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Open letter to the FCI decision to change the origin of the do-khyi, standard no.230

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We respond to the decision of the FCI General Committee of 18 to 19 in March 2015 to change the standard Tibetan breeds when China (CKU) asked to be the country of origin of these breeds. According to it, the name of the country of origin is China instead of Tibet now. Decision about changing the patronage of these selected breeds from FCI to China will be discussed at the next stage. This decision was sent to the National Kennel Unions June 18th 2015.

The decision provoked indignation of the breeders and owners of Tibetan breeds worldwide. The President of FCI in his response dated June 23th 2015 mentions the changes in standards are implemented upon approval by the FCI Standards and Scientific Commissions. We wonder, why the changes weren't discussed before the decision with the representatives of the clubs that have been breeding Tibetan breeds for many years and especially with the representatives of the FCI which has the Tibetan breeds patronage.

We are aware that Tibet is part of China now, but that does not mean that Tibet ceased to exist. Tibet is a country with the great tradition, history, culture and cannot be erased from the maps or from the history of mankind. Tibetan breeds are one of the oldest natural breeds in the world developing in Tibet for hundreds years. Therefore, we believe that the decision of the FCI General Committee to change the name of the country of origin was not correct and should be revoked.

The current European and American breed of Tibetan Mastiffs is based primarily on imports from Tibet and Nepal. Breeders are doing their best to have healthy breeds which match as much as possible to the current standard. Tibet with its history and unmistakable culture have been connected also with Tibetan breeds firstly known primarily from monasteries and tibetan villages. **Therefore we ask to keep Tibet as the country of origin.**

KTD ČR, z.s. unites breeders and lovers of Tibetan Mastiffs. Our members take parts in the shows and exhibitions also abroad, monitor breed of Tibetan Mastiffs worldwide, despite our country is small, czech breeds are well known abroad and we have top quality breeds in the Czech Republic.

We wish also to chinese breeders lot of success, nevertheless breeders of Tibetan Mastiffs are worried about change in standard, change in name, **therefore we ask for keeping the Standard of April 2nd 2004.**

We fundamentally reject the possible future conversion of the patronage of Tibetan Mastiffs from FCI to China. We ask CMKU to respect this in all discussions and votes on the FCI and to proceed in that sense.

At the same time we ask the representatives of ČMKU in FCI commissions for the consultations with our club in case of any future changes relating to our breed.

Thank you in advance for enforcing our opinion in the bodies of the FCI and we believe that further decisions „about us, without us“ will not happen anymore.

In closing we afford express an idea - globalisation and increasing economical stress should not in any case reflect in what current breeders protect the most - majesty, tradition and love to tibetan breeds.

Thank you for your support and reading our letter.

With best regards,

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