



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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*A World of Change*

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## From the CEO

*At a time of profound change within the dog world – from pandemic puppies to breeding legislation – we continue to work with our stakeholders to educate our global community and promote what is truly in the best interest of all dogs.*

When I joined IPFD as Business and Project Coordinator in August of 2021, I was aware of the large international network contributing to IPFD's work. However, I was especially (and pleasantly) surprised by the dedication of our small team and in learning how many truly wonderful collaborators we have.

Upon my appointment to Acting CEO in November, I have become even more aware of IPFD's crucial role in a changing world. We need collaboration among our stakeholders now more than ever.

As Covid-19 continued to present challenges in 2021, we weren't able to meet face-to-face with many of our colleagues and supporters. But as a virtual organization, IPFD continues to function effectively and grow. With more members, more website traffic, and more social media followers, IPFD stands well positioned to carry out our important work in 2022 and beyond.

“ We need collaboration among our stakeholders now more than ever. ”

**Dr. Katariina Mäki**

Acting CEO, International Partnership for Dogs

# From the Chair

*As we navigate ongoing internal and external developments, IPFD continues to prove its adaptability, capability, and dedication to our mission.*

November 2021 brought us perhaps the most significant change our organization has seen since its inception – a change in our CEO role. I thank Dr. Brenda Bonnett for all she has done to help transform her 2011 proposal for a canine health and welfare information network into the extraordinary organization IPFD has become more than a decade later. And I am glad that she continues to share her expertise with the international dog community as IPFD’s Veterinary Science Officer.

I am also encouraged by Dr. Katariina Mäki’s leadership through this transitional period as Acting CEO, and our work continues without interruption.

Thanks to our Contributing Partners, who share our views on the work with dog welfare, our economic position remains strong. And with our committed Board, consultants, and contributors, IPFD remains uniquely positioned to provide an informed, impartial voice in the changing dog world.

I hope that we will have the chance to meet with you in 2022, either in virtual meetings or in person soon.

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**Dr. Pekka Olson**

Chair, International Partnership for Dogs



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# Our Guiding Principles

## Mission

The mission of the International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) is to facilitate collaboration and sharing of resources to enhance the health, well-being, and welfare of pedigree dogs and all dogs worldwide.

## Vision

An enduring global collaboration enhancing dog health, well-being, and welfare, and human-dog interactions.



Photo by Natalia\_Kollegova

## Values

- Dog health, well-being, and welfare, and human-dog interactions contribute to the quality of life for both species.
- The world is a better place because we share it with dogs.
- Dog issues are important around the globe, and international sharing and cooperation are needed.

## Goals

The general goals of the IPFD are to:

- Enhance the health, well-being, and welfare of dogs, and enrich human-dog interactions.
- Facilitate the sharing of knowledge, information, experience, and resources across stakeholders, e.g., kennel clubs, veterinary and other professional organizations, health foundations, and others, to improve health and well-being of purpose-bred dogs.
- Provide structure, evaluation, and interpretation of information to support the actions of stakeholders in dog health, well-being, and welfare.
- Facilitate specific actions to improve health and well-being of dogs, e.g., supporting globally relevant breed-specific breeding strategies.
- Run the web platform DogWellNet.com.
- Bring the dog community closer together through DogWellNet.com.



*Photo by Henriethann*

# Who We Are

The International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) is a non-profit organization leading a global, multi-stakeholder effort to address issues affecting dog health, well-being, and welfare.

Our people – [our Board and Consultants](#) – come from seven different countries. Among them, we count veterinarians, presidents of national kennel clubs, and key advisors to kennel and breed clubs and to the pet industry. We have five with PhDs or Honorary Doctorates; several with other advanced training and expertise in areas such as dog reproduction, behaviour, and nutrition; and four judges of conformation or other exhibitions.

Our [Contributors, Partners, and Sponsors](#) include national kennel clubs, international cynological organizations, groups with breed specific interests, educational/academic and professional organizations, and key players in the pet industry.

Together with other participating organizations, companies, and individuals, we foster collaborative action to achieve our shared goals, support human-animal interactions, and benefit all dogs worldwide.



