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### RULES FOR DOG SHOWS ORGANIZED BY THE FCL

#### Preamble:

In case of doubt, only the French version of the show rules applies.

The masculine gender is used, even for the feminine, much like the singular is used to express the plural and vice versa.

#### Art.1 – In general.

All breeds recognized by the 'Fédération Cynologique Internationale' (FCI) are admitted at the dog show.

The FCL may define certain breeds as national breeds to which can be awarded a CACL, Certificat d'Aptitude au Champion de Luxembourg. The said breeds are listed in fine of the list of judges for each organized show and this from year to year. It is noted that clubs organizing dog shows awarding the CACL may benefit from this stipulation. These breeds will be listed according to their kinship to the ten groups defined by the FCI. These breeds will not compete for the Best in Show, BIS. A parallel selection could be considered at the end of a show. The exhibitors have to present a copy of the pedigree of their dogs as well as the European pet passport if the dog lives in a member country of the EU or the international Certificate if the dog lives in a third country with the identification of the dog and the required rabies vaccinations at the entrance of the show and when asked for. For all cases undescribed, the law and the FCI rules apply.

#### Art. 2 – Rules to be respected.

By signing the entry form, the exhibitor implicitly accepts all that is written down in these rules as well as the FCI rules.

Every exhibitor declares himself to be fully responsible in matter of legal provisions which apply on the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg regarding animal protection and to abide by the Centenary Manifest of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale – for the dogs' well-being, as determined by the FCI. This document is entirely integrated in the current rules, see attachment. Any breach with regard to the aforementioned provisions, will result in the exclusion of the exhibitor from the current dog show as well as all future dog shows.

The FCL refuses all entries and presentations of dogs with cropped ears or a docked tail at its dog show and the dog shows organized by FCL members or canine associations affiliated to one of its members. Only dogs born anuran are accepted under the condition that an official certificate drawn up by a veterinary, the pedigree or a DNA-test will track this status.

Every person who does not respect the rules of public order, will be excluded from the current dog show and future dog shows.

#### Art. 3 – Dog's security.

Every exhibitor attests to keep his dog safe during the dog show. Every person who enters several dogs at a dog show organized by the FCI, declares the total number of dogs on the entry form. Dog crates can be ordered when entering to keep the dogs safe.

No dog is to be left alone in a vehicle parked within the dog show area and/or in the vicinity of the dog show. The exhibitor attests to transport his dog in optimal circumstances as described by legal texts and the current rules that apply on the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

In order to assure this security, the FCL will regularly patrol the show grounds, while car park stewards will control the car parks of the show grounds. The Minister charged with the Administration of Veterinary Services will determine the responsibilities of those stewards.

In addition to combing or brushing dogs, any other intervention and any use of products are prohibited in the preparation of dogs for the show area and in the surrounding area. The use of the so-called gallows is expressly forbidden. Exhibitors who do not comply with this rule may be excluded from current and future shows.

The “double handling” (i.e. attracting the dog’s attention from outside the ring) is strictly prohibited. The reason why the dog was rated “Cannot be judged” has to be stated in the judge’s report. Every person who does not respect the rules, will be excluded from the current dog show and future dog shows.

#### Art. 4 – Entry of dog data.

Each dog entered for the dog show, should be owned by the exhibitor. However, it can be presented by a third person. If that is the case, this should be mentioned on the entry form by giving the name and first name of the handler to the FCL. Furthermore, the license plate and country of origin of the vehicle that transports the dogs to the dog shows organized by the FCL or by members of the FCL or by canine associations affiliated to one of those members should be communicated.

The dogs should, on the day of the dog show, have the age mentioned on the entry form, if not they will be entered in a different class.

