

# *The Long and the Short of It*

## *Dachshund Club of Queensland Inc.*

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### VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The club's first Event for 2024 was a double Open. These shows celebrated the beginning of a special year for members. Our club's inaugural meeting was held in 1964, so 2024 is our 60th Anniversary year. My congratulations to all participants as they really showcased our special breed and I thank the committee and generous supporters for making the shows such a success. I have been a consistently active member of the Dachshund Club of Queensland since 1970, and my 80th birthday fell on our show day, March 10th. I would like to warmly thank friends and fellow exhibitors who joined my family for the special celebratory afternoon High Tea after the second show. Catering in the function Room by Wagz Café was delicious and the cake was amazing.

Kind Regards, Gyllian Hoyle



Julie Hamilton and Dennis Moran

### Christmas Lunch—December 2023

The club held its annual Christmas lunch on Sunday 10th December 2023 at the Dogs Queensland Function Room, catered by Wagz Café. A really yummy Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all who attended. The fun part of the afternoon was the Secret Santa gifts, handed out by Santa himself (aka committee member Andrew Ness) as well as presentation of the Champion medals to all those dogs who had achieved Championship status during the course of the past year. For the first time we had Dachshunds achieving Champion status in Scenting, being two of the Standard Smooths owned by our Club Secretary, Julie Hamilton.

Honorary Membership of our club was awarded to Bill Smith, in recognition of all the work he has done for the club both by being Show Manager at our National Dachshund Shows in May 2023 and for his efforts as Chief Trainer every Thursday evening at our Show training classes. We really do appreciate all his hard work and commitment to our club. Now we just have to get him owning a Dachshund too!



Pic left: Leigh Neighbour, Gyll Hoyle, Val Lingard, Dennis Moran, Rene Stevens. Pic right : Andrew Ness (aka Santa)



Pic left: Leisa Lockett, Dennis Moran and Bill Smith      Pic right: The 2023/24 Club Committee members—Bryan Shaw, Julie Hamilton, Leisa Lockett, Anne Ifield, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Ness, Dennis Moran, Gyll Hoyle, Lisa Marsh-Furness



Show Training classes, held every Thursday evening under the guidance of Vice-President Leisa Lockett, continue to be well supported. Classes have grown in numbers with an average of 25 people turning out on most evenings for basic show training skills and puppy socialisation. These classes are open to ALL breeds of dogs, including unregistered dogs and have proven to be a good income producer for our club. At only \$5 per handler they are the most affordable training classes around and couldn't go ahead without the hard work and dedication of the volunteer trainers under the guidance of Bill Smith. If you haven't attended a class yet, we really suggest that you give it a try. It's a great way to meet other dog owners, they are informal and lots of fun. Leisa organised a Christmas theme session in late December where lots of prizes and yummy eats were on offer. Some of the dogs dressed up for the occasion! Entries can be done online via Show Manager or just bring your cash on the night. Details are posted every week on the club Facebook page.





**IN MEMORIAM**

**VALE ATHALIE BEECHER**

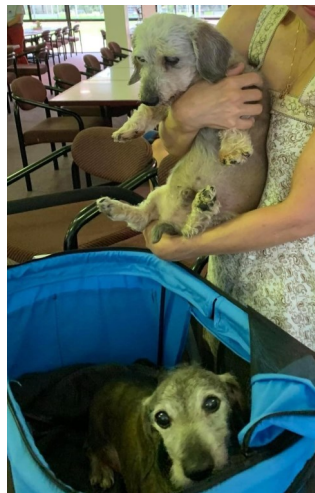
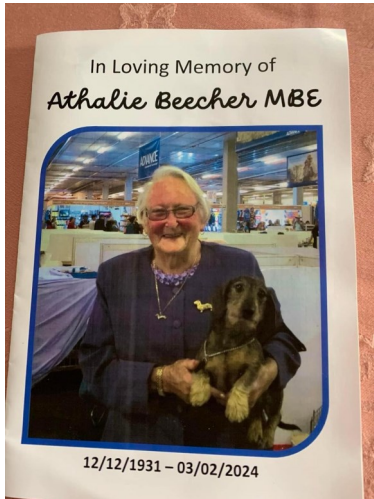
**12/12/1931—3/2/2024**

Our club was saddened to lose a much loved Life member, Athalie Beecher, who passed away quietly in a nursing home on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 11.30am, aged 92 years.