*Photo by Seanwareing*

# What We Do

## **Coordination**

The issues of dog health, well-being, and welfare are extremely complex and extend across international borders to include organizations and individuals from numerous jurisdictions, sectors, and disciplines. IPFD is an essential coordinating mechanism bringing these stakeholders together, harnessing their strengths, and facilitating collaborative efforts. Without IPFD, we would continue to see duplication of effort (i.e., parallel, but isolated initiatives), weakened or unfocused international/multi-stakeholder projects, and many other missed opportunities – all to the detriment of dogs (and humans) around the world.

## **Information**

We collect, collate, clarify, and create resources to provide evidence-based information and expert opinion on a broad range of issues affecting dog health, well-being, and welfare. As curators, we ensure that key resources needed to inform actions are accessible to all stakeholders, from owners to experts, individuals to organizations, and local to global efforts for individual dogs and populations.

## **Collaboration**

We encourage, initiate, and facilitate collaboration among our Contributors, Partners, and Sponsors, and other stakeholders in the dog world.

## **Action**

We provide a global platform for all stakeholders in dog health and welfare. We share information – most of it free to all – through our online channels (e.g., DogWellNet.com) and provide a framework for collaboration, including the IPFD International Dog Health Workshops (IDHWs), key initiatives (e.g., Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD)), working groups, expert panels, event presentations, and other outreach activities.

# How We Work

IPFD is a truly people-driven service organization. Our structure and resources (a modest budget and small group of consultants, volunteers, and Board Members) facilitate the activities of our stakeholders to achieve our individual and collective priorities for the health and welfare of dogs.

As a growing, independent voice within the global dog community, we aim to provide the best possible information and advice to assist our stakeholders in making optimal decisions for their members, customers, and breeds of interest. IPFD provides and supports a ‘big picture’, balanced, transparent, and integrated approach to the complex challenges for dogs and the people who care about them.

Our key audiences are, first and foremost, committed and health-conscious breeders, as well as those who support and advise them (kennel and breed club health committees, breeding advisors, veterinarians, researchers, etc.), but also include essentially all those involved in the world of dogs, including kennel/breed clubs, dog owners, the pet industry, and more. Our consultants work tirelessly to engage others who embrace our vision and are willing to share their information, expertise, and passion for dogs.

We connect with these stakeholders through our online platform, [DogWellNet.com](https://DogWellNet.com), social media, and direct correspondence, in addition to hosting/attending face-to-face meetings, conferences (e.g., the [IPFD IDHWs](#)), seminars, and other educational/networking events.

# Where We Work

As a “virtual” organization, we have no physical headquarters/offices and, therefore, minimal fixed costs; over 90% of our budget goes to programs. Essentially, we work wherever we are and with those who share our mission and goals.

IPFD is registered in Sweden, and financial oversight is provided by the Swedish Kennel Club. Our consultants work from their homes (Canada, USA, Sweden, Finland, etc.) or wherever they are traveling in the world advancing the mission of IPFD.

We have collaborating experts, partners, and contributors from Europe, North America, Australia, and Asia, but we are continuing to expand our reach, with members of and visitors to [DogWellNet.com](https://DogWellNet.com) from six continents and dozens of countries.

[Learn more about IPFD](#) on [DogWellNet.com](https://DogWellNet.com).

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# Our Board & Officers

*The IPFD Board is comprised of individuals with respected international reputations, who represent a broad array of stakeholders in dog health, well-being, and welfare, and who comprise a range of backgrounds and abilities.*

Among our [Board](#) are five veterinarians, two Presidents of national kennel clubs, and others with key roles at kennel clubs. Four have PhDs or Honorary Doctorates, with most having other advanced training and expertise in areas such as dog reproduction, behaviour, nutrition, or other specialties. Three are judges of conformation or other exhibitions. Two board members serve as executives of a shelter organization, and one is a lawyer. Three currently or previously have worked in the pet industry.

This breadth of knowledge and experience, combined with a passionate devotion to dog health and welfare, underpins our Mission, Vision, and Goals.

[Detailed bios](#) for IPFD Directors and Officers are available on DogWellNet.com.