Every entry in Working Class and Champion Class is to be accompanied by a photocopy of the certificate that gives the right to enter in that class:

- a) in ‘Working’ class: entering in ‘Working’ class is only permitted upon presentation of an international certificate issued by the national kennel club, from the country of residence of the dog’s owner and this before the closing date of the entries.
- b) in ‘Champion’ class: only the International FCI Champion titles or national Champions recognized by the FCI are admitted. However, the FCL also accepted English, American, Australian and Canadian Champion titles, provided that the dog was at least 15 months of age when it obtained its title. The titles which can be won in one day, such as European Winner, World Winner, Bundessieger or other titles, do not give the right to enter in champion class. Entering in ‘Champion’ class is only upon presentation of a certificate of the national kennel club, from the country of which one the dog has won the title and this before the closing date of the entries.

In case that document fails, the dog will be entered in ‘Open’ class.

Entries will be accepted until the closing date mentioned on the entry form. The FCL reserves the right to close the entries prematurely or to prolong entries.

The papier entries sent by post, should be completed in legible capitals or typed. The entries are to be sent to the address mentioned on the entry form in a postage paid envelope. Additional entry forms will be sent upon request.

Online entries will be completed with all data provided by the exhibitor in the database of the FCL, respecting the legal GDPR provisions.

Upon entering, the exhibitor implicitly accepts to pay the entry fee.

Upon reception of the entry, the exhibitor will receive a confirmation letter to verify the dog’s data. Every error or change should be immediately communicated to the dog show secretary for correction.

It is well noted that no pre-registration is possible.

Any inscription of a dog that has not been cancelled before the closing date of the inscriptions is considered to be a final one. The payment of this inscription is due, even in case of absence or any other reason.

A confirmation letter, addressed to the exhibitor either on paper or in electronic format, is to be presented at the entrance, giving permission to enter the halls. This letter is strictly confidential and every abuse will lead to the exclusion of the exhibitor from the current and future dog shows.

Each exhibitor can order, against payment, a paper-catalogue at the moment of the dog’s registration to the show.

#### Art. 5 – Entry fee.

Entry fees are to be paid through bank transfer as soon as the entry form has been sent. Entry forms without payment confirmation may be refused.

The FCL may impose an additional tax for every late payment.

It reserves the right to claim the bank transfer costs, if any.

In case of withdrawal of the show by the exhibitor, the entry fee is to be paid, regardless of any reason. In that case, the FCL reserves the right to sanction every offender, through exclusion from future dog shows and by sending a report to the FCI.

In case of cancellation of a show due to force majeure, the FCL will reimburse a partial refund of the amount of the registration fees already paid by the exhibitors. The amount to be reimbursed takes into account the costs incurred in organising the cancelled show.

If a show is postponed for reasons of force majeure, both the registrations and the payments of the registration fees made for the postponed show are automatically transferred to an upcoming show organized in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, unless otherwise advised by the exhibitor. A partial reimbursement of the amount of registration fees already paid by the exhibitor could be considered. The refund could then be made as specified above.

In the case that the FCL has made a refund of the registration fee, as specified above, to an exhibitor, the exhibitor has no claim on the amount withheld to cover the costs incurred by the organisation of the cancelled or postponed show. He cannot claim to have the deducted amount taken into account when registering for an upcoming show in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg.

#### Art. 6 – Entry refusal.

The FCL may refuse entries without having to give a reason for the refusal. If that is the case, the entry fee will be refunded.

#### Art. 7 – Exclusion of the dog and the exhibitor.

The dogs, the trimming of which or the colour of which are not accepted by the breed's FCI standard will not be judged.

The same goes for the dogs deliberately entered in a class for which they are too young.

Every false entry in order to mislead the judge, will give the FCL the right to exclude that dog.

Every insult towards a judge or towards personnel of the dog show, every negative comment concerning the judging and every remark which may taint the success of the dog show or the judges will lead to the exclusion of the dog and the exhibitor.

In those cases, the entry fee will not be refunded.

#### Art. 8 – Entrance of the dogs.

On the day upon which they are judged, the dogs should be present in the halls when judging starts.

The order of the judging is announced on the whiteboards on the side of the rings.

Every exhibitor should be on time. If, when his number is called, the exhibitor does not show up, the dog will be considered absent. Once a judging is done, it cannot be undone.

