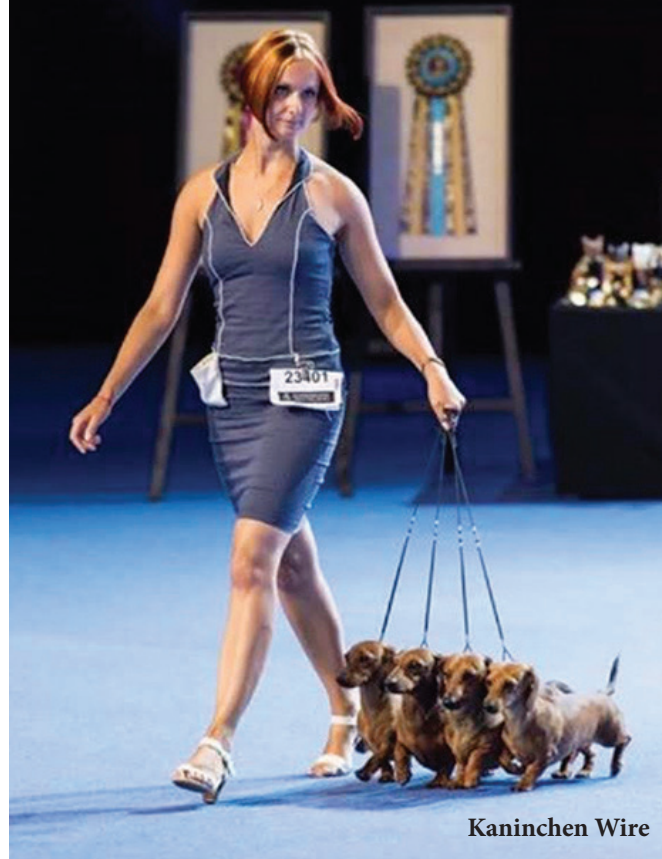


Some thoughts on the Dachshund Breed

Philip John



Kaninchen Wire

I am delighted that KCI is bringing out a full issue on this wonderful breed.

The Dachshund is a small breed with a large heart and is self opinionated enough that he can take on much bigger dogs.

Actually, he is a complete dog as this breed fulfils all the needs of modern day living.

He is small but has no attributes of a toy breed.

He is a great watch dog, and needs limited excise and care, making him ideal as a pet for people who live in apartments.

They come in 3 sizes - Standard, Miniature and Kaninchen or Rabbit. They also come in 3 types of Coat - Smooth, Long Hair, and Wire.

For decades the Dachshund has been bred in three different sizes (Teckel, Miniature Teckel and Rabbit Teckel) and in three different coat varieties (Smooth-haired, Wire-haired and Long-haired), resulting in nine varieties.



Miniature Smooth

A kind of Dachshund has been known since the Middle Ages. These short-legged dogs, the Dachshund evolved in the 17th century and is recognised as one of the most versatile hunting breeds. He also shows excellent performance above ground, hunting while giving tongue, flushing and tracking wounded game.

General Appearance: Low, short legged, elongated but compact build, very muscular with cheeky, challenging head carriage and alert facial expression. His build allows agile, quick work above and below ground.

Important Proportions: With a ground clearance of about one third of the height at withers, the body length (from the point of manubrium of sternum to the point of the buttock) should be in harmonious relation to height at withers, about 1.7 – 1.8 : 1.

SIZES:

Chest Circumference measured when at least 15 months old, from highest point of the withers to the lowest point of the chest with a tape measure.



Kaninchen Smooth

Standard Dachshund: (9 kg)

Males: over 37 cm – up to 47 cm

Females: over 35 cm – up to 45 cm

Miniature Dachshund:

Males: over 32 cm – up to 37 cm

Females: over 30 up – to 35 cm

Rabbit Dachshund:

Males: over 27 cm – up to 32 cm

Females: over 25 cm – up to 30 cm

Please note topline, keel, and short hocks!

Message from Horst Kliebenstein

President, World Union of Teckel (Dachshund)
All Breeds Judge, Germany,

I am glad that you give me the opportunity to write something about our breed.

Due to the history of your country, you were more oriented to England in breeding Dachshunds than to Germany and the FCI.

The breed originated in Central Europe and especially in Germany only for hunting. In the period from 1820 to 1870 the foundation was laid to develop a breed which could fight the Badger and the Fox and force them out of their burrows so that they could be shot by the hunter.

A standard was developed when breeding started. The goal was to produce a functional hunting dog for the purpose. The first variety was the Standard Shorthair.

Breeding was designed to cultivate the use of Teckels (Dachshund) for working underground. For this it would be important that the chest circumference and size are bred in such a way that the Teckel could easily slip in and work inside a burrow.

Here we come to the explanation why the Teckel was developed differently in England compared with Germany.

The Dachshund never had the same importance in England for use in hunting. As the Fox was hunted there on horseback with a pack of dogs, the overall size and the size of the chest of the Dachshund was not so important. They looked at the Dachshund as just another breed of dog.

I was very surprised when I went to England for the first time around 1960 and saw our breed there. Heavily overweight Dachshunds with too much chest circumference, which were too deep to the ground. Such a breed was not usable for hunting, which was the main reason this breed was bred in Germany. I felt the English dogs were not 'fit for function'.

In the UK there are only 2 sizes – the Standard and the Miniature, while Germany and FCI have three sizes.

This third size was only bred for the hunting Rabbit. A smaller Teckel with chest circumference of max. 32 cm was needed.

Over the years breeders developed the Long and Wire Hair Teckel. Currently, the Wire Hair variety is the most popular worldwide.



