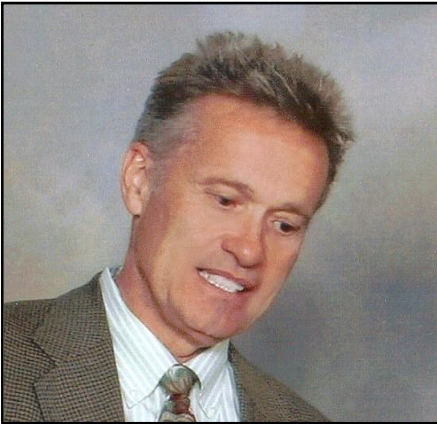


Profile on the Seminar Presenters ~ Saturday, December 5, 2009

The Pekingese Club of America Health Clinic at the National Specialty

Terill S. Udenberg, DVM has worked as a veterinarian and research scientist for his entire professional career. He is a CKC judge and has bred and exhibited multi Best in Show winners and Best in Specialty winners in Canada and America. His dedication to canine health is exemplified by his service with Canadian Animal Assistance Team, a charity that provides free medical treatment to animals caught in natural disasters. He was on the faculty of Animal Science at the University of British Columbia, and was head of Research and Development for Hoechst Pharmaceutical. Dr. Udenberg is an expert of BAS etiology and related surgical interventions. He serves on the PCA Health Committee and is familiar with the challenges BAS currently presents the Pekingese community. In January 2010 he presented a lecture on BAS at an International conference for the brachycephalic breed community in Great Britain.



Jeffrey J. Schoenebeck, PhD is a PRAT Postdoctoral Fellow from the Cancer Genetics Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. His work with The Pekingese Club of America is through the Ostrander Lab, a leader in the field of canine genetics since its inception over 15 years ago. The lab built the first linkage map of the dog and completed at least five iterations that have brought them to map over 4,500 markers. The Ostrander lab has published more than 120 papers on canine genetics and wrote the white paper that resulted in the multi-million dollar canine genome sequencing project, completed in 2005. The lab currently has active projects focused on finding genetic variation responsible for several types of cancer, hip dysplasia, Addison's disease, osteoarthritis, brachycephalic airway syndrome and a variety of complex physical traits.



Dr. Schoenebeck's work at the Ostrander Lab is now focusing on defining the genetic underpinnings of canine skull morphology and skeletal size. Dr. Schoenebeck received his PhD in Developmental Genetics from New York University School of Medicine and his B.S. in Biological Sciences from Penn State. He has presented his findings from various genetic and research topics in Hawaii, New York, Wisconsin, California, Massachusetts, The Netherlands and Indianapolis.

Dr. Nicolas M. W. Small, B.Sc, MB BS, MRCGP, is a GP Partner (Primary Care Physician) in a busy 12,500 patient practice in Hertfordshire, England. Along with his medical training, he also has a degree in Genetics. In addition to his patient responsibilities, he chairs a health commissioning group which is responsible for the health care of 80,000 patients. His wider responsibilities have been marked by the award to the group that he heads, from the UK Department of Health.



Dr. Small has had a long involvement with Pekingese as an owner for over 30 years. Along with his brother and sisters, he breeds and exhibits Pokes under the Swaggerboot prefix in the UK. In October 2008, he helped found the UK Pekingese Group PROGRESS which aims to integrate science in addressing the health needs of Pekingese, while respecting the history and character of the breed. Dr. Small is a member of The Kennel Club and is also on the Committee (Board of Directors) of the UK Pekingese Club as well as The Pekingese Club of America's Health Committee.

In August 2009, Dr. Small was appointed by The Kennel Club in England as Joint Pekingese Breed Health Coordinator in the UK.