

THE BULLDOG
BREED
CONFERENCE

The Bulldog Breed
Council

held a

Sunday May 19th
2002

The Canine Academy
Hill Farm,
Tollerton Lane
Near Nottingham
NG12 4GB

Speakers were as follows

Dr Jeff Sampson BSc,Dphil
Kennel Club Canine Genetics
Co -Ordinator at Animal Health
Trust

M.J.R.Stockman MRVCS

Lorraine Margiotta
Dipl.Advanced Studies in
Companion
Counselling/UniversitySouthampton.
Member Association of Pet Dog
Trainers

The Panel for Question/Answer sessions
were

Chairman Robin Searle

Norman Davies [Ocobo]

Chris Thomas [Kingrock]

about the general socialising of puppies,emphasising the importance of early mixing with lots of people, other animals and situations,stressing and explaining the importance of this between the ages of 3 to 16 weeks to result in a well balanced, dog/ and pet.Putting this firmly in the responsibility of the Breeder

a brillant quote was made by her

"Genetics..load the gun the Enviroment fires it!"

The Veterinary Surgeon

Mike Stockman

He gave us a brief history of his involvement in dogs including his handling of a bulldog owned by a nun, Sister Vinny named Bill the Bulldozer!!!, he agreed bulldogs generally have excellent temperament in his experience.He explained his role at the Kennel Club. He gave a witty and entertaining talk outlining some serious issues about anesthetic,tracheas,and elected C Sections.

He talked about the European Pet Convention and its effects on the world of pedigree dogs and the Kennel Clubs role in supporting the dog breeders against the threat to our breed and many others .

Which seemed very encouraging....

Canine Genetics Co Ordinator

Dr Jeff Sampson

His talk was to explain in a simple way how genetics work in Dog Breeding and how to breed eliminating problems, despite it being quite complicated to get to grips with....it all became quite clear as he demonstrated testing for a particular genetic problem and test mating.

He explained the application of Line Breeding/In breeding ,the development and stamping in of type, but the possible effects of Breeding Depression and the need to outcross for healthy stock.

He discussed AI and the importation of new bloodlines advantages and disadvantages. Some other breeds could bring in a whole new set of problems not yet seen in our familiar lines ,great care and research must be done to not introduce unknown diseases.

He did reccomend more sharing of information of health issues amongst breeders more 'Openess 'to avoid repeating genetic mistakes

*and the following attending
members
of*

*The Breed Council Health Sub-
Committee*

Dr John Natrass M.B.Ch.B

Mrs Vicky Collins

Problems encountered with our Bulldogs
Health
are encouraged to be shared in confidence
data is
being researched and recorded for the
future .

***The Conference was held as
planned ..***

***The Behaviourist
Lorraine Margiotta opened
the proceedings with a talk***

Credits.....

Thanks to all the speakers and to our panelists Norman Davies and Chris Thomas who spoke so eloquently

Special thanks for the ladies in the kitchen with Margaret Bell who produced wonderful homecooked food

Thanks also to Tony Darmanin and the Birmingham & Midlands Bulldog club for the loan of the PA system,
Ron Jones for printing the tickets

Special thanks to Dr. John Nattrass for his organising and planning of this event, printing/advertising and to Mrs Biddle Edwards for selling the tickets and 'manning 'the door

Bulldog Rescue presented boards with photo's of recent Rescues and a collection was made at the door, Tania Holmes co-ordinator of rescue came and joined in...