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**Pekka Olson DVM, Dr. hc**  
Chair, Sweden



**Bill Lambert**  
Vice-Chair, UK



**Peter Friedrich PhD, Professor**  
Germany



**Kirsi Sainio PhD**  
Finland



**Marty Greer** DVM, JD  
USA



**Alexandre Balzer** DMV, CEAV, DU  
France



**Dave Eikelberg** PhD (Candidate), MSc  
USA

## Officers (Ex-officio on the Board)



**Barbara Thiel** DVM  
Germany



**Katariina Mäki** PhD  
Acting Chief Executive Officer, Finland



**Ulf Uddman**  
Chief Financial Officer, Sweden



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## Our Consultants

*We allocate the bulk of our budget to maintain a small team to manage our modest resources and facilitate the activities of our stakeholders, with the aim of achieving our collective goals.*

People are always the strength of an organization, and now is a good time to acknowledge and thank the small but committed team of consultants in several countries who do the lion's share of the work at IPFD.

[View their profiles](#) on DogWellNet.com.



**Brenda N. Bonnett DVM, PhD**  
Veterinary Science Officer, Canada



**Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi**  
HGTD Project Manager, USA



**Ann Milligan**  
Website Content Manager, USA



**Dave St. Louis**  
Communications Specialist, Canada



**James Skinner**  
Recording Secretary, UK



**Provisionists**  
Web Hosting/Management, USA



**Michael Edwards**  
PHP Developer, USA

# Our Contributors

Partners of the International Partnership for Dogs and Sponsors of specific IPFD initiatives

## 2021 Contributing Partners



## 2021 Collaborating Partners



## Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD) Contributing Leadership Sponsors 2021

Agria Djurförsäkring (Agria Animal Insurance)  
American Kennel Club  
AKC Canine Health Foundation  
Canadian Kennel Club  
International Partnership for Dogs

Irish Kennel Club  
The Kennel Club  
Norsk Kennel Klub (Norwegian Kennel Club)  
Raad van Beheer (Dutch Kennel Club)  
Suomen Kennelliitto (Finnish Kennel Club)

Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen  
(German Kennel Club)  
Société Centrale Canine (French Kennel Club)  
Svenska Kennelklubben (Swedish Kennel Club)  
Mars PetCare

## Genetic Test Provider (GTP) Sponsors 2021



## Genetic Test Provider (GTP) Supporters 2021

For a full list of HGTD supporters and participants, go to: <https://dogwellnet.com/ctp/>

## Get Involved!

- Organizations interested in IPFD partnerships and sponsorships can contact Acting CEO Katariina Mäki at [katariina.maki@ipfdogs.com](mailto:katariina.maki@ipfdogs.com).
- GTPs wishing to participate in the HGTD can contact HGTD Project Manager Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi at [aimee.llewellyn-zaidi@ipfdogs.com](mailto:aimee.llewellyn-zaidi@ipfdogs.com).
- Organizations or individuals can visit our homepage (<https://dogwellnet.com/>) to make a donation to support IPFD and/or HGTD.

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*Photo by AnjaGh*

# DogWellNet.com

*DogWellNet.com functions as an information hub, providing links, documents, and additional resources to breeders, owners, veterinarians, and others in the dog world.*

[DogWellNet.com](#) is an open access, ever-expanding information hub for health-conscious breeders, kennel or breed club members or operators, veterinarians, and other stakeholders in dog health, well-being, and welfare.

For an overview of the site, including an explanation of key content areas and features, please visit the article [DogWellNet Basics](#).

On DogWellNet, you will find collated and vetted information on breeding strategies, breed information, health issues, international actions, and so much more.

We are also the home to the [Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs \(HGTD\)](#).

Although almost all DogWellNet.com content is available to guests, we encourage readers to [sign up](#) (free). As of the publishing date for this report, more than 2,000 people have registered, including more than 1,100 Members and 800+ Advanced Members.



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## ABOUT IPFD & DOGWELLNET.COM

Everything you need to know about [our organization](#), IPFD, and [our online platform, DogWellNet.com](#).



## BREEDS DATABASE

Our [Breeds Database](#) lists 182 breeds. Information includes breed standards, population data, club newsletters, breed databases, videos, and more.



Harmonization of  
Genetic Testing  
for Dogs

Database, articles, and other resources associated with the IPFD's [Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs \(HGTD\)](#) initiative.



## HEALTH, BREEDING, & CANINE WELFARE RESOURCES

1,000+ articles for veterinarians, owners, caretakers, breeders, and others, including a growing list of [Globally Relevant Integrated Health Profiles \(GRIHPs\)](#) describing the Big Picture of health on conditions of interest within a specific breed.



