

An attempt at evaluating character traits of dachshund pups

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The investigations were aimed at performing a character test of pups of three breeds of dachshund – smooth-haired, long-haired and wire-haired (IV group FCI), as a breed representing a group of hunting dogs. The investigations were performed at the breeders of dachshunds which were kept in the, so-called, home kennels. The pups were about 6 weeks old. The observations concerned pups subjected to character test. Three stimuli were applied: visual, acoustic and tactual. On the basis of behaviour, the pups were divided into three groups: pups showing interest, pups behaving indifferently and pups expressing fear and aggression. The evaluation was performed according to three point scale. Highly significant differences were observed between three breeds of dachshunds for the following traits: curiosity and timidity. No significant changes were observed for impartiality between wire-haired and smooth-haired dachshunds and between long-haired and smooth-haired. A significant difference was observed between wire-haired and long-haired dachshunds. The best traits were characteristic for the pups of wire-haired dachshunds.