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Mr President, dear Mr Øystein Martinsen

The FCI General Committee met on July 29-30th, 2015 in Brussels to discuss the situation of the NKK (Norwegian Kennel Club) which arose following the public reaction of the NKK to the decision of the FCI General Assembly 2015 in Italy to appoint CKU (China Kennel Union) as the host of the 2019 FCI World Dog Show. In an effort to find an acceptable solution to this situation, NKK and CKU were both invited by the FCI to attend a joint meeting and while the CKU accepted the invitation, the NKK declined.

The FCI regretted this decision as the General Committee strongly believes in the efficiency of the face-to-face conversations in order to reach our common targets.

However the meeting took place as planned.

We would like to begin by stating that, during this meeting, the delegates of CKU only participated in the part of the discussion -where they expressed their opinions-related to the relations between CKU and NKK as they had filed an official complaint to the FCI on July 10, 2015 against NKK for having breached the FCI Statutes, Art.3, 4 and 9 point c (copy attached). In this context, CKU also expressed their disappointment that NKK chose not to attend this meeting.

CKU took this opportunity to provide the FCI General Committee with a report, and evidence, on the activities and the large investments carried out by their organization in order to promote and improve dog welfare in their country. They also informed the FCI General Committee about their future planned actions. The FCI and CKU agreed to work together on this issue, at various « governmental » and « animal welfare » levels.

Later, in a private meeting, the FCI General Committee analyzed the present conflict situation as follows :

1. NKK and CKU

As previously stated, considering that NKK did not attend the meeting, the CKU complaint could not be discussed in depth. According to art.30 of the FCI Statutes, the matter could give rise to the creation of an Arbitration Commission in an attempt to solve this issue.

2. NKK and FCI

The FCI respects the NKK concerns about promoting dog welfare and clearly supports this position. The FCI is a multi-national, multi-racial, multi-religion and non-discriminatory organization, with worldwide incidence; it supports and respects the efforts of each of its national members to promote dog welfare.

Nevertheless, in this particular case, we are certain that NKK has breached Art.5 of the FCI Standing Orders which states as follows: «***The national canine organizations (FCI members and contract partners) and their members are under a mutual obligation not to interfere in each other's respective cynological matters*** ».

Moreover, the General Committee considers that the FCI Statutes, art.3, art.4, art.9, point c, 1st clause have also been breached by the NKK :

Art.3

Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or groups of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited within the FCI and punishable by suspension or expulsion

Art.4

The FCI shall promote friendly relations:

- ***between sections, members, contract partners and organizations. Every person and organization involved in the dog world is obliged to observe the statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play***
- ***in society for humanitarian objectives***

Art.9 c)

Obligations of all members and contract partners

- ***to comply fully with these statutes, the FCI regulations, the circulars and the decisions of the FCI General Assembly and General Committee at all times provided that they are not contrary to the laws enacted by the governments of the countries concerned.***

In addition, it is a fact that no FCI member (including NKK), before, during or immediately after the General Assembly, expressed their dissatisfaction at the decision taken to grant the organization of the 2019 FCI World Dog Show to China.

Conclusion

The NKK's public actions are in contradiction with several articles of the FCI Statutes and Standing Orders and against the worldwide spectrum of action of our Federation. Moreover, NKK is not willing to comply with these articles.

We are now faced with three alternatives:

1. NKK definitely wants to remain an FCI member, which implies that NKK has to comply with the FCI Statutes and Standing Orders. This, in addition, will enable NKK to keep enjoying all the rights and privileges of an FCI member (international recognition of NKK pedigrees, possibility to organize international events with CACIB, CACIT, CACIOB, CACIL, CACIAG certificates, international recognition of NKK licensed judges, etc).
2. NKK does not feel in line with the principles, values and regulations of the FCI and we then understand and respect that NKK may want to leave the Federation, which is of course its prerogative. The terms of resignation are clearly described at art.13 of the FCI Statutes.
3. In case NKK does not choose either alternative 1 or alternative 2, the FCI General Committee has no other option than to sanction NKK, in compliance with art.10 of the FCI Statutes.

It is needless to say that the FCI General Committee favors the alternative nr. 1, which would of course mean that a meeting between the FCI and NKK is imperative and has to be called at a short notice.

NKK's answer is required to be sent to us no later than October 1st, 2015.

The FCI priority is to support and to promote dogdom and dog welfare worldwide, to support its members, their dog breeders, dog owners, dog exhibitors and their judges.

Consequently, NKK's decision should not, under any circumstances, affect the ongoing organization of the 2015 FCI European Section Show to be celebrated on September 4-5-6, 2015 in Oslo.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafael de Santiago', written in a cursive style.

Rafael de Santiago
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Dear Mr. President

RE: Letter by Norwegian Kennel Club (NKK) dated 23/06/2015

We, China Kennel Union (CKU) refer to the above mentioned subject of the letter sent by the NKK to all NCO's as well as published online, urging the FCI to move the World Dog Show 2019 in Shanghai.

We hereby wish to formally lodge a complaint with the FCI against the NKK for infraction of FCI statues 3, 4 and 9.

We hope the FCI will take some action with regards to this letter by the NKK which unfairly tarnishes the good reputation of the CKU by asking the FCI to prevent us from hosting this prestigious show.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be '陈金飞' (Chen Jinfei), written in a cursive style.

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