## A GROWING COMMUNITY

More than 2,000 people have signed up for free IPFD membership to-date (1,100 Members, 800+ Advanced Members). In 2021, we had 174,000+ pageviews on DogWellNet.com, 56% by new users (a more than 20% increase from previous year).



## Digest

Published several times a year, our online newsletter, [DogWellNet Digest](#), features the latest news from IPFD and DogWellNet.com.

# Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD)



Harmonization of  
Genetic Testing  
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*While users tend to focus on the advantages of having a comprehensive, searchable database of genetic testing information on their breed(s), we have seen, especially in 2021, how HGTD improves information sharing and raises shared challenges (and potential solutions) more generally across genetic testing.*

## New/Updated in 2021

- **Key comments** are associated with the relevance of the test to specific breeds/types and can vary in content. Provided by experts in the phene discovery or application of the test, the information could be related to how common the phene is in a breed, specific concerns about the test for a particular breed, or breed-specific application of the test.
- **“All Phenotypes”**: The tests listed on HGTD have previously been listed only where offered by a participating GTP. We expanded the database to more comprehensively cover breed-associated traits (350 phenotypes, and growing). For 2021, **Breed Relevance Ratings (BRR)** have been reviewed for all of the 2,000+ breed-specific test combinations. In addition, BRRs have been reviewed for general «all dogs» tests, as well as many popular breed

“ The Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs is uniquely effective in regularly gathering GTPs, researchers, Kennel Clubs, Breed Clubs, and breed health advisors to the same table, to talk about the issues that are important to them and to try to come up with solutions to shared problems. ”

**Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi**

HGTD Project Manager

crosses. BRRs are dynamic, and we aim to reflect new research or other evidence, as quickly as possible.

- **Expanded phene information**: Phenotypes information has expanded on breed/dog-specific associated diseases and traits. This includes more clinical information, more breed-specific clinical and application information, outreach to researchers on specific diseases and tests, and more specific information on test technology and type (e.g., linkage tests, direct mutation tests, and risk-variants).
- **Blogs**: HGTD This Week continues to provide HGTD-specific blog posts across relevant genetic testing information and key HGTD features, e.g., technology like SNP-chips or dog ID, HGTD features like BRR, and real-world test usage. The Ask Aimee blog continues to answer IPFD and HGTD users' questions and raise conversations around emerging genetic testing tools, such as genomic COI.

## HGTD – Contributions Beyond the Databases

- Globally Relevant Integrated Health Profile (GRIHP) genetic testing content
- Collaborator outreach – many examples, but include:
  - \* KCs using HGTD information to approve (or not) “accepted” results
  - \* HGTD data informing breeding strategies, or breed-specific information for KCs and breed clubs
  - \* Improved harmonization on breed names, phene/trait names, and breed-associated genes+mutations
  - \* Correcting misinformation on many genetic test issues, such as: trait names, clinical information, breed-association, specific mutations/variants, inheritance...which was achieved specifically because HGTD is open-access and a centralized “gathering” place of diverse information
- International Dog Health Workshop – Virtual, on Genetic Test Reports

82

### A GROWING LIST OF GTPs

The Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs Database now includes 82 academic and commercial Genetic Test Providers (GTPs) in 22 countries.

45

### PARTICIPATING GTPs

The Database currently includes information on accreditation and tests for 45 collaborating Genetic Test Providers (GTPs).

346

### PHENES/TESTS

346 phenes/tests with gene and mutations provided; links to research, clinical information, and additional publications. 291 phenes have at least 1 breed-specific reference, with most phenes also having additional breed-specific information on test usage or application in the breeds.



First online workshop on Standardizing Genetic Testing held in September 2021. More workshops planned for 2022.



### BREED RELEVANCE RATINGS

- 160 phenes with breed-specific information
- 1017 of 1891 breed-specific tests have Breed Relevance Ratings (BRRs)
- Collaborative contributions have come from multiple researchers around the globe.



### MORE USERS EACH YEAR

- 15,400+ pageviews (10% increase over 2020)
- 9,900+ new users (20% increase over 2020)
- Top areas of interest: Approx. 30% Phenes; 13% GTPs; 10% Breeds

# 2021: Key Accomplishments

*IPFD has a multi-stakeholder, Big Picture approach to the complex challenges of dogs, breeds, and human-dog interactions. IPFD works to provide resources, inform, assist actions for health and welfare, and bring these stakeholder groups into collaboration and cooperation. There are few (if any other) international organizations that can operate at arm's length, independently, to address the breadth of challenges in dog (pedigree and all dogs) health and welfare. Below, we present some of our key accomplishments for 2021.*

## Information Sharing & Collaboration

### Genetics and Genetic Testing

IPFD's Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD) provides information on 82 international genetic test providers (GTPs) with 45 actively participating in 22 countries. This includes all the major phenes (tests) sold for use in dogs and is integrated with latest research and clinical information, with additional breed-specific information on test usage or application in the breed(s).

