

2026 Breeder's Workshop Program

Yokohama, Japan

Day 1: Tuesday, May 12th, 2026

**Topics and speakers subject to change.*

Time	Session/Panel	Topic
8:30	Welcome	<i>The Planning Committee welcomes you to the 2026 Breeder's Workshop.</i>
8:45 to 9:30	Session 1	Breeding for the Future: The Vision Ahead <i>An overview of global trends in canine breeding, technology, and long-term sustainability from the perspective of the IBC.</i> Presenter: Dana Hunter, ADI IBC (recording) along with Jackie Fox, Sam Hobbes, and Vlatka Belosevic
9:30 to 10:15	Session 2	Colony Management for Efficiency and Welfare <i>Best practices for maintaining productive breeding colonies and meeting organizational needs while considering breeding dog welfare.</i> Presenter: Clover Williams, Guiding Eyes for the Blind
10:15 to 10:30	BREAK	Vendor tables on display.
10:30 to 11:15	Session 3	Production Planning in Modern Breeding Programs <i>How to align breeding goals with program needs, resources, and future demand.</i> Presenter: Rachel Goldammer, IWDR
11:15 to 12:00	Panel 1	Panel: From Planning to Practice <i>Experts from different-sized organizations discuss real-world applications of colony management and production planning.</i> Panelists: Rachel Goldammer (IWDR), Clover Williams (GEB),
12:00 to 13:00	LUNCH	Vendor tables on display.
13:00 to 13:45	Session 4	Data Capture – The Foundation of Progress <i>Collecting accurate, reliable data on breeding, health, and behavior</i> Presenter: Dani Prebensen, IWDR
13:45 to 14:30	Session 5	Test Matings <i>Tools and strategies for breeding decisions.</i> Presenter: Madeline Zimmerman, IWDR
14:30 to 15:15	Panel 2	Panel: The Reality of Creating Systems for Data Capture <i>What to plan for, what to avoid, and how to make sure your data systems will support your organization.</i> Panelists: Madeline Zimmerman, IWDR, Dani Prebensen, IWDR, Dr. Becky Hunt, GuideDogs UK
15:15 to 15:30	BREAK	Vendor tables on display.
15:30 to 16:15	Session 6	Where Does Behavior Fit? <i>Turning Behavioral Data into Breeding Decisions.</i> Presenter: Rachel Goldammer, IWDR
16:15 to 17:00	Session 7	Using Technology to Assist with Behavior Screening <i>The use of AI with smart harness and smart collar tech to assist in behavioral decisionmaking.</i>

		Presenter: Dr. Dave Roberts, NCSU
17:00 to 17:45	Panel 3	Panel: The Reality of Capturing and Incorporating Behavioral Data <i>How to capture meaningful behavioral data and implement impactful change.</i> Panelists: Rachel Goldammer, IWDR, Dr. Caroline Moeser, Guide Dogs NSW
17:45	END	Conclusion of Day 1: There is only a 15 min break between the end of day and start of dinner. It is a 5 minute walk to the restaurant. Please plan accordingly.