

**\* \* \* Important News Release \* \* \***

A couple of weeks ago I received the following News Release from AKC announcing the “**Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs** “ which is an initiative of the International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD):

[http://k9hf.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em\\_id=10062.0&dlv\\_id=49605](http://k9hf.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=10062.0&dlv_id=49605)

I heard about the IPFD about three years ago when they were holding their first meeting to form a group for the betterment of dogs. The group is a non-profit organization registered in Sweden of which AKC and OFA have been Partners since the inception. You can find more information concerning IPFD at:

[www.dogwellnet.com](http://www.dogwellnet.com)

IPFD include kennel clubs from the US, UK, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, France, Ireland, and the FCI

You can read a more detailed description of the new initiative here:

<https://dogwellnet.com/content/ipfd-international-dog-health-workshops/ipfd-international-dog-health-workshop-3/dog-health-workshop-3-theme-resources/ipfd-harmonization-of-genetic-testing-for-dogs-initiative/ipfd-harmonization-of-genetic-testing-for-dogs-initiative-description-r415/>

We (PPPA) are already working with people in many of these countries on PRA identification as stated in our previous Health and Research Committee reports.

If you have any questions please let us know.