



## NKU / AU MEETING 16.10.2019

Date: 16.10.2019  
Place: Hotel Comwell Køge Strand  
Strandvejen 111, 4600 Køge  
Time: 09.00. – 17.00

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## **1 Opening of the meeting**

Terje Lindstrøm opened the meeting at 9.00.

## **2 Election of the person to adjust the minutes**

NKU/AU 26.9.2007, item 2: "In future the election of persons to examine the minutes will rotate between the kennel clubs. Next time SKK, then DKK, FKK, NKK.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir from HRFI was elected to examine the minutes.

## **3 Approval of the agenda**

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The agenda was approved.

## **4 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 14.02.19; enclosure 4**

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The minutes were approved.

## **5 Items from the last meeting**

### ***SKC/FCI today and forward – an illusion? Item 5/17***

*The SKK considers, that the FCI has almost no interest when it comes to breeding and lobbying and would like to discuss how it would be best to favor these issues in our countries and surrounding areas.*

*Maybe a network should be established of like-minded kennel clubs in Western Europe model NKU?*

*The SKK will introduce the matter.*

### *Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:*

*The NKU/AU decided to form a task force to work for better results with possibilities towards the FCI which is complying its own statutes and standing orders. The task force should also find stronger way for the NKU to work.*

*The members of the task force are: HRFI: Herdís Hallmarsdóttir, SKK: Pekka Olson, DKK: Wilfred Olsen, NKK: Wenche Skogli, FKK:Eeva Anttinen.*

*What is the current state of the task force?*

### *Decision of the NKU/AU 14.02.2019:*

*The working group had their first meeting today. The group is led by the Norwegian representative. The group would like a mandate from NKU/AU to continue the work, and a mandate to invite other European kennel clubs, like France, Germany, Italy and Holland to discuss about our objectives.*

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

NKU/AU decided to terminate the working group.

**SKK/ EU – Common control plan for public control of Internet sales of dogs and cats.  
Enclosure Item 13**

Decision of the NKU/VD 13.02.2019:  
*NKU/VD decided to put the item on the agenda again for the next NKU/VD meeting in Copenhagen after having checked what each country has done.*

*Decision of the NKU/AU 14.02.2019:  
The decision of NKU/VD was approved.*

**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

NKU/VD decided to recommend NKU/AU to ask the FCI Europe section what is happening in the European level.

For information, three new web pages have been established in Sweden the last months. It seems like puppies are not sold from shops any more but through internet. The trend is the same in Europe and northern America.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal of NKU/VD was approved.

***Breeding rules and strategies in the NKU countries, item 5, 26.1;***

*The summary of the breeding rules and strategies in the NKU countries was made by Astrid Indrebo and was a task given by the NKU/VD.*

*Decision of the NKU/AU 24.10.2018:*

*It was decided that the CEOs will work common recommendations to breeding rules and strategies in the NKU countries and use the report made by the Uppsala University of Agricultural Sciences for scientific reasoning to certain articles.*

*Decision of the NKU/VD 13.02.2019:*

*For the moment it is not possible to harmonize the breeding rules because of new animal welfare laws coming in force in Sweden and Finland. The work will continue but will have to wait for the new legislation.*

*Decision of the NKU/AU 14.02.2019:*

*The decision of NKU/VD was approved.*

Proposal from NKU/VK 19.-20 September 2019 to NKU/AU:

VK will be happy to offer our assistance in this matter. (see enclosure 16)

**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

Due to national legislation laws it is needed to wait, and NKK/VD will put the item on the agenda again for the NKK/VD meeting in October 2020.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

### **Appearance of screw tail breeds**

*Appearance of screw tail breeds is caused by a similar gene mutation which causes rare Robinow syndrome in humans. A scientific study has found the mutation responsible for the appearance and many anatomical changes of English Bulldogs, French Bulldogs and Boston Terriers. The mutation is so common that it is impossible to remove from those breeds without crosses to another breed.*

*The FKK would like to discuss about this subject.*

*Decision of the NKU/AU 14.02.2019:*

*The NKU/AU has received this scientific study, published 6. December 2018 and will take immediate action to look deeper into it. The NKU/Scientific commission is asked to consider the case and give an advice to further actions to the NKU/AU. Sweden and Finland will make a proposal for a common statement. This will be handled by email.*

Proposal from NKU/VK 19.-20 September 2019 to NKU/AU: Based on NKU/VK's work on Robinow-like syndrome requested from the NKU/AU, the NKU/VK is awaiting instructions from the NKU/AU on how to implement the current knowledge in breeding strategies.

### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

NKU/VD propose to NKU/AU to come back to the issue when more scientific research is known. This is also one part of the brachy issue for some breeds.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

### **6 DKK/ Exclusion from participation in shows, trials and competitions applies to both dog and handler/owner in their own country and throughout the north, enclosure 6**

DKC will introduce the matter.

### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

NKU/VD decided to put the item on the agenda again for the next NKU/VD meeting after SKK, FKK, and HRFI have checked regulations in each country.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

### **7 SKC/ Information from SKKs General Assembly 27-29 September, enclosure 7**

SKC will introduce the matter.

Partly new board,

Motion 27 Motion 27:1 Motion 30:2 Motion 30:3 (enclosed)

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information was noted. NKU/AU support the need for an international FCI conference for HD scrutinizers to be arranged. It is important that the conference is supported by the FCI. The DKC will look into if they can host the conference and will come back to NKU with

the decision no later than 1. December. The NKU countries will participate in a small working group.

### **8 SKC/ Lobbying regarding new legislation (for discussion)**

SKC will introduce the matter.

- Sweden got a new animal protection law by April 1st 2019.
- New directions for the law will be in force the first quarter 2020.
- The new EU directive gives a possibility to exclude animals from the Consumer Purchases Act (konsumentköplagen). This is also to counteract smuggling of dogs.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

NKU/AU decided to ask the lawyers in each country to make a summary of how disputes between breeder and puppy-buyer are handled (consumer law) in juridical terms and procedures and send it to NKU. NKU will put the item on the agenda for the NKU/AU meeting in 2020.

NKU/AU decided to ask FCI Europe section to formulate questions to members country concerning the changes of consumer laws separating animals from objects.

### **9 SKC/ New Government investigations (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communication, Näringsdepartementet)**

SKC will introduce the matter.

- Assignment to investigate the need of using live badgers at earth aptitude tests
- Assignment to evaluate animal welfare at training before test/trial and at aptitude test in an enclosure (wild game).
- Assignment to analyze the need for further animal protection restrictions in connection with releasing animals for hunting.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information was noted.

### **10 SKC/ 2nd International Conference for Kennel Clubs, enclosure 10**

SKC will introduce the matter.

Statement regarding DNA-tests.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information was noted.

### **11 SKC/ Rally Obedience**

SKC will introduce the matter.

- Decision on rules for The Nordic Rally Obedience Championships
- Itinerary for organization The Nordic Rally Obedience Championships

The Nordic championship is held for the first time in Denmark 26. and 27. October

### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

NKU/VD will wait for the evaluation from 2019 and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

**12 FKC/FCI Kennel Names- enclosure 12**

FKC will introduce the matter.

Referred to the FCI rules, see article 21.4 d, of the new FCI Standing Orders.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information was noted.

**13 FKC/Open studbooks of Lapponian Herder Enclosure 13**

FKC will introduce the matter.

FKC proposes that together with the Finnish Lapphund Club the FKC make instructions how to take dogs into open studbooks in the NKU countries.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from FKC was approved.

**14 FKC/NKU-committees-standing orders Enclosure 14 (13/14)**

The Finnish Kennel Club would like to update the standing orders of the NKU committees dating 1.8.2002.

The Finnish Kennel Club proposes that a working group will be established for the updating work.

**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

NKU/VD decided to recommend NKU/AU to make common guidelines for:

-Nordic championships

-NKU committees

SKC will take care of the championships, NKC will take care of the committees.

The item will be put on the agenda for the meeting in March 2020.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

**15 NKK/BOAS-grading and registration of Pugs, French and English bulldogs**

NKK will introduce the matter

**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

The provided information was noted.

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.19:**

The provided information was noted. Link: <https://www.nkk.no/aktuelt/starter-boas-gradering-i-host-article155815-985.html>

### **16 NKK/Serious illness in dogs**

NKK will introduce the matter

#### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

The provided information was noted.

#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.19:**

The provided information was noted. Link: <https://www.nkk.no/aktuelt/alvorlig-sykdom-hos-hund-article159842-985.html>

The NKU/AU decided to send joint statement to the veterinarian clinics.

### **17 NKK/ Regulations for the Nordic Agility Championship (NAC) enclosure 17**

NKU agility committee propose updated regulations. Changes are marked in the document.

#### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

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#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.19:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

### **18 NKK/ Registration of Norwegian Lundehund within the NKK Lundehund-project, enclosure 18**

Proposal to NKU/AU: The NKU kennel clubs enter a mutual agreement that all litters born in their country as a part of the Norwegian Lundehund Project, shall be registered in NKK.

#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

Iceland and Denmark support the Norwegian proposal.

SKC will not register the litter before it has been registered in the NKC.

FKC will come back to the matter.

NKC will come back to the kennelclubs with a mutual agreement. Ref; article 20.1 in the studbook.

### **19 NKC/NKU Show group Proposed actions, Enclosures 19**

19.1 Minutes from meeting 05.09.19

19.2 Ethics in show judging – time spent

19.3 FCI judge's directory



**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

19.1 – The minutes were approved. SKK informed about Swedish GA decided not to introduce junior and veteran champions/titles. SKK informed that from 2021 Sweden will increase international shows to 1/3 of total of all breed shows.

19.2 – NKU/VD advice NKU/AU to send the proposed letter. to the FCI Show/judge committee. Small changes were made.

19.3 - NKU/VD advice NKU/AU to send the proposed letter

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

19.1: The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

19.2: NKU/AU decided that the letter will be sent back to the show group for some refrasing, and will be sent to the agenda for the FCI show/judge commettee meeting.

19.3: The proposal from NKU/VD was approved, The letter is to be sent asap, with small changes.

FKC will asap send a representative on behalf of the NKU to Thuin to talk directly to the coder and give support for improvement.

**20 NKU/VK, enclsoures 20**

20.1 –minutes from NKU-VK2019, enclosure 20.1

20.2– statement from NKU-VK2019, enclosure 20.2

**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

20.1 and 20.2- NKU/AU decided to put the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

20.1 og 20.2.

- NKU/VK 2019, point 7 and 20c: NKU/VD recommend that NKU/AU notes NKU/VD
- NKU/VK 2019, point 8: NKU/AU support the need for an international FCI conference for HD scrutinizers to be arranged. It is important that the conference is supported by the FCI. The DKC will look into if they can host the conference and will come back to NKU with the decision no later than 1. December. The NKU countries will participate in a small working group.
- NKU/VK 2019, point 11.b: NKU/AU decided to come back to the issue when more scientific research is known. This is also one part of the brachy issue for some breeds.
- NKU/VK 2019, 11i: NKU/AU acknowledge the good efforts in our Nordic kennel clubs when it comes to screening programs for BOAS. If possible, it would be beneficial to harmonize the screening programs within NKU in the future.

- NKU/VK 2019, 14 g: NKU/VD propose to NKU/AU to support the proposal from NKU/VK: *The x-ray panel will receive the statistics on all the appeals, as well as the individual results from the different countries on each case. If there are big differences between the results from the appeal panel, the x-ray panel should take a closer look at these x-rays in order to harmonize the scrutinizers. The x-ray panel should also make its own statistics based on the appeal cases and follow up on any trends or tendencies that might be perceived. VK suggests that the national kennel clubs must send the results of last year's appeals to the secretary of the NKU/VK by the end of January. Both the original diagnosis and the appeal diagnosis from each country must be included. The secretary will then forward the results to the X-ray panel in time for their February meeting. The first year of this arrangement (January 2020) data from the previous two years must be sent to the secretary – if possible.*  
In addition; The NKU/AU ask the NKU/VK to look into how to make the work of the Nordic panel more transparent.

#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

- NKU/AU decided to look closer into the proposed statements from the NKU/VK. Each kennel club will work through the statements, and these will be discussed in the next NKU/AU meeting. Future proposals or ideas of common statements from NKU/VK must be sent in before the AU-meeting to be part of the agenda.
- NKU/VK 2019, point 8: NKU/AU support the need for an international FCI conference for HD scrutinizers to be arranged. It is important that the conference is supported by the FCI. The DKC will look into if they can host the conference and will come back to NKU with the decision no later than 1. December. The NKU countries will participate in a small working group.
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- NKU/VK 2019, 14: NKU/AU support the proposal from NKU/VK: *The x-ray panel will receive the statistics on all the appeals, as well as the individual results from the different countries on each case. If there are big differences between the results from the appeal panel, the x-ray panel should take a closer look at these x-rays in order to harmonize the scrutinizers. The x-ray panel should also make its own statistics based on the appeal cases and follow up on any trends or tendencies that might be perceived. VK suggests that the national kennel clubs must send the results of last year's appeals to the secretary of the NKU/VK by the end of January. Both the original diagnosis and the appeal diagnosis from each country must be included. The secretary will then forward the results to the X-ray panel in time for their February meeting. The first year of this arrangement (January 2020) data from the previous two years must be sent to the secretary – if possible.*

In addition, the NKU/AU ask the NKU/VK to look into how to make the work of the Nordic panel more transparent. NKU/AU would like to invite the scrutinizers for the next NKU/AU meeting.

