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Betrifft: Questionaire about the situation in Austria

Dear Mrs Jarosova,

Thank you very much for your e-mail from April 02, 2019. We regret the inconvenience that some exhibitors had at the IDS Graz. These were not located in the area of the organization by the Steirischer Hundesportklub (StHK), but had been caused by the official veterinarians.

Basically, however, it must be stated that

- The Animal Welfare Act has been in force since 2005 and, apart from changes in 2008, there have been no major changes affecting dog shows. It is therefore wrong to speak of new legal regulations in Austria.
- at the IDS in Graz, eight dogs were banned from exhibiting, all other dogs with critics from the authorities (all poodles and cocker spaniels) were allowed to exhibit and were able to participate in the awards. At the IDS in Salzburg, not a single dog was banned from exhibiting.

We would like to answer your questions as follows;

1. Is FCI informed about the details of banned breeds or banned grooming which cannot be shown in Austria?

There are no forbidden breeds in Austria, but dogs with symptoms of torture, which are usually the result of exaggerated standard interpretations, must not be exhibited.





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Welcome to Austria in the heart of Europe !!!

ÖKV is the organizer of EDS this year. Our registered exhibitors are not officially informed about the legal situation in Austria. How and when will ÖKV inform them?

You can find the following sentences on the official homepage of EURODOG

## "Veterinary regulations

Entry into Austria or entry to the show, resp., are only permitted with a vaccination against rabies recorded in the international vaccination cerificate. The vaccination must have taken place at least 30 days before entry and must be valid according with the manufacturer's date of vaccine.

### Cropped or docked dogs born after 1 January 2008 can't be exhibited in Austria!

The exhibiting of dogs with tortured breeding characteristics (for example dogs with difficulty in breathing, hairless dogs with a strong tooth outnumbered or toothless) is prohibited!

Due to the change in the Austrian Animal Welfare Act, we point out that the use of choke collars without stop mechanism is illegal and therfore prohibited."

If the registered exhibitors find before the EDS or other IDS that they cannot take in the show in Austria because of these new rules (it is not their fault), when they will get back their entry fees?

There are no new rules – see above.

If the registered exhibitors are stopped by the entrance to the fairground or other IDS because of the new rules (it is not their fault) when they get back their entry fees?

There are no new rules – see above, concerning tortured breeding characteristics see above.

5. Could you please send us the legal article regarding this case so we can inform Czech exhibitors?

The Austrian animal protection law is in attachment. You even can find it in internet on the official webside of the EURODOG 2019 "Information: Austrian Animal Welfare Act "https://eurodog2019.oekv.at/en/information/rules-of-the-event/".





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Of course, as the ÖKV does not agree with the excessive and not covered by the Animal Welfare Act measures of the official veterinarians at the IHA Graz and would like to prevent further inconvenience of the dog exhibitors in the future, a lawyer was commissioned to consider legal action and initiate legal proceedings.

FCI exekutive director Mr. Declerq obtains a copy of this e-mail.

Best regards,

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President of Austrian Kennel Club (ÖKV)

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