

## **Breed Watch Education Day 2017**

**Date:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Venue:** Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre

### **Programme of the day**

- 9:30am-10:00am      Registration & Reception**
- 10:00am-11:00am      Tour of the Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre**  
(For those who have opted 'Yes' via the Kennel Club online shop)
- 11:00am-12:00am      Seminar One**  
**Common skin problems in dogs which may play a role while judging them – *Dr Rosario Cerundolo (Dermatology Specialist, Dick White Referrals)***  
This talk will cover the most common causes of skin and ear problems, the risk of contagious infections to other animals or people, and the importance to select dogs not just for beauty but also for health to avoid problems.
- 12:00am-13:00pm      Lunch**
- 13:00pm-14:00pm      Seminar Two**  
**Breed Watch Procedure Updates – *Bonnie Wiles (Health & Research Co-ordinator)***  
Breed Watch serves as an 'early warning system' to identify points of concern for individual breeds. Its primary purpose is to enable anyone involved in the world of dogs, but in particular dog show Judges, to find out about any breed specific conformational issues which may lead to health problems. Since its launch in 2009 Breed Watch has undertaken a number of changes and enhancements. Bonnie Wiles the Health & Research Coordinator at the Kennel Club will be presenting an update on Breed Watch on the most recent changes. These include the online form, how the provided information is used and the new resources available for judges in 2018.
- 14:00pm-15:00pm      Seminar Three**  
**Judging for Eye Health – *Mr James Oliver (Ophthalmology Specialist, Dick White Referrals)***  
James is a well-known specialist in veterinary ophthalmology. He has worked at several referral centres within the UK and has published

widely in the veterinary literature, predominantly on the topic of canine inherited eye disease. He divides his time between treating eye diseases in dogs and cats, teaching trainee veterinary ophthalmologists, performing research into the genetics of canine inherited eye disease and conducting examinations for hereditary eye disease as a panellist of the BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme. In this talk, James will discuss the most commonly encountered eye diseases that occur as a result of breed-related conformational defects with particular emphasis on those conditions that can lead to pain and/or visual impairment. Using a wealth of photographs predominantly of category 2 and 3 breeds, James will explain how the signs relating to conformational defects can be spotted so that dogs with significant breed-associated eye problems can be identified and, therefore, not be inadvertently awarded.

**15:00pm**

**Close of Day**