## **21 NKU-HTM**

21.1 Minutes, NKU-HTM committee 16.09 meeting, enclosure

21.2 Nordic FS/HTM Rules, enclosure

### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

21.1- The minutes were noted.

21.2- NKU/VD decided to recommend NKU/AU to make common guidelines for:

-Nordic championships

-NKU committees

SKC will take care of the championships, NKC will take care of the committees.

The item will be put on the agenda for the meeting in February 2020.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

## **22 NKU Youth**

22.1 Minutes, NKU Youth Meeting 25.02.19

22.2 Nordic Championship rules in junior Handling

### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

22.1 The minutes were noted.

22.2- NKU/VD decided to recommend NKU/AU to make common guidelines for:

-Nordic championships

-NKU committees

SKC will take care of the championships, NKC will take care of the committees.

The item will be put on the agenda for the meeting in March 2020.

### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The proposal from NKU/VD was approved.

## **23 For information,enclosures 21**

23.1 FKK/ New Breed /Markiesje, enclosure 21.1

The Board of the Finnish Kennel Club has recognized on its meeting on 6.6.2019 the Dutch breed Markiesje. The breed belongs to the FCI group 9 and is allowed to take part in shows and trial from 1.1.2020. Enclosed is the breed standard for information.

- breed belongs to the FCI group 9
- breed standard is based on the breed standard of the Dutch Kennel Club
- imported dogs can until further notice be registered with a pedigree from all the kennel clubs recognized by the FCI
- the breed will be permitted to take part in shows, trials and tests after 1.1.2020, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

### 23.2 FKK/ New Breed /Russian Spaniel, enclosure 21.2

- breed belongs to the FCI group 8
- breed standard is based on the breed standard of the RKF
- imported dogs can until further notice be registered with a pedigree from all the kennel clubs recognized by the FCI
- the breed will be permitted to take part in shows, trials and tests after 1.1.2020, but taking part in competitions like agility can start immediately

#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information that FKC has recognized these breeds was noted.

### 23.3 FKK/ NKU Agility Committee meeting minutes From Turku, Finland – enclosure 21.3

Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:

### 23.4 FKK/ NKU, Minutes Rally Obedience Committee 8th July enclosure 21.4

### 23.5 FKK/ NKU, Minutes Rally Obedience Committee 26th August, enclosure 21.5

23.6 The Board of the Finnish Kennel Club decided that on a trial period from 1.1.2021 Junior- and Veteran CACs are awarded and Junior- and Veteran Champions are granted in Finland.

#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information was noted.

## **24 Information from the NKU countries**

In the NKU/AU meeting 24.8.2015 it was agreed that we bring the figures of each country to the meeting in the spring and trends to the meeting in the autumn.

#### **Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

The provided information was noted.

## **25 Any other business**

Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:

## **26 Next meeting**

#### **Decision of the NKU/VD 15.10.19:**

- NKU/VD propose to NKU/AU that NKU/VD meet 23. march and NKU/AU to meet 24. March in Helsinki. The political representatives meet 23. march.  
There will be dinner at 23. march evening.  
NKU/AU would like to invite the scrutinizers for the NKU/AU meeting and advise that they have their yearly meeting on the 23. march.
- NKU/VD propose to NKU/AU that NKU/VD meet 21. October and NKU/AU to meet 22. October in Stockholm. The political representatives meet 23. march. There will be dinner at 21. October evening.  
Day 1; 10.00-17.00 -juridical staff.  
10.00/12.00 -17.00– VD  
Dinner – mixed tables.  
Day 2; 09.00 -13.00 juridical staff.  
09.00-16.00 - AU

**Decision of the NKU/AU 16.10.2019:**

**27 Closing of the meeting**

Terje Lindstrøm closed the meeting at 13.55