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**Tuesday 28 May, 2013**

**AHT TO HOST DOG HEALTH SEMINARS FOR BREED CLUBS**  
**Following the success of breed club health seminars in 2011 and 2012,**  
**the AHT will be hosting a further three events in 2013.**

The AHT will once again be hosting informative health seminars at its Lanwades Park site in Suffolk for dog breeders interested in various health conditions affecting dogs.

Speakers include the AHT's Dr Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Canine Genetics, Dr Mike Starkey, Head of Cancer Research and Dr Tom Lewis, who has helped to pioneer the Mate Select online breeding tool.

In addition, at all three talks the AHT's seasonal canine illness co-ordinator, Charlotte Robin, will be providing the latest findings from the AHT's SCI investigation.

There are three dates to choose from:

**Saturday 15 June**

- Canine genetics and inherited disease – Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Canine Genetics
- The BVA/KC hip and elbow dysplasia schemes – Ruth Dennis, Head of Diagnostic Imaging)
- Seasonal canine illness – Charlotte Robin, SCI Research Co-ordinator
- Estimated breeding values – Tom Lewis, Post-Doctoral Quantitative Geneticist

**Friday 5 July**

- Canine genetics and inherited disease – Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Canine Genetics
- Seasonal canine illness – Charlotte Robin, SCI Research Co-ordinator

- Canine cancer – Sue Murphy, Head of Small Animal Clinic
- Cancer research at the AHT – Mike Starkey, Head of Molecular Oncology

### **Thursday 12 September**

- Canine genetics and inherited disease – Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Canine Genetics
- Seasonal canine illness – Charlotte Robin, SCI Research Co-ordinator
- GDV (gastric dilation volvulus) – Kelly Bowlt, Soft Tissue Surgeon
- Mate Select and estimated breeding values – Tom Lewis, Post-Doctoral Quantitative Geneticist

Tickets cost £15 per person and included in this is the informative seminars featuring talks from several AHT experts, lunch and a tour behind the scenes of the AHT's small animal clinic.

To find out more about these seminars and book your place, email [sophia.harris@aht.org.uk](mailto:sophia.harris@aht.org.uk) or call 01638 555620.

**Ends**

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