The entrance will be refused:

- a) to all dogs which do not possess a valid passport,
- b) to all dogs which are visibly ill,
- c) to all deaf and blind dogs,
- d) to lactating bitches or bitches accompanied by their pups,
- e) to aggressive dogs or dogs that bite without a muzzle.

The veterinary decision is irrevocable. Entry fees will not be refunded.

#### Art. 9 - Accommodation and care of the dogs.

Personalized crates can be reserved for a reasonable price. Those crates should be reserved beforehand by way of the entry form for entered dogs and visiting dogs that are not entered at the dog show.

When walking and inside the halls, the dog should be on the leash, i.e. a leash and a fitting collar.

Dog's toilets will be clearly indicated and will be installed in between the halls. The exhibitor should clean up the faeces of his dog and put it in the dustbins provided.

The FCL is not responsible for any feeding of the dogs.

#### Art 10 – Responsibility and order.

The FCL is not accountable for any damage it has not caused. The owners are solely responsible for any damage they or their dog may have caused. In that case, the civil and penal codes of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg will apply.

Instructions of the controlling personnel are to be immediately followed.

Exhibitors should visibly wear the catalogue number of their dogs until they leave the dog show, so that they can be easily identified. It is also expected that they carry their confirmation letter with them at all times.

#### Art. 11 – Show judges.

When necessary, the FCL reserves the right to change the judging list as well as the order of the rings.

#### Art. 12 – Dog judging.

Judges are responsible for their decisions. Their judging is irrevocable.

In case of dispute or doubt, only the judge's book will be taken into account.

The dogs which were absent when the judging started, cannot be placed later on. Upon agreement of the judge, it is possible for the dog to be given a qualification.

The following qualifications can be attributed in the following classes : junior, veteran, champion, working, intermediate and open:

Excellent - Very Good - Good - Sufficient - Disqualification - Cannot be judged.

The following qualifications can be attributed in the Puppy and Minor Puppy classes:

Very Promising - Promising - Fairly Promising - Disqualification - Cannot be judged.

#### Art. 13 - Awards.

The awards or other prices will be distributed on the day of the dog show, either at the stand on the dog show or at the secretary of the dog show. Prices or awards will be not sent afterwards. Prices can neither be cumulated.

#### Art. 14 – Conditions to becoming 'Junior Champion of Luxemburg' and 'Veteran Champion of Luxemburg'.

The title of 'Junior Champion of Luxemburg' can be attributed to the dog, dog or bitch, which has won the 'Junior' class with the qualification 1 Excellent on the day of the dog show. The qualification should be clearly mentioned in the judge's book. The judge has the right to refuse this title. If that is the case, it should be clearly entered in the judge's book by mentioning 'title not awarded'.

The title 'Veteran Champion of Luxemburg' can be attributed to the dog, dog or bitch, which has won the 'Veteran' class with the qualification 1 Excellent on the day of the dog show. The qualification should be clearly mentioned in the judge's book. The judge has the right to refuse this title. If that is the case, it should be clearly entered in the judge's book by mentioning 'title not awarded'.

Both 'Junior Champions' as well as 'Veteran Champions' can compete for 'Best of Breed'.

#### Art. 15 – Rules to award CACL and ResCACL

Dogs or bitches entered in one of the four classes Champion – Working – Intermediate – Open which have won 1 Excellent and 2 Excellent may be awarded a CACL and ResCACL. The judge has the right to refuse those

titles. If that is the case, it should be clearly entered in the judge's book by mentioning 'title not awarded'. The following breeds are entitled to a CACL or a ResCACL by colour variety or coat variety:

GROUP 1.

Briard

- a) black - b) fawn, grey

GROUP 2.

Dobermann

- a) black/rust - b) brown/rust

Boxer

- a) fawn - b) brindle

Great Dane

- a) fawn - b) brindle - c) black - d) harlequin - e) blue

Newfoundland

- a) black - b) brown - c) white and black

GROUP 5.