Athalie, in partnership with our current Vice-President, Gyll Hoyle, bred and showed Miniature Wire Haired dachshunds for many years under the Agwyr prefix. A prefix which continues today under the loving care of Gyll.

A memorial service led by club member, the Reverend Leigh Neighbour, was held to celebrate Athalie's life, in the Function Room at Durack, on Sunday 3rd March. This was attended by Athalie's daughters, family and friends and even some of her old Mini Wires who are in the loving care of Devoted 2 Dachshunds Rescue .

A light lunch was served after the service by Wagz Café. The family requested that any donations in lieu of flowers should go towards dementia research.



**IN MEMORIAM**

**VALE VAL LINGARD**

**13/1/1928—6/3/2024**

Another of our Life Members of many years, Val Lingard, passed away on Wednesday 6th March 2024 in hospital, aged 96 years, surrounded by her family.

Val was our Club Treasurer for many years and worked tirelessly for the club.

Along with her partner, the late Val Bowden, the two Vals were well known for their Valgarden prefix, where they were known predominantly for their beautiful Miniature Long Haired dachshunds but they also bred a few Standard Long Haired and Miniature Smooth haired litters.

Valgarden had much success in the show ring, breeding dachshunds of quality with many Champions and Grand Champions coming from their kennels. The Valgarden legacy will continue in pedigrees for many years.

Most of us saw Val just as recently as December 2023 when she joined us in the Function Room at Durack, to enjoy Christmas lunch with us all.

A Memorial Service for Val, led by the Reverend Leigh Neighbour, took place at Mt Gravatt crematorium on Wednesday 20th March 2024, which was well attended by her family and friends. Rest In Peace Val, you will be sadly missed.



## MARCH OPEN SHOWS (X 2)

Our Club held two Open Shows on Sunday 10th March 2024 at Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack. The morning show was judged by Miss K Maguire (Qld) and the afternoon show was judged by Mrs S Watherston (Qld).

An excellent entry of 60 dachshunds was received for both shows which is a fabulous entry for Open Shows. They are an important way for trainee judges to gain experience and knowledge in judging our breed and to work towards their Hound judging qualification. It's also a wonderful opportunity for younger puppies and newer handlers to get practice in a relaxed informal setting.

Lots of prizes were on offer, organised and co-ordinated by committee member Anne Ifield, who does a fantastic job of collecting prizes and organising raffles at our shows. Winners were able to "pick a prize" from the prize table and there was a lovely array of prizes to choose from.

Andrew Ness did a great job of wrapping all the prizes and ordering ribbons. The prize table really did look a treat. Our sponsors for the Open Shows were Hey Happy Dog. Thanks go to Joan and Lee Walker the owners of Hey Happy Dog which is a small family run business, based in Brisbane, that manufactures a really healthy oats based breakfast suitable for all ages of dogs. Its gut healthy and full of yummy goodness. Full details can be found on their website [www.heyhappydog.com.au](http://www.heyhappydog.com.au) where you can read all about the ingredients and the health benefits. Orders are done online and they deliver all over Australia.

The Best In Show winner at the morning show was the Standard Smooth boy, Champion Bekkri Rockin Lionel at Wybrek. Lionel is owned by Judy Kerby and handled by Debbie Rodgers. Lionel was also Best Intermediate in Show.

The Best In Show winner at the afternoon show was the Standard Smooth bitch, Grand Champion Adbesare Firecracker. Lulu is bred, owned and handled by Sarah Wheatley, she was also Best State Bred In Show. This was a particularly notable achievement for Lulu as she had recently delivered a litter of 6 healthy puppies who were only 13 weeks old at the time of the shows. In fact 5 of those puppies were present for their first experience in the show ring, all being entered in the Baby Puppy classes.

Our thanks go to everyone concerned for helping to make the Open Shows such a resounding success. The weather was a little unpredictable with a few showers on the day, but it didn't dampen everyone's enthusiasm and a good time seemed to be had by all. We raised a nice sum of money, those funds will be very useful towards hosting the Championships shows in June later this year.



