ness Bryan Shaw

### 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



New Club President: Dennis Moran



Some of the committee members and club members helping out at the club stand at the Festive Fun Day on Saturday 25th November 2023

## Royal Brisbane Show - August 2023

This year there were 2 shows at the Ekka where Dachshunds were judged by specialist Dachshund judge Ms Elisabeth Rhodin (Sweden) in Show 1 and by Mr Mark Anderson (South Africa) in Show 2.

It was noisy, particularly with the fun fair and entertainment areas immediately adjacent to the judging rings. With a specific ring allocated just for dachshunds, it meant each of the 3 rings were substantially smaller than in previous years. It is however a great opportunity to showcase pedigree dogs to the general public and a large enthusiastic crowd, gathered ringside to interact with the dogs and chat to exhibitors.



Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk visited the Ekka, seen here with Robyn Gersbach and her Rabbit Smooth dachshund

### Results Show One—Best of Breeds

Long—Sup. Ch. Dachyclan Tyrone of Bridee—E Graham & T Kelly

Mini Long—Grand Ch. Nicholyev Spittin The Dummy—J Bower & S Kelly

Smooth—Grand Ch. Adbesare Firecracker—S Wheatley

Mini Smooth— Loujen Who's A Lady—J Meharry

Wire—Ch Dachdotcom Wiry Rumour Has It (AI) - J & T McDonald

Mini Wire—Ch Agwyr Poppyseed Princess—G Hoyle

Rabbit Smooth—Line Of Life Avrora (Imp NOR) - R Gersbach

### BEST VARIETY OF DACHSHUND ON SHOW:

Ch Dachdotcom Wiry Rumour Has It (AI) - J & T McDonald

### Results Show Two—Best of Breeds

Long—Sup. Ch. Dachyclan Tyrone of Bridee—E Graham & T Kelly

Mini Long—Grand Ch. Nicholyev Spittin The Dummy—J Bower & S Kelly

Smooth—Ch Bekkri Rockin Lionel At Wybrek—J Kerby

Mini Smooth— Ch Almarjo Vicky Von Schnitzel—M Yardley

Wire—Ch Dachdotcom Wiry Rumour Has It (AI) - J & T McDonald

Mini Wire—Ch Agwyr Poppyseed Princess—G Hoyle

Rabbit Smooth—Cyberdachs Mini Poncho (Imp) - R Williams

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Exhibitors chilling out at the Ekka waiting for their turn in the ring:

From left: Debbie Rodgers, Talia Kelly,

Madison Galloway (back), Robyn Gersbach, Stephen Robson

Next year the Royal Brisbane Show will be held between Saturday August 10th and Sunday August 18th, 2024

## AUGUST CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



**Best On Show :**

*Long Haired : SUP. CH. Dachyclan Tyrone Of Bridee*

*Talia Kelly and Elizabeth Graham (handled by Shelley Kelly)*



**Reserve Best On Show :**

*Mini Smooth: CH. Almarjo Vicky Von Schnitzel*

*Mark Yardley (handled by Shannon Yardley)*



**Best Baby Puppy On Show :**

*Mini Smooth : Langtally My Sister Sam*

*Lisa Marsh*

On the 13th August 2023, just prior to the Ekka show in Brisbane, our club held a second Championship show of the year, with specialist Dachshund judge Miss Jill Rhodin of Sweden officiating. Jill and her mother Elisabeth, are breeders of Long Haired dachshunds in Sweden under the Ornbergets prefix.

A total of 92 dogs were entered at this show and the club's thanks go to Ainslie Carius for doing such a great job as both Show Manager and Steward, on the day.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed showing under Jill and the general feedback was that she had a lovely gentle way with the dogs and especially with the puppies, which was most appreciated.

Jill herself enjoyed the appointment and gave her feedback as follows:

*"I was very honored to be invited to judge at the Dachshund Club of Queensland Inc. Specialty Championship Show on the 13th August 2023. With a very nice entry I was spoiled with plenty to choose from when picking my winners. The lovely weather, the great location, the perfect ring steward and her gorgeous little helper, the very professional and friendly exhibitors and the beautiful dogs for sure made my day the most enjoyable!*

*The overall quality was very good and especially miniature smooths stood out in quality and numbers. I found many beautiful winners in this variety and the type was very consistent. I was however a little disappointed of the mentality over all in this variety as I missed to see the characteristic energetic, happy and playful little dog that for me is the typical dachshund. In standard smooths I found many dogs that was a bit overdone in type to be as functional, agile and active as a dachshunds should be.*

*In wires the quality was the most inconsistent. I however found some very nice constructed dogs in the end but very few with the really harsh wire coat all over the body that is so important for them to be called wires.*

*In longs the standard variety stood out in quality, however there were not many of them. I found my final winner of the day in this variety and this dog had that super combination of construction and showmanship which for me makes that final decision to give him the Blue ribbon rather easy!*

*I have decided to share my critiques on my main winners and they are written in the European way of both writing positive and negative things about the dogs which for me is a way of better describing the dog. I hope you appreciate it!*

*Thanks again for showing your beautiful dogs under me and I hope I will be able to see you in the ring somewhere again on the future."*

*Jill Rhodin's full critique can be found on the club website under [www.dachshundclub.com.au](http://www.dachshundclub.com.au)*

## Thursday Show Training classes

Under the guidance of Leisa Lockett, our show training classes held every Thursday evening at 7pm, have grown from strength to strength with well over 20 participants at most training sessions (weather depending).