Peruvian Hairless Dog (Large)

- a) Hairless - b) Coated

Peruvian Hairless Dog (Medium-sized)

- a) Hairless - b) Coated

Peruvian Hairless Dog (Miniature)

- a) Hairless - b) Coated

Chow Chow

- a) red - b) black - c) blue

GROUP 7.

Epagneul Breton (Brittany Spaniel)

- a) White/Orange - b) other colours

Spinone Italiano

- a) White/Orange - b) Rouan/Chestnut

GROUP 8.

Cao de agua Português

- a) long and wavy b) shorter and curly

English Cocker Spaniel

- a) red - b) black & brown - c) other colours

American Cocker

- a) black - b) other colours - c) parti-colour

GROUP 9.

Poodle (Standard – Medium-size - Miniature - Toy)

- a) white - b) brown - c) black - d) grey - e) fawn -

f) red fawn

Chinese Crested Dog

- a) hairless - b) powder puff

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

- a) black and tan - b) ruby - c) blenheim - d) tricolour

King Charles Spaniel

- a) black and tan - b) ruby - c) blenheim - d) prince Charles (tricolour)

French Bulldog

- a) brindle - b) brindle with white patching

Pug

- a) fawn with black mask - b) black -
- c) silver - d) apricot with black mask

Art. 16 – CACIB - CACIB-Rés.

A dog or a bitch can be presented by a judge for the Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté, CACIB, according to the FCI rules. Only dogs and bitches which have previously won the CAACL can be proposed for the CACIB.

The dog or the bitch having won the ResCAACL, can consequently be proposed for the ResCACIB.

Only the FCI can confirm those proposals. The FCL commits to sending those proposals to the FCI as quickly as possible.

Neither the qualification 1 Excellent, nor the CAACL should automatically lead to the CACIB.

The CACIB and ResCACIB will only be awarded to dogs and bitches entered in Champion – Working – Intermediate or Open classes.

The judge has to right to refuse this title. If that is the case, it should be clearly entered in the judge’s book by mentioning ‘title not awarded’.

FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE - MANIFESTO OF THE CENTENARY  
For the welfare of dogs  
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On the occasion of its Centenary Year, the Fédération Cynologique Internationale

Internationale does confirm its mission across the globe : to preserve the health of dogs and to promote the relations between dog and man thanks to its international activities. Through its 86 members and contract partners (one member per country), it cares about the welfare of all dogs worldwide. The FCI considers health, temperament and behaviour to be the essential points to reach this welfare and it promotes dog activities and dog sports which it considers beneficial to the dogs.

These visions and values, re-confirmed this year 2011, one hundred years after the FCI foundation, are supported by the FCI statutory goal. The FCI's objective is indeed « to encourage and promote the breeding and use of purebred dogs whose functional health and physical features meet the standard set for each respective breed and which are able to work and to carry out different functions in accordance with the specific characteristics of their breed (...) in the countries where the FCI has a member or a contract partner ». One of its tasks is to support dogdom and canine welfare worldwide thanks to a well-established ethics, the ever increasing scientific research and the non-profit exchange of cynological information. Under any circumstances, the welfare of the dogs must be of the utmost priority in a context of fair-play principles and humanitarian objectives where any form of discrimination is strictly forbidden (Statutes, art.2-3-4).

This utmost care about welfare implies that any member or contract partner can refuse to (re)-register in its studbook a dog suffering from hereditary defects or featuring defects which go against the Article 2 of the statutes or a dog which does not comply with the rules of selection defined by the member or contract partner in question (Standing Orders, art.8, point 5). Equally, the members and contract partners are not obliged to issue pedigrees to pups produced as a result of mating of parents which do not meet the FCI breed standards (Standing Orders, art.8, point 14). The pedigrees issued by an FCI member or contract partner are "documents proving that the pups are born of purebred parents from the same breed" (Standing Orders, art. 8, point 13). This concern about authenticity makes it impossible for a pedigree prepared incorrectly to be automatically included in an FCI recognised studbook (Standing Orders, art.8, point 5).

