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REGARDING WDS2019 IN CHINA

The Norwegian Kennel Club refers to your letter of July 2 2015 regarding possible sanctions against the Norwegian Kennel Club due to our commitment to dog welfare.

During their application presentation for the General Assembly the CKU failed to inform about the horrid conditions in which dogs are kept and the torturous methods of slaughtering. The full extent of these methods came to our knowledge after the General Assembly, when the Yulin Festival got the attention of the international media.

We would also like to remind the FCI that 33 out of 68 votes is not a “large majority of votes”, which you describe it as, in your letter of June 26.

The NKC will always respect cultural differences, but cannot accept the serious lack of respect and welfare for dogs in general in China. This is also in sharp contrast to FCI’s statutes article 2 which clearly states that: “*The aims of the FCI are:(3) to promote and support dogdom and dog welfare worldwide.*”

According to the FCI statutes article 9 c, members and contract partners are obligated to: “*...comply fully with these statutes ... provided that they are not contrary to the laws enacted by the governments of the countries concerned*”. We hereby declare that the treatment of dogs in China violates all [Norwegian laws regarding dog welfare](#).



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The dog world has protested against the inhumane treatment of dogs in China. More than 300.000 people have given their support to the NKC after we spoke out against WDS in China. The FCI and other kennel clubs have surely noticed the public opinion regarding this matter.

The NKC recognizes the work done by the CKU and the Asia Pacific section for the betterment of dog welfare. However, this is not enough. Dog welfare legislation has to be established within Chinese laws, and as we have suggested in previous communication, it is damaging for the FCI and its membership countries to apparently accept this cruelty to dogs by rewarding China with WDS19.

Based on the letter from your legal representative J-F Fayt, dated July 2, the result of the NKC's protest against cruelty to dogs and our commitment to dog welfare globally can result in a warning or suspension of our membership in FCI, unless we officially withdraw our statements regarding WDS 2019.

We hereby inform you that the NKC will not withdraw our standpoint in this matter. It is our opinion that it cannot be beneficial for dogdom and dog welfare worldwide if sanctions are made against the NKC. Standing by this statement is what the NKC consider as being loyal to the FCI Statutes:” *to promote and support dogdom and dog welfare worldwide.*” We are committed to our members, our statutes, FCI Statutes and last, but not least, dog welfare.

Yours sincerely,
for the Norwegian Kennel Club



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