As per the new rules the Standard Teckel, just like the Dwarf and the Rabbit Teckel, should be weighed. This is very important for hunting suitability.

Teckels that were far too heavy have won at many exhibitions and got CAC and CACIB. Judges say they were not provided scales and could not check the weight. Now each of the judges can have a tape measure with them to check the circumference of the chest when he is judging. Teckels which exceed the dimension specified in the Standard should not be given Excellent or any title since they are not 'fit for function'!

On the WUT website (World Union Dachshund or Teckel) you will find under Downloads the New Standard and the commentary, which should be published in your magazine. It will greatly contribute to the better understanding of the breed. <https://www.weltunionteckel.com/>

I would be very happy if the Indian Dachshund Club would become a member of WUT, our worldwide Dachshund organization.

I would want other Dachshund varieties like Rabbit size and Wire Hair to come to India. If you like I can help you find good puppies or breeding stock in Europe.

I wish the Indian Dachshund Club, its members and breeders and especially its President, all good for the future.



About Formula Uspeha Kennels

Breeders of Rabbit or Kaninchen Dachshund from Russia



F.U.Fortuns(ks)



F.U.Colibri(ks)-WW,EW



F.U.Orlandina(ms)-WW



F.U.BigBang(ms)-JEW

Formula Uspeha kennel was registered with the FCI on March 21, 2000. We excelled in breeding of smooth-haired miniature and rabbit dachshunds of red, black and tan as well as brown and tan colors. Over 20 years we have been awarded with numerous Interchampions, World Champions, Champions of Europe and WUT. The main criteria for our work are health, character, exterior and working qualities. In our breeding work we always guided by the breed standard, and not just fashion trends. It is challenging, but the results are worth it. Our dogs are recognizable at all shows and we are proud of it. All our breeding dogs are always have working certificate.

Today I want to tell about our rabbit dachshunds, specifically about the most titled of them.

Our first rabbit dachshund is the Mokko Maksimum Revolutsia Formula Uspeha. She is a daughter of Hercules del Gotha, our male dog who was imported from Italy. She is now almost 17 years old, but she is in a great shape. Twice she became the Champion of Europe, the World Champion and WUT, she has more than 60 CACIB and Multi BIS. She has given us outstanding puppies as beautiful as she is. Her son Formula Uspeha Big Bang (JEW, MultiBIS) is one of the best stud dogs in the kennel. Her daughter, Formula Uspeha Boson Higgs (Multi BIS) gave birth to many beautiful puppies winning all over the world. We are very proud



F.U.Top Gear(ms)-WW,EW



F.U.VivatVictoria(ks)-EW

of her daughter Formula Uspeha Pearl Diva who lives in India.

Our other remarkable dog is Formula Uspeha Colibri. This is perhaps the most titled dachshund in the history of Russia: WW-13.14, EW-13.14.15, JEW-12 (1-BISJ), 2XWUT, MultiBIS. She represented Russia at the Eukanuba World Challenge Show. Her pedigree includes our best dogs. Her mother is Formula Uspeha Pandora (EW), her father is Formula Uspeha Whirlpool (4xEW), grandmother - Formula Uspeha Super Hit (vJWW), great grandmother- Formula Uspeha Greatest Hit (2xWW, EW). Colibri is an incredible dog.

She is our pride and our love! She recently gave birth to the puppies and with awe and love we are watching how they grow. In her previous litter Colibri gave birth to her daughter Formula Uspeha Raketa from our leading producer Formula Uspeha Top Gear (WUT-17, EW-18, WW-19). She is as beautiful as her mother and has many victories.

Formula Uspeha Vivat Victoria is our black star! The dog has not only won many shows (EW, MultiBIS), but she is also a

super producer! She has been a mother 5 times. In each of the first 4 litters her children became World Champions, Europe, WUT. (Formula Uspeha Jemzhujina (JW), Formula Uspeha Top Gear (WW, EW), Formula Uspeha Harmony (WW), Formula Uspeha Bliss (JWW)). Her puppies from the last litter are now 6 months old.

One of her daughters we left to ourselves. Soon she will debut on the shows, and we hope that she will be as glorious as her parents, brothers and sisters!

Another of our greatest stars is Formula Uspeha Orlandina (WW, MultiBIS)! The dog is a legend! Flawless in movements and statics. She presented us with an almost exact copy of her rabbit Formula Uspeha Fortuna (CH INT, MultiBIS). We are grateful to her for this.

F.U.Jemzhujina(ks)-JWW



About Drakesleat Kennels and Zena Thorn-Andrews

One of the Dachshund Kennels in the UK I would like to introduce to our readers is the Drakesleat Kennels founded by the late Terry Thorn and his wife Zena Thorn-Andrews. This kennel has the largest number of British champions bred /owned since records began in 1873!



Zena Thorn Andrews with some of her Champion Mini Wires in her garden.

Their record is a total of 154 Drakesleat Champions, of which 131 were Miniature Wirehaired Dachshunds.

The others were largely Irish Wolfhounds.

Zena Thorn Andrews is dedicated to breeding healthy and unexaggerated dogs. She has over thirty Miniature Wirehaired Dachshunds living with her currently!

She is also the only judge in the UK approved to award Challenge Certificates in all breeds .



Wolfhound pic is Ch Tanat Trouble at Drakesleat, Ch/Am Ch Drakesleat Hobs Tickle, & Freemason



Mini Wire Dachshund on the Kennel Club Gazette cover: CH Drakesleat Scent Sybil - former breed record holder



The dog moving is former breed record holder Ch Drakesleat Win Alot.