Breeding and the development of dog breeds must be based on long-term objectives and sound principles so that the breeding does not result in diseases, bad temperament or lack of working skills.

Breeding must serve the objective of preserving and preferably extending the genetic diversity (polygenicity) of a breed.

Only functionally healthy dogs are to be used for breeding. It is incumbent on all breeders selecting dogs for breeding to determine whether such breeding animals are mentally and physically suitable for reproduction.

The breeder must ensure that the animals he intends to use for breeding

have a stable temperament and are in good physical condition.

As long as a puppy is in the breeder's custody, he must ensure a physically and mentally beneficial environment for the puppy to guarantee proper socialisation (Standing Orders, art.12).

Breeding can only be carried out with pedigree dogs which have a sound temperament, are healthy in functional and hereditary terms. The only dogs which can be considered to be healthy in hereditary terms are those transferring breed standard features, breed type and temperament typical of that breed without displaying any substantial hereditary defects which could impair the functional health of its descendants. It is therefore required to prevent any exaggeration of breed features in the standards which could result in impairment of the dogs' functional health. Dogs with eliminating faults cannot be bred.

With regard to surfacing hereditary defects, e.g. HD or PRA, the FCI members and contract partners are obliged to record affected animals, combat these defects in a methodical manner, continuously record their development and report to the FCI on this matter when requested.

The FCI scientific commission supports the evaluation of hereditary defects and helps combating them. To this end, the commission can issue a catalogue of measures which would become binding on being adopted by the FCI General Committee.

The FCI members and contract partners have to draw up their own breeding regulations, based on the FCI breeding regulations, in which the breeding objectives are laid down. These regulations must take appropriate and reasonable account of the specific working characteristics of the respective breeds.

Dog traders and puppy farmers are considered to be people who focus on buying and selling dogs in order to get economic profit without taking appropriate care of the dog's individual welfare. Dog traders and puppy farmers are not permitted to undertake breeding under the patronage (responsibility) of a member or contract partner of the FCI (International Breeding Rules, preamble 1).

As a rule, puppies are to be sold and transferred to a private individual in whose name the export pedigree must be issued (International Breeding Rules, point 15, basics).

The FCI show judges are responsible for choosing and placing the best dogs in each breed and thus for allowing these dogs to be the base of the individual breed gene pool as well as the tools for selective breeding for all responsible dog breeders. They give a proactive and valuable contribution to dog health and welfare, as well to responsible dog breeding. From this perspective the show judges will attend information, education and continued education meetings.

They shall comply with the FCI show judges code of commitment to the welfare of pure bred dogs, as well as with the specific FCI circulars and instructions regarding health and behaviour.

For the preservation and the further development of the breeds they judge, the show judges must, in addition to the conformation and movement



qualities, consider as well the health aspects of the breed or the dog and its fitness for functionality. This assessment should be clearly reflected in his critique of the dog.

Under no circumstances shall aggressiveness and anxious behaviour during the judging of a dog be tolerated. They will result in the disqualification of the dog(s) concerned.

Their judging has to take into account that extreme features which can cause health, behaviour or movement problems have to be severely punished (FCI show judges' code of commitment to the welfare of pure bred dogs).

They may not interpret any standard in such a manner to be in conflict with the functional health of a dog (FCI show judges regulations).

The dogs' welfare must be of UTMOST PRIORITY at all dog shows (FCI show regulations).

Most of these guidelines, which appear in the FCI Statutes, the FCI Standing Orders, the FCI International Breeding Regulations, the FCI show judges code of commitment to the welfare of pure bred dogs, the FCI Show and FCI Show Judges Regulations, were included in the FCI INTERNATIONAL BREEDING STRATEGIES, approved by the FCI General Committee in Madrid, in February 2010.

They are a major achievement after a one-century development in favour of the preservation and improvement of the canine breeds around the world.

They are the starting point of the FCI towards a new century for the welfare of dogs WORLDWIDE.

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