



Dallas – Fort Worth Dachshund Club, Inc.

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Fellow Dachshund Fanciers,

The DFWDC show committee is cancelling DCA 2020. This decision was not made lightly, all alternatives have been exhausted, and we know that it is very disappointing for all. The 2020 show committee has worked tirelessly since March to try and salvage our National Show for 2020.

The current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic is of extreme concern. We put the safety and welfare of our exhibitors above all else. We did not feel we could move forward and host a show with so many changing factors, nor did we feel we could host a show in “DFWDC style” to properly celebrate the 125th anniversary of DCA and the 75th anniversary of DFWDC, and keep everyone safe. There was just too much in question as to whether this pandemic could or would be controlled by October, and with numbers on the rise in Texas, it was just too great of a risk. We did not want our event to possibly contribute to the spread of the virus among our exhibitors, workers, and guests even with safety measures in place. Even with CDC and local protocols in place, there was not a situation that we felt would make everyone comfortable with the safety measures we were putting in place. Making sure that so many people followed guidelines would have been a job in itself. The uncertainty of COVID-19 also makes travel difficult to and from our event as states are having quarantine ordinances in place.

There are financial considerations. There was a survey placed on the DCA 2020 Facebook page so we could gauge what our projected entry may be. It was made clear that we would not be able to gain a necessary entry from exhibitors to come out ahead or break even in our expenses. We wanted to give ourselves time to request the deposit back from the hotel. Further, we did not want to risk having our event close and then become cancelled in an ever changing, fluid situation with COVID-19. We also considered those who had to make travel plans and did not want them to lose out on funds that they may need in the coming, uncertain months.

It seemed prudent to cancel our event after so many other large dog show events are cancelling. As stated above, our sole priority in moving forward was for the safety and welfare of our exhibitors.

We know that there are still lingering questions regarding refunds and merchandise. That information will be published as soon as possible and our process will be explained. We have several other notifications/cancellations that we must make before we begin the process of refunds and merchandise.

I would like to thank first and foremost the hard working members of the Dallas-Fort Worth Dachshund Club. Your dedication and commitment to DCA 2020 has been above and beyond. I would also like to thank the DCA Officers and Board of Directors for working with us as we have piloted through these unprecedented times. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank all of our supporters, fellow dachshund fanciers, and exhibitors for your support, patience, and willing to work with us.

We have planned DCA 2020 not once, but twice, and the work for us does not end here. It takes just as much work to cancel a National Specialty as it does to plan one. Please be patient with us as we navigate these uncharted waters.

We now look forward to DCA 2021 in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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