*Best In Show (Show One)*

*Smooth Haired : CH. Bekkri Rockin Lionel at Wybrek  
Owned by Judy Kerby, handled by Debbie Rodgers*



*Best In Show (Show Two)*

*Smooth Haired: Grand Ch. Adbesare Firecracker  
Owned and Handled by Sarah Wheatley*



*The wonderful array of prizes on offer for both Open Shows and the  
Hey Happy Dog sponsors table*



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Runner Up In Show



Baby In Show



Minor In show



Puppy In show



Junior In show

### Open Show One Class results

Best In Show: Standard Smooth

Ch Bekkri Rockin Lionel at Wybrek—Judy Kerby

Runner Up In Show: Miniature Long

Ch Shasdin Royal Turbo Jaffa—Sandra Mundt

Baby In Show: Standard Long

Dachyclan Blake of Francene—Elizabeth Graham

Minor In Show: Miniature Long

Loujen Summer Keepsake—Jeanette

Meharry & Louise Dorr

Puppy In Show: Standard Smooth

Gersndach Onyx Gem —Sharen Bell

Junior in Show: Miniature Smooth

Gersndach Ellanina Femm—Robyn Gersbach

Intermediate In Show: Standard Smooth

Ch Bekkri Rockin Lionel at Wybrek—Judy Kerby

State Bred in Show: Miniature Long

Gr. Ch. Splendak First Chapter—Bryan & Yvonne Shaw

Australian Bred In Show: Miniature Smooth — Ch Almarjo Heidi Von Schnitzel—Mark Yardley

Open In Show: Miniature Smooth

Ch Assuana Sultana —Lisa Marsh

Neuter In Show: Miniature Long

Ch. Rhone Kurt Von Ryan—Rosemary Privett

Runner Up Neuter In Show: Miniature

Smooth— Neimor Simba De Grande

Dennis Moran & Leigh Neighbour



State Bred In Show

Australian Bred In Show—No photo available



Open In Show



Neuter In Show



Runner Up Neuter In Show



Runner Up In Show & Intermediate in Show



Baby In Show



Minor In Show



Puppy In Show

## Open Show Two Class results

- Best In Show: Standard Smooth
- Grand Ch. Adbesare Firecracker—Sarah Wheatley
- Runner Up In Show: Miniature Long
- Ch Shasdin Royal Turbo Jaffa—Sandra Mundt
- Baby In Show: Miniature Smooth
- Gersndach Clasic Martini—Robyn Gersbach
- Minor In Show: Miniature Long
- Loujen Summer Keepsake—Jeanette Meharry & Louise Dorr
- Puppy In Show: Standard Smooth
- Gersndach Rock On - Robyn Gersbach
- Junior in Show: Miniature Smooth
- Almarjo Emma Von Schnitzel—Mark Yardley
- Intermediate In Show: Miniature Long
- Shasdin Royal Turbo Jaffa—Sandra Mundt
- State Bred in Show: Standard Smooth
- Grand Ch. Adbesare Firecracker—Sarah Wheatley
- Australian Bred In Show: Long Haired
- Ch Lauradale Think Twice—Lenore Ireland
- Open In Show: Miniature Smooth
- Loujen Whos A Lady—Jeanette Meharry & Louise Dorr
- Neuter In Show: Miniature Long
- Ch. Rhone Kurt Von Ryan—Rosemary Privett
- Runner Up Neuter In Show: Miniature Wire — Ch Uglee Sugar Plum Fairy — Gyll Hoyle

Junior In Show—no photo



Australian Bred In Show

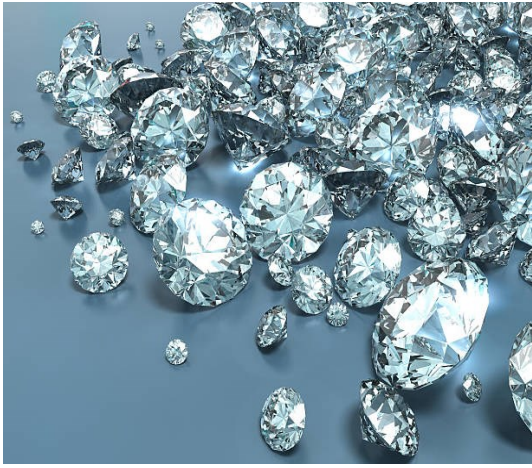


Open In Show



Neuter In Show

Runner Up Neuter In Show—no photo



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS — 8th and 9th JUNE 2024

Planning is well underway for our two Championship shows to be held on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2024. These will be held in conjunction with the Yuggera Club championship shows at Durack. This offers up a five show weekend opportunity—five possibilities of earning points towards that coveted championship status so look out for the schedule which will be posted on Show Manager in April. The judges for our two shows are Jorge Nallen and Adrian Landarte, both from Uruguay.

