



Cooperation Agreement

Between the

Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)

and the

World Association for German Shepherd Dogs (WUSV) e.V.

Preamble

The Fédération Cynologique Internationale, hereafter FCI, is the world leading umbrella organisation for cynology in relation to the breeding and training of all breeds of dogs. Its headquarters are situated in Thuin (Belgium). According to Art.1 of its Statutes, the FCI is submitted to the Belgian law. Its members are national canine organisations which endeavour to realise the objectives of the FCI, as set by the FCI Articles of Association, at their respective national level.

The WUSV, hereafter World Association, strives, according to its own Statutes, to look after the breed it represents worldwide, the German Shepherd Dog, on the basis of the FCI standard nr 166. Its headquarters are situated in Augsburg (Germany) and it is registered as an Association (e.V.) under the German law.

Its members are national canine organisations which represent the breed German Shepherd Dog and endeavour to realise the objectives of the World Association, as set by its Articles of Association, at their respective national level.

Both parties to this agreement have the intention to assist and support each other in all areas of cynology and in this view, enter into the following agreement:

§ 1 Legal basis

1. The parties undertake to assert their influence for the purpose of implementing worldwide the objectives of this agreement -according to § 2- within the FCI, its bodies, institutions and national canine organisations as well as within the World Association, its bodies, institutions and national canine organisations which represent the breed German Shepherd Dog.
2. The World Association shall not acquire any membership rights in the FCI by way of this cooperation agreement either now or in the future. Membership of the FCI is reserved exclusively for national canine organisations.
3. The FCI shall not acquire any membership rights in the World Association by way of this cooperation agreement either now or in the future. Membership of the World Association is reserved to national canine organisations which represent the breed German Shepherd Dog.
4. The FCI and the World Association recognise and respect the national canine organisations amalgamated in the respective organisations. Both parties to this Agreement shall try to promote the above national canine organisations according to their possibilities.

5. WUSV members not belonging to a national canine organisation affiliated to the FCI are not allowed to use the FCI logo (on websites, pedigrees or other documents).
6. The World Association will do its utmost to make sure that its members are also members of the national canine organisations affiliated to the FCI in the countries in question. This applies exclusively to the countries where the FCI has a national canine organisation as member.
7. On conclusion of this agreement, the WUSV has to append a list of all WUSV members (as of the date of conclusion) to this agreement.
8. The FCI cannot enter into a cooperation agreement with more than one World Association representative of the German Shepherd Dog.

§ 2 Common objectives

The parties to the agreement declare their intention to achieve the following cynological objectives within the frame of this agreement:

1. to guarantee the worldwide application of the FCI standard of the German Shepherd Dog (breed represented by the World Association) as established by the country of origin.
2. to secure worldwide the essential working ability and temperament characteristics required by the standard of the German Shepherd Dog.
3. global preservation of fitness for use.
4. to meet with any health requirements within the German Shepherd Dog worldwide.
5. cooperation on fundamental issues of cynology, especially those of significance with regard to national or international political importance
6. in case the objectives listed above require detailed regulatory provisions, such provisions shall be covered by an additional agreement specific to the German Shepherd Dog.

§ 3 Admittance of new members

1. Both parties to the agreement have to make sure that the breed clubs members of the World Breed Association be recognised by the FCI by having applied for or received membership with their national canine organisation, which itself is a member of the FCI.
2. In order to achieve a consolidation of cynology interests for the future, the parties to the agreement therefore have to inform each other about to admitting new national canine organisations or new specific breed clubs as members.
3. On conclusion of this agreement the WUSV cannot admit any new member club in those countries in which there already exists a WUSV member club belonging to the national canine organisation affiliated to the FCI.
4. In this context, the parties also declare their willingness to inform the other party of existing contracts in those countries where the latter does not yet have a presence in order to support and assist together in the expansion of their respective sphere of influence.

§ 4 Judges

1. The WUSV commits to respecting and adhering to FCI regulations governing the activities of judges at events organised by the FCI members, at the FCI CACIB shows and at national all-breed shows. For events of an FCI national canine organisation, the FCI regulations shall apply. For events of a WUSV member, even when the latter is a member of a national canine organisation affiliated to the FCI, the WUSV regulations shall apply.
2. The WUSV declares that its judges are not subject to any limitations or restrictions when officiating as judges at FCI CACIB shows and at national all-breed shows.
3. The WUSV states its willingness to provide judges for specialty shows for German Shepherd Dogs organised by the FCI national canine organisations
4. The FCI declares that those German shepherd dog judges who are listed in the judges' lists of national canine organisations affiliated to the FCI are not subject to any limitation or restrictions when officiating at events held by clubs belonging to the WUSV. This also applies to those events which are not organised by the respective national canine organisations affiliated to the FCI

§ 5 Solving problems

Both parties are fully aware, that isolated problems could occur between the organisations. In principle the reason for these could be different opinions at national level or it could be totally different. Both cooperation parties declare their willingness to do their utmost to find a solution by mutual agreement. Should it prove impossible to attain a common solution to these problems within a short term – despite all endeavours, both parties to the Agreement will keep their cooperation, leaving aside the above individual problems.

§ 6 Effectiveness, duration and termination

This agreement shall enter into force at the time of signing by the parties.

This agreement shall remain in force unless one of the parties explicitly requires the termination by written notice. In that case, the agreement will expire six months after the receipt of the notice of termination.

§7 Language

This agreement is drafted in German. In case of dispute, the German version constitutes the official version.

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