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**International
Pekingese Health
Conference**

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In partnership and association with the following pro-active Pekingese Breed Clubs on health issues, the Pekingese Club invites you to a **“New Ideas - New Concept”** international conference that is being held at the Sketchley Grange Hotel, Leicestershire.

Bristol, Bath & West of England Pekingese Association
Pekingese Reform Association* *Pekingese Sleeve Dog Club
The Red Rose Pekingese Club* *South Wales Pekingese Association
Yorkshire & Eastern Counties Pekingese Club

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New Ideas - New Concepts is also supported by:
The Pekingese Progress Group & The Brachycephalic Dog Open Group

The conference will cover a number of different health related topics, and will investigate ways in which the breed can identify desirable characteristics in brood bitches and stud dogs. The conference will give delegates an understanding of what should be expected from healthy adult dogs, and will include such topics as :-

- The principles of genetics & application to breeding
- What is meant by a Brachycephalic dog.
- The meaning and understanding of the term Achondroplasia (Dwarfism)
- Coat, and an understanding as to whether it is healthy or un-healthy
- The value of DNA testing
- Pekingese agility “fit for function/fit for life”
- Priority areas to address when planning the next breed standard

Examples of active Pekingese will be shown in a video & “You Tube style” section, the concept of screening will be discussed in puppies and adult dogs, and existing survey results and scientific papers will be presented.

All topics will be presented in a lively and interactive style. Scientific jargon will be explained so that as a breed we can begin the process of understanding the reasons for concerns about the health of the breed and inform and influence the process up to the next revision of the breed standard.

Guest speakers will include :

- Genetic advisors to the Kennel Club
- Veterinary advisors to the Kennel Club
- Veterinary Surgeons with special interests in Pekingese
- Representative from the Animal Health Trust.
- Pekingese Breed Representatives

All delegates will be given a briefing pack and a summary of the conference will be posted on participating Breed Club and Health Committee web sites.

Date and Time

- Saturday 16th January 2010
9.15am for 9.30am start

Location

- Sketchley Grange Hotel,
Sketchley Lane,
Burbage,
Hickley,
Leicestershire
LE10 3HU

What is provided

- All conference working papers
- Light finger buffet Lunch
- Beverages

Who should attend

- Those with an interest in Pekingese dogs
- Those with an interest in Brachycephalic dogs
- Those with an interest in pedigree dogs and health

Cost

- * Sponsored @ £15.00 per head

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