Breed Relevance Ratings (BRR) and a new Key Comment feature help breeders/advisors select tests that are most valid.

Breed-specific genetic testing information is being integrated into Get a GRIHP! documents, and further genetic testing and counseling resources are available in articles and blogs by HGTD Project Manager Aimée Llewellyn-Zaidi (new entries in 2021 include Ask Aimée: What's the difference between pedigree COI and genomic COI?).

### International Dog Health Workshop – Virtual Presentation 2021

IPFD hosted a virtual meeting of 36 decision leaders in genetics of dogs, including kennel club advisors, researchers, veterinarians, breeders, and GTPs. This workshop was prompted by requests from breeders, breeding advisors, and others involved in dog genetics. The topic, Standardizing Genetic Testing, was focused on helping consumers navigate across GTPs, improving the accuracy and completeness of reporting; and decreasing confusion.

Outcomes included: working groups on standardization; a commitment of major GTPs to make changes; and providing clarity on direct and linkage testing. All participants indicated they would participate in a future meeting on other topics of interest.

*IPFD is uniquely posed to promote and provide this level of collaboration across these groups and ensure that actions come forward.*

### Discussion of International Issues in Genetics for Kennel Clubs

A dialogue was prompted by colleagues at the French Kennel Club on profiles for individual dog identification and parentage testing – what KCs are doing relative to developments by major commercial GTPs.

IPFD surveyed our partner KCs and compiled answers on what each is doing/planning and shared a summary with the participants. A virtual meeting is being planned for 2022.

## Breed Specific Work – A Core IPFD Activity

Our 2021 Breeds of the Month featured links to our Pedigree Breeds Database, which now contains updated information, videos, links to kennel and breed clubs on 182 breeds, as well as links to other content on DogWellNet.com, such as:

### Get a GRIHP! on Breeds

[Get a GRIHP! Globally Relevant Integrated Health Profiles](#) (GRIHPs) describe the Big Picture of health on (all) conditions that are of interest within a breed. Get a GRIHP! breeds for 2021 include: Golden Retrievers, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Pugs, Finnish Spitz, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and Rottweilers.

All include information on national populations, breed statistics – including from our Partner Agria, health strategies from Swedish RAS, and Finnish PEVISA and JTO documents; as well as recommended and required health tests from the UK, Sweden, Finland, and the USA, and where possible from other breed clubs.

GRIHP articles are published in concert with presentations in the World Small Animal Association (WSAVA) Bulletin.

## Highlighting Actions by Partners

### Blogs

- Good Breeders follow ALL their puppies! And share the data.
- 4th International Dog Health Workshop - 2 Years On
- Is it “tough talk” or “open dialogue” - and why is it a challenge in the dog world?
- Artificial Insemination in Dogs - Recent Information and Misinformation. Excerpt: “A recent post(s) on CRUFFA re: “Good news! Another step in law enforcement in the Netherlands. Standard artificial insemination is forbidden in the Netherlands for dogbreeding.” is an inaccurate or, at best, incomplete description of the situation.”

## Getting the Balanced, Big Picture Message Out

### WSAVA Bulletin

IPFD submissions are intended to update veterinarians’ information on breeds (8 published submissions in 2021) included breed and health information; links to Get a GRIHP! articles highlighting work of breed and kennel clubs; and a mix of healthy and challenged breeds. See WSAVA [Meet the Breed here](#).

### Presentations

- The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) – How international activities affect national KCs
- The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) – Veterinarians and the brachycephalic issue; focusing on challenges of practitioners; highlighting problems with unilateral approaches; encouraging collaboration with the CKC.
- Starting organization of joint symposium for breeders, judges, and vets with CVMA and CKC.
- Embark Canine Health Summit together with Westminster KC: IPFD participation in two panel discussions on genetic testing in pedigree dogs.