Saturday's show will be known as the Athalie Beecher Memorial Show and Sunday's show is our 60th Anniversary show, or Diamond Jubilee show.



### WARWICK SHOW TRAINING— Monday evenings

Our club is now offering weekly Show Training and Puppy socialisation classes at the Warwick Showgrounds every Monday evening from 6pm. This is open to ALL breeds so if you live in the area, please contact Robyn Gersbach at 0409 361 319 for more information. Robyn is the co-ordinator of these training sessions. They are run on the same basis as our Thursday training sessions held at Durack, bookings can be made online via Show Manager or you can bring your \$5 cash on the night. These are informal and lots of fun.



### 2024 CALENDARS ON SALE

We still have some beautiful 2024 calendars available at the reduced price of \$15 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 gifts and for breeders are a lovely inclusion in a puppy pack for your new owners to enjoy.

### Jumpers & Jazz Dachshund Walk

21st July 2024 @ 10.00 am

Leslie Park  
Palmerin Street Warwick

This will be a fun event for all

All Dachshunds to be on a lead and don't forget their Jumpers, Scarves and water  
Contact Robyn 0409 361 319

Cost \$5 per participant payment on the day

Kissing/Photo Booth Gold Coin Donation

The Dachshund Club Of Qld Inc will be there - Look for the Gazebo. Hot dogs, drinks and merchandise will be for sale

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### JUMPERS AND JAZZ IN JULY—SUNDAY 21st JULY 2024

There will be a Dachshund Walk held at the Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival in Warwick. Cost is \$5 per participant, please dress your dachshund in their jumpers and scarves—it can be very cold in Warwick at that time of year! There will be market stalls selling all sorts of goodies and a kissing / photo booth where you can have a photo of yourself getting a kiss from a dachshund! More details are on the flyer alongside.

### D2DR FUN DAY—SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 2024

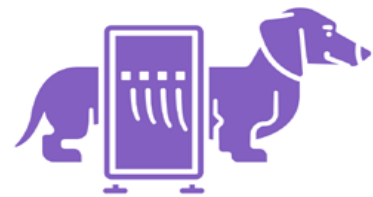
The date has been set for Sunday 26th October 2024 for a Halloweenie Fun Day at Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack. This is held in conjunction with Devoted 2 Dachshunds Rescue (D2DR) and will be a Fun Day open to all dachshunds and their owners with a Halloween dress up theme. Please diarise the date in your calendars and keep an eye out on social media for further updates.

## HEALTH NEWS

A further update has been received from the University of Cambridge who are managing the Dachshund IVDD Reduction Initiative (DIRI). Their update is as quoted below:-

“We wanted to give an update to illustrate what steps we must get through to make this study happen. There were questions we had to ask ourselves and the resulting viability checks we need to go through to make this study possible:

1. Are there enough dachshund breeders interested in helping advance science to curb the exceptionally high rate of IVDD/IVDC/IVDH in the breed? Yes! Your and other breeders' expressions of interest for this study proposal were fantastically encouraging. This high level of public interest for working on the reduction of dachshund spinal degeneration should therefore render achievable results much sooner than decades from now.
2. Are there veterinary specialists willing and able to donate their time and expertise to such a study? Yes! We're excited to have found specialists from three continents sympathetic to the cause of this worthwhile project to help with the study design, x-ray interpretations, and other important factors.
3. Is it possible to attain ethics approval for the study? It should be. Receiving ethics approval for a study involving animals is necessary to ensure the welfare of those animals in the study. We're starting on the paperwork for this.
4. Is it possible to have one manufacturer create a control diet (a typical food) and an intervention diet (the "special" food) for study participants in each country? It looks like it. Ideally we would want one manufacturer to create both diets and then ship them to all participants. We're working on the many details with the intent to finalize this soon.
5. Is it possible to have the exact supplements we need sourced so as to include them in the intervention diet? It looks like it. We're working on this as well.
6. Is it possible to set up a non-profit charity organization with a tax ID, a bank account, donation payment options, etc. for the study? Yes, and this step has been completed!
7. Other, more minor questions needing answers before we can begin.”



### 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 website 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.

### Dachshund IVDD Reduction Initiative

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### EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MOST WELCOME

**Editor** Lisa Marsh-Furness

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