Our wonderful trainers led by Bill Smith, have done a fabulous job of welcoming newbies to the classes and it has shown with the popularity increasing as time goes by. Thanks go to all our regular trainers: Bill Smith, Jan Anderson, Pauline Hewitt, Paul Hewitt and Donna Carter, for volunteering your time to assist with training.

Special thanks also to Madison Gallaway who hosted a junior handling training session earlier in the year. Maddie has kindly agreed to host another junior training session at our special Christmas training class to be held on Thursday 14th December 2023.

It is good to note that Dogs Queensland have approved that dogs attending these classes do not need to be pedigreed and don't have to be registered with Dogs Queensland, so the general public are welcome to attend with whatever breed of dog they have, be it a cross breed or a pedigree. All dogs and puppies can benefit from socialising and learning basic lead training.

At the recent Festive Fun Day, Leisa had a group of volunteers attend to demonstrate what they have learned at show training classes and to encourage other people to come along and join in. This was well received and hopefully some more newbies will soon be attending training. At only \$5 per handler it is certainly the most affordable training class out there and has proven to be a steady source of revenue for our club.

### CHRISTMAS TRAINING SESSION : THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

A special Christmas session has been planned for the last night of training this year and everyone is invited to join in the fun. Please RSVP to Leisa or one of the club committee beforehand for catering purposes.



Leisa Lockett—training coordinator



A lovely junior handler



Join us for our last show training of the year on the 14th of December! Starts 7 pm in rings 11 & 12. All breeds are welcome and only \$5 per person! It's the season to finish off with a bang, a fun mock show will be held with prizes and Christmas treats for both dogs and handlers up for grabs!

A night to thank all our wonderful trainers, helpers and organisers throughout the year. Please let us know if you are interested in order for enough food and prizes to be organised, we are so excited to celebrate with you and look forward to seeing many of you there!



Special guest Madison Gallaway will be joining us hosting a junior handler training session as well! Please ensure to let us know if you are interested so we can organise gifts and food, we can't wait to see you there!

## SCENTING TRIALS by Julie Hamilton

We have been doing scenting with our three Standard Smooth dachshunds, Quinnie, Dellie and Georgia, for about 3 and a half years and they absolutely love it. It comes naturally to dachshunds, as being scent hounds, this is what they were originally bred for. It is something that you can practice at home, with very little expenditure, once your dogs are on Odour. The odours that the dogs search for are Birch, Anise, Clove and Cyprus (oil on Q tips).

To keep it challenging for both the handler and dog, there are competitions that you can enter, beginning from Novice up to Advanced until your dog qualifies as a Scenting Champion.



In competition there are four elements: containers, interiors, exteriors and vehicles. You and your dog have a set time assigned by the judge for your dog to find the Odour and indicate to the handler who then calls "alert" and the judge lets you know if you are right.

There are two associations that run the scenting competitions —ANKC and ACSW (Australian Canine Scent Work).

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with the Dachshund Club of Qld and we can point you in the right direction.



## FESTIVE FUN DAY WITH DEVOTED 2 DACHSHUNDS RESCUE

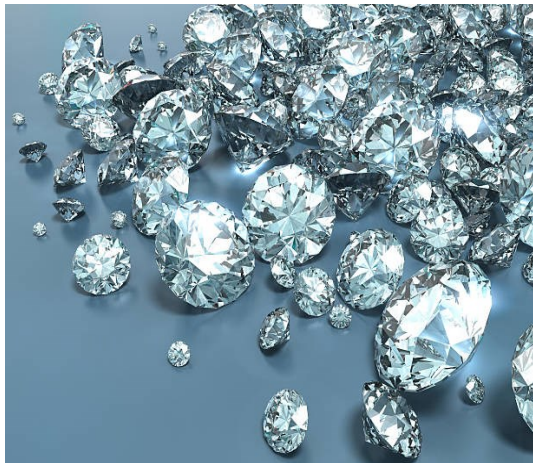
A fun filled afternoon was shared on Saturday 25th November 2023 with the hard working members of D2DR, to assist with fund raising for their worthy charity.

The effects of the rising cost of living has meant an unprecedented number of dogs being relinquished to rescue groups around the country, as many people find their finances stretched to breaking point. Also the severe shortage of rental accommodation across Queensland means that many renters are either unable to find accommodation or are having to give up their pets in order to secure a rental property. All of these factors have put huge pressure on rescue groups such as D2DR, who find themselves at full capacity with the number of foster dachshunds in their care, many of whom require veterinary care of some sort.

Any little bit that we and our members can do as a club, or individually, is gratefully received. Attendance numbers were down on previous fun days, most likely due to the threat of rain, although the weather held out and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended.