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### Veterinary Information Network (VIN) article

The article was written in response to an article on the Norwegian legal situation and “Calls for bans on breeding short-nosed dogs gain momentum”.

Banning brachycephalic breeds is unrealistic by Brenda N. Bonnett.

Excerpt:

*“I recognize that the article was intended to have a limited scope, but my concern is that we are missing the big picture. To see it, we need to consider the bonds between millions of “brachys” and their owners, the influence of the pet industry promoting these dogs, how veterinarians have played a role in normalizing them, and the consequences of banning these breeds, if that were even possible.”*

### Health and Welfare of Brachycephalic (Flat-faced) Companion Animals

Chapter in a new book edited by Rowena Packer and Dan O’Neill, Health and Welfare of Brachycephalic (Flat-faced) Companion Animals, on international aspects and actions by Dr. Bonnett, and others.

From the introduction:

*“The issues affecting brachycephalic breed health and welfare are wide-ranging and complex for individual dogs, breeds, populations, dog owners, researchers, veterinarians and society in general. ... Although scientific and clinical knowledge have increased markedly, reliable data on the true prevalence of severe health and welfare conditions within and across these breeds has been slow to accrue, or to be effectively utilised even when available (IPFD 2020c).”*



### Complex Situation for Brachycephalic Breeds

IPFD receives many requests for information on, and participation in, this issue.

The Balanced Message:

- Kennel and breed clubs have a responsibility to address current and future health problems in these breeds – HOWEVER –
- They cannot be alone in these efforts. Most dogs in most countries are produced outside of KC influence. Many actions by legislators, welfare groups, and veterinarians are narrow and short sighted and will spawn unintended consequences.
- These items are stressed repeatedly by Dr. Bonnett in articles on DogWellNet.com, in presentations to vets, vet organizations, welfare groups and articles in veterinary media.
- What other organizations that are NOT KCs are driving home these points?
- How many are pushing veterinarians to collaborate with breed clubs and kennel clubs?
- There are several well-recognized, compromised breeds and many relatively health pedigree breeds. IPFD tries to maintain that balance in all discussions.

Other Work with Stakeholders:

- Dr. Bonnett served on the Advisory Group for Mars Petcare’s “End Pet Homelessness” initiative.
- Work with WSAVA, Anicura, and others on development of Industry Standard Breed Names to improve information sharing and promote collaborative research.
- Supported initiative out of 4th IDHW: creation of the International Collaborative on Extreme Conformation in Dogs (ICECDogs). Independent group (but hosted on DogWellNet.com) supporting national multi-stakeholder organizations. Together with Royal Canin and other Partners.

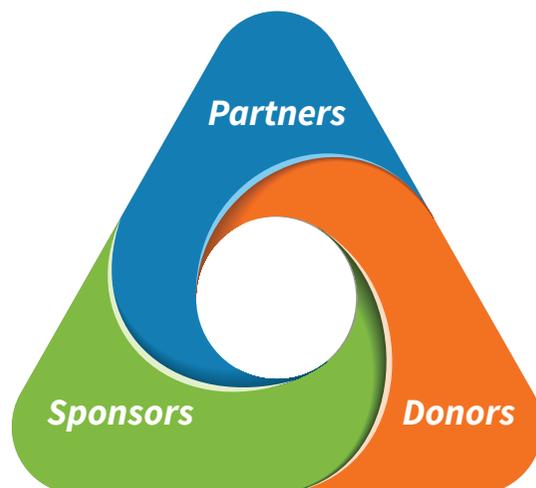
See a [full list of our 2021 Milestones](#) on DogWellNet.com

# Administration

IPFD's model and resources (a modest budget and small group of consultants and Board Members) facilitate the activities of our stakeholders to achieve their priorities for the health and welfare of all dogs.

