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[Transmitted via email to: henry.messler@gmx.de]

Dear Professor Messler,

It is with considerable disappointment that I find the need to write, yet again, with regard to the WUSV's pressure on our affiliate, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) to support the introduction of IPO/IGP in Australia and your continued support of the Working German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (WGSDCA), who are not affiliated with the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC), this support is at variance with the WUSV stated "one place principle".

Over the past four years, with the approbation of the ANKC Ltd Board of Directors, the GSDCA have advised the WUSV, numerous times, of the legislative barriers to the adoption of IPO/IGP on a National basis, ANKC Ltd has a firm policy based on due regard to the law, pure breed canine affairs and public perception in Australia, which dictates it cannot and will not support IPO/IGP, the GSDCA as an affiliate, as are all its members, bound by this policy.

Despite being aware of this position it is disturbing that WUSV still insists on undermining the authority of the GSDCA by supporting a small unaffiliated group <100 that sit on the fringe of canine affairs in Australia. I believe that the continual harassment by the WUSV of the GSDCA by pressuring them to adopt IPO/IPG, despite WUSV having the knowledge that in some States of Australia it is not legally possible for them to accede to the demands, is not in the spirit of harmonisation which the WUSV espouses, the FCI acknowledges that there are occasions when the Laws of a Country prevent adoption of its Statutes and the WUSV would do well to respect this principle.

The GSDCA has for many years been a pioneering and progressive force in Australian Cynology, please consider the following information:

1. GSDCA has a proud history of continued innovation and commitment to the betterment of the GSD in Australia.
2. GSDCA has been the example by which other breed councils have pursued breed improvement schemes and introduced Litter Registration Limitations, especially regarding Hip and Elbow scores and the virtual elimination of Haemophilia.
3. GSDCA has worked very closely with ANKC Ltd to see initiatives put in place in a timely and well considered manner.

The WUSV should be proud to have a member body that has achieved such high levels of excellence in breeding, health and wellbeing, conformation, temperament and working ability, urging them to defy the laws of a Sovereign Country brings no credit to the WUSV.

ANKC Ltd considers the continuing support by the SV Board that allows its Working Dog Judges to officiate at unsanctioned working dog trials as held by the WGSDCA (or any other group) as unacceptable and reiterates this organisation is not affiliated with the National Canine Organisation as recognised by the FCI which means that the SV Judges who officiate at IPO events conducted by the WGSDCA are in breach of FCI Regulations for IPO 2.

2. Accepting Instructions

(a) An I.P.O. FCI Judge may only judge in competitions awarded by an FCI-LV or be organised by and FCI Contractor. He is not allowed to attend events that are not recognised by the FCI except those events will be by countries that are not under the FCI jurisdiction (other than member or Contractor). In this case however, he needs the permission of the FCI-LV of his native country.

(b) If an I.P.O Judge receives an invitation, at an event outside to be active in his home country, he must make all the necessary inquiries to be sure that the organisation of the event is recognised by the FCI.

(c) If an event is organised, I.P.O judge must check that the organising club by the FCI-LV or an FCI contractor of the country in which the competition takes place, is officially recognised.

To summarise, so that there can be no further misunderstanding by the WUSV.

- ANKC Ltd is the only NCO in Australia recognised by the FCI and the GSDCA is the only affiliate for German Shepherds in Australia recognised by ANKC Ltd.
- It is not possible to achieve National adoption of IPO as the Commonwealth of Australia is a Federation of eight States and Territories each of whom have their own separate Legislation regarding interaction between human and canine, in some jurisdictions the laws could impact on persons undertaking IPO activities, in training or competition.
- SV judges who officiate at IPO events conducted by the WGSDCA or any other organisation in Australia not recognised by ANKC Ltd are in breach of FCI Regulations for IPO Judges, and by condoning their illegal actions the WUSV shows contempt for the GSDCA and ANKC Ltd.

I trust that this letter highlights the concerns that ANKC Ltd have with the actions of the WUSV that disrespect ANKC Ltd and challenge the tenets of the FCI-WUSV Agreement.

Regards,



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