Committee member Anne Ifield's beautiful grandkids and 3 generations of her Standard Smooth dachshunds—Claire, Heidi and Pieter—who won the fancy dress competition at the Festive Fun Day recently



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our club Christmas Lunch will be held in the Function Room, Durack, on Sunday 10th December 2023, at 12 for 12.30 pm. These are always lots of fun and a great chance to socialise with other club members without your dogs. Santa (aka committee member Andrew Ness) will be making an appearance to distribute Secret Santa gifts. Please bring a non gender specific gift to the value of minimum \$20 if you would like to participate in the Secret Santa gift giving (it is not compulsory).

Wagz Café will be catering and have a lovely menu of Roast Pork, Roast Chicken, Vegetables and Gravy plus Cold Ham and Salads with Pavlova and Plum Pudding and Custard for dessert. Drinks are available to purchase. Please book via Show Manager at a price of \$35 per head, and please feel free to invite friends and family, the more the merrier!

The Championship medal presentation will take place during the Christmas lunch, to present owners with championship medals for dachshunds that have been awarded their champion title during the past year.

### OPEN SHOWS 2024

We have 2 Open Shows taking place on Sunday 10th March at Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack. Judges names still to be confirmed. There will be all breed championship shows taking place on the same day so you will be able to enter both Open shows and the Champ shows.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS 2024

We are hosting 2 Championship shows next year on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2024. The judges for these 2 shows are Jorge Nallen and Adrian Landarte, both from South America.

We are particularly excited about the Sunday show as it is our clubs 60th anniversary! As such it will be the Diamond Jubilee Championship show and promises to be a sparkling event! More information will follow in the New Year about plans for this very special occasion.

In the meantime committee members are hard at work fund raising for the Diamond Jubilee show to make it one to remember.

### FUN DAYS

We have committed to hosting 2 Fun days per year in conjunction with Devoted 2 Dachshunds Rescue (D2DR) who remain our Rescue charity of choice. Please keep an eye out on our social media posts via Facebook for dates and details of events planned in 2024.

## HEALTH NEWS

Australian dachshund breeders can be very proud of their wonderful and positive reaction to the upcoming Dachshund IVDD Reduction Initiative (DIRI) which is backed by the University of Cambridge in England. Breeders in the USA, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have registered to take part in the survey which will be looking at the impact of canine nutrition on IVDD, in particular to the brood bitch and puppies during gestation and beyond. The survey will continue for a period of 2 years after birth with spinal x-rays being taken of the dogs included in the survey, at 2 years of age, at the expense of the organisers. The following email was recently sent to those breeders that registered to take part:

*"Thank you very much for noting your interest in the Dachshund IVDD Reduction Initiative to help improve the lives of dachshunds worldwide! We are pleased that we received responses from enough breeders to be able to move to the planning stage. We have, therefore, been working to develop the practicalities needed to launch the project.*

*You can expect another update in the next couple of weeks regarding formal onboarding for this historic trial which is set to start early in the new year. In the meantime, please follow the Facebook page or Twitter profile for extra updates. We will try to post regularly.*

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<http://www.facebook.com/DIRI.IVDD.study>

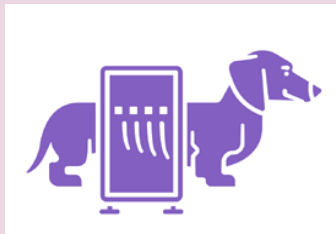
*If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Thank you again for your interest in bettering dachshund health!*

Best regards,

Ian Seath

DIRI Coordinator"

Website: <http://www.ivddstudy.org/>



## NATIONAL DACHSHUND COUNCIL

The National Dachshund Council is an affiliate of Dogs Australia with its members consisting of the 5 State Dachshund clubs within Australia. It's primary role is to encourage and promote the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of the Dachshund.

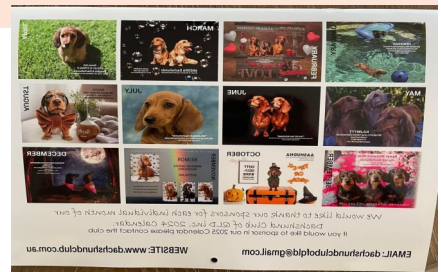
The NDC has recently revamped its website which can be found under [www.nationaldachshund.com](http://www.nationaldachshund.com)

Health test results and screening can be found under the Health tab. Breeders are encouraged to submit their dogs DNA and back scoring results for inclusion on the website. Photos and results of all the past National Shows are also included on the Show tab.



## 2024 CALENDARS ON SALE

We have some beautiful 2024 calendars available at \$20 each. These can either be collected at Durack, or can be posted to you at an additional cost of \$5 to cover postage. Please email the club if you would like to order one or more calendars. They make great Christmas gifts and for breeders are a lovely inclusion in a puppy pack for your new owners to enjoy.



## EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MOST WELCOME

Editor Lisa Marsh-Furness

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** items of interest are always welcome for addition to future newsletters.

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