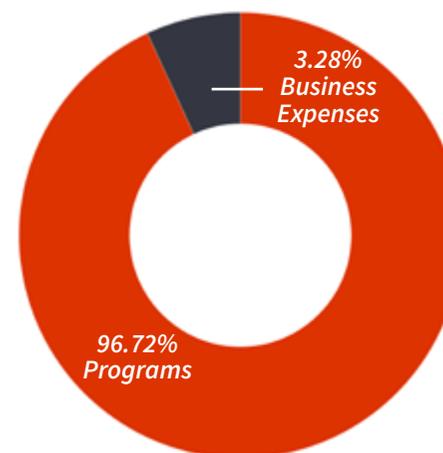
**2021 Income Overview**

2021 Income:  
€ 243,363



**2021 Expense Summary**

2021 Expenses:  
€ 228,857



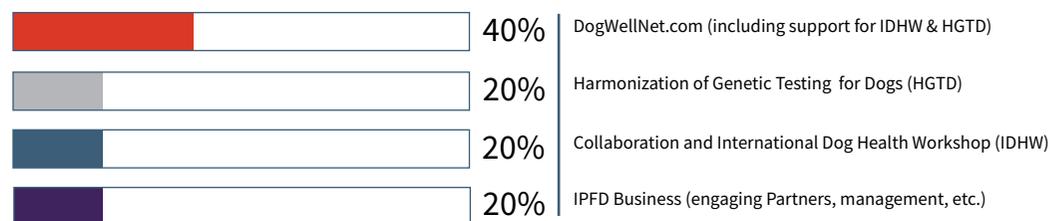
## Administration Notes

Total Assets (start of 2022): € 95,783  
Auditor: BDO International

*We thank the Swedish Kennel Club (SKK) for providing bookkeeping and accounting services.*

## Programs Breakdown

Approximate distribution of effort within Programs in 2021



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Examining differences in attitudes and perceptions...may encourage thoughtful reflection and fruitful collaboration.

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**Dr. Brenda Bonnett**

Veterinary Science Officer, International Partnership for Dogs



# IPFD in 2022: Navigating a Changing World

*From the lingering pandemic, to leadership changes within key organizations, to increasing legislative actions on breeds and breeding, IPFD has become an even more crucial voice in efforts to improve the health, welfare, and well-being of dogs.*

IPFD itself has not been immune to change, with our founding CEO taking a step back from her role in October. We do, however, remain an effective organization with ambitious plans for 2022 – with a renewed focus on the development of breed-specific resources and fostering greater collaboration within the global dog community. Our key priorities include:

## **Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD)**

Our HGTD vision for 2022 includes continued improvements to existing features and an enhanced focus on collaborative efforts with our Partners and other stakeholders such as:

- Support for standardizing (harmonizing) genetic test reports, including templates, based on the IDHW-virtual webinars
- Continued development of HGTD databases to include information important to the canine health community, e.g., tests offered (linkage vs. direct mutation), more breed-specific test and test application information
- Supporting and advising kennel and breed clubs on integrating genetic testing and technology into registration systems and health strategies
- Hosting virtual workshops on current issues in canine genetics
- Building on our collaborations with OMIA, and researcher/expert network for more information sharing
- Outreach to new GTPs and researchers

## **GRIHPs (Globally Relevant Integrated Health Profiles)**

These breed-specific health documents have been well-received by our stakeholders. With 13 published to-date, we're aiming to publish at least seven new GRIHPs in 2022 (beginning with the Belgian Shepherd). Over the past few months, we have received crucial help in collating GRIHP (and HSSD) data from our consultant, Jenni Uski of Finland. We invite our Partners and contributors to suggest additional breeds and to share health and breeding strategies and other data from their respective countries.

## **Health Strategies Database for Dogs (HSDD)**

We will soon be launching the highly anticipated HSDD database, which provides valuable information on the breed-specific health strategies of our Partners in a searchable, user-friendly format.

It is crucial that breeders, owners, veterinarians and others have the information needed on the Big Picture of health to make appropriate decisions concerning breeds and dogs. With information from Health Strategy Providers, starting with our partner kennel and breed clubs, this resource will describe all the health issues in breeds for which there are required, recommended, or recognized screening, testing, or other activities. It will also offer an international view of activities for dog health integrated with, and on, a similar platform to our HGTD genetic testing database.

## **Virtual International Dog Health Workshops**

We hosted our first International Dog Health Workshop (IDHW) webinar in 2021, and we plan to host additional meetings on topics including Genetic Diversity and Extreme Breeding (the latter in cooperation with ICECDogs).

*Our success in this changing world may depend not only on the continued support of our Partners and Sponsors, but also upon a collective reaffirmation our shared goal: a sustainable future for healthy pedigree dogs and all dog worldwide.*

*To this end, we challenge everyone in the dog world to take another look at the big picture of health in individual dogs within dog breeds, and perhaps [to reframe some our established positions](#) with the needs of the dogs as our number one priority.*

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