INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DOGS

DogWellNet.Com

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Outline...this talk...this morning

• Background and Overview on the IPFD
• Tour of DogWellNet.com

• Presentations from 4 speakers who will make presentations on key areas – for dog health, well-being and welfare – and for DogWellNet

• General Discussion
  • IPFD / DogWellNet
  • This International Dog Health Workshop...moving forward
  • Conclusions and initiatives

• Next IDHW
International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD)

- Legally registered in Sweden
- Non-profit organization

**Mission**
- to facilitate collaboration and sharing of resources to enhance the health, well-being and welfare of pedigreed dogs and all dogs worldwide.

**Vision**
- An enduring global collaboration enhancing dog health, well-being and welfare, and human-dog interactions.
International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD)

- Founding Partners
  - The National Kennel Clubs of Sweden, Finland, France, Germany, Norway and The Kennel Club (UK)
  - The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, USA
  - The Agria Animal Insurance-SKK Research Fund, Sweden

- FCI – Patron / Partner

- Vet Compass (UK) - Collaborator

SOON...Other cynological organizations...corporate...other non-profits...professional...research
International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD)

Board

Pekka Olson (Chair, Sweden)
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Brenda Bonnett (Canada) is the Chief Executive Officer
Ulf Uddman (Sweden) is the Chief Financial Officer.

NOTE: Board members serve as individuals – NOT as representatives of their organization.
Governance

• Board is the decision-making body

• Input from an Advisory Council (voting members selected from Founding and Initiating Partners and others)

• Work done by IPFD staff and volunteers from member organizations and others.
Goals

- Enhance the health, well-being and welfare of dogs and enrich human-dog interactions
- To facilitate sharing of knowledge, information, experience and resources across stakeholders
- To provide structure, evaluation and interpretation of information to support the actions of stakeholders in dog health, well-being and welfare.
- To facilitate specific actions to improve health and well-being of dogs, including, e.g. to support globally relevant breed-specific breeding strategies.
Goals

• To create and run the web platform (DogWellNet.com).

• To bring the dog community closer together through DogWellNet.com.
(Breed-specific) Breeding strategies

What’s Good:
- Many kennel and breed clubs have information on health and breeding
- Most have ethical breeding guidelines
- Many have strategies for high-profile / high-risk breeds.

What’s not so good:
- It’s hard to find
- Language?
- Don’t know that others are doing similar work elsewhere
- If kennel and breed clubs don’t do this… governments may step in
Breed-specific breeding strategies

What would be great:
If you could easily find all the great work through one portal...at least a summary in English...

What would be really great:
An online working group sharing information / experience, etc.
International Breed-specific Collaborations

What’s Good:
- Dog breeding is international... need to look at the global population of dogs...especially in small-number breeds.
- Many international collaborations

What’s not so good:
- Challenges getting people together...physically and philosophically
- Websites, face-to-face meetings can be expensive
International Breed-specific Collaborations

What would be great:
A virtual collaboration space …those who had developed effective collaborations were available to counsel others – share their experience and resources
Public Information …

Partnership Resource

• Public pages bringing together the best information that is available on health, breeding, welfare, etc.
  • Evidence- and Guidance-based, where possible

• For Partners and Members – content and functionality to support cooperation, collaboration, developing new initiatives...
  • e.g. expert forums
Participation?

• Any **cynological / or other** organization who:
  • Wants to be seen as a **leader** in issues of health, well-being and welfare in dogs … to be recognized as an **active** participant in the international dog community.
  
  • Who has something to **share** and would like to enhance their international focus
  
  • Who wants to **benefit** from access to the full range of information and functionality of DogWellNet.com
Declaration of Intent – Members:

- The IPFD and DogWellNet.com are meant to offer a non-partisan and apolitical platform.

- Participants must commit to focusing primarily on the mission, vision and goals of the IPFD.
Welcome to DogWellNet: A Dynamic Work in Progress!

The International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) represents an exciting new development to enable collaboration and sharing of information and resources across the global dog community. Collaboration between cynological organizations (e.g., kennel clubs, breed registries, health, welfare, and advocacy organizations, non-profits, corporations, and vestry groups) will drive new opportunities and expertise for the benefit of dogs and those who love them.

Our mission is to provide a forum for the exchange of data, ideas, and best practices. Through the development of science, we will contribute to the health, welfare, and happiness of dogs and the people who care for them. We are dedicated to being a platform for discussion, and we believe that this will come from connecting the many stakeholders that are working for dog well-being around the world. Our Content page shows a detailed menu of our main information providing areas...scroll over titles to see a description. However, as this is not simply a typical website, please read about our goals and approach under About Us / About DogWellNet.com, including DogWellNet: Layout and Structure and DogWellNet: The Community and Forums, and our plans for Expert Panels and Working Groups.

MOST OF THE SITE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT SIGN-ON/ CREATE AN ACCOUNT ONLY FOR PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS UNTIL MAY 2015 ('BETA-TESTING')
Information
Experience And
Expert Advice
Cooperation And Collaboration
ACTION
CHALLENGED by shared needs, common goals

Seize the OPPORTUNITY
to become stronger by working together for the health and
well-being of dogs.
What do we need?

• More Partners in IPFD
  • Financial and other support

• Volunteers / Collaborators
  • Expert panels
  • Working groups
  • Content

• Kennel clubs, breed clubs
  • Non-profits
  • For profits
  • Suggestions / contacts?

• Names?