

## 2026 Breeder's Workshop Program Yokohama, Japan

**Day 2: Wednesday, May 13th, 2026**

*\*Topics and speakers subject to change.*

Time	Session/ Panel	Track 1 Topics	Session/ Panel	Track 2 Topics
8:30 to 8:45	Welcome	<i>Housekeeping and speaker introduction.</i>	Welcome	<i>Housekeeping and speaker introduction.</i>
8:45 to 9:30	Session 8	<b>Canine Health – Safeguarding the Future</b> <i>Updates on health screening, and preventative strategies all things general canine health.</i> <b>Presenter:</b> Rachel Goldammer, IWDR	Session 13	<b>Got Milk? How to manage mum's lactation needs</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Caroline Moeser, Guide Dogs NSW
9:30 to 10:15	Session 9	<b>Canine Genetics</b> <i>Genomic tools, how to use the information gathered, and a look to the future.</i> <b>Presenter:</b> Frances Chen, Darwin's Ark	Session 14	<b>Review of the latest RECOVER guidelines for Newborn Resuscitation</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Natalie Maticka, Guide Dogs QLD
10:15 to 10:30	BREAK	Vendor tables on display.		
10:30 to 11:15	Session 10	<b>Next Generation – Identifying the Best Candidates</b> <i>Balancing phenotype, performance, generational intervals, genetic potential and production.</i> <b>Panel:</b> Natalie Ergler (Guide Dogs of America), Elizabeth DiPace (Fidelco), Glenna Fiddymment (Guide Dog Foundations), Neika	Session 15	<b>Uterine Interia</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Gail McRae, Leader Dogs for the Blind
11:15 to 12:00	Panel 4	<b>Panel: Outside the Box Breeding Strategies</b> Experts weigh in about short-term breeders, dual careers, and shortened generational intervals in practice. <b>Panelists:</b> Katy Evans (The Seeing Eye), Rachel Goldammer (IWDR), Julijana György	Panel 6	<b>Panel: Decision Making During Whelps</b> <i>Timings, Interventions, and seeking vet input.</i> <b>Panelists:</b> Dr. Gail McRae (Leader Dogs for the Blind), Dr. Natalie Maticka (Guide Dogs QLD), Dr. Caroline Moeser (Guide Dogs NSW), Haruna Otsuka (Japan Guide Dog Association)

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12:00 to 13:00	LUNCH	Vendor tables on display.		
13:00 to 13:45	Session 11	<b>Advance Topic: Cardiology</b> Presenter: Dr Yoko Fujii	Session 16	<b>Cleft Palate Research</b> Presenter: Rachel Moxon, Guide Dogs UK
13:45 to 14:30	Session 12	<b>Genetic Banking</b> Presenter: Frances Chen, Darwin's Ark	Panel 7	<b>Panel: Puppy Socialization</b> Panelists: Caroline Moeser (Guide Dogs NSW), Jane Bradley (Vision Australia), Mizuho Wakui (Japan Guide Dog Association)
14:30 to 15:15	Panel 5	<b>Balancing Performance, Health, and Genetics</b> <i>Experts weigh in on the trade-offs and synergies in breeder decision-making.</i> Panelists: Dr. Yoshinori Suwa, Julijana György Matesic (Huikuang Guide Dog Foundation Taiwan), Madeline Zimmermann (IWDR)	Panel 8	<b>Panel: Public Opinion</b> <i>Addressing public concerns, government regulations, and volunteer issues.</i> Panelists: Nicola Cotton (Vision Australia), Benjamin Borg (La Cape), Rachel Goldammer (IWDR)
15:15 to 15:45	BREAK	End of Track Sessions		
15:45 to 16:15	Session 17	<b>Canine Breeding – What the Future Holds</b> Presenter: Rachel Goldammer and more!		
16:15 to 16:30	Wrap up	<i>The Planning Committee concludes the 2026 Breeder's Workshop.</i>		