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# ***NORDIC POODLE MEETING 1.-2.3.2014 HELSINKI, FINLAND***

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The meeting was held at Rantasipi Airport Hotel, Helsinki, Finland and hosted by the Finnish Poodle Club.

Participants:

Johanna Markola-Wärn, Finnish Poodle Club, president  
Jaana Rinkinen, Finnish Poodle Club, vice president  
Jytte Pfänner, Danish Poodle Club, president  
Susanne Preisler, Danish Poodle Club, board member  
Hjördis Saevareid, Norwegian Poodle Club, secretary  
Ann Kristin Sletnes, Norwegian Poodle Club, vice president  
Madeleine Bergendahl, Swedish Poodle Club, president  
Lena Tellberg, Swedish Poodle Club, secretary

1.3.2014 9:00 Johanna wished everyone welcome and declared the meeting open. The meeting started with a short presentation of the current situation in countries:

## Club update since last meeting:

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### **THE DANISH POODLE CLUB**

Danish Poodle Club had 31.12.2013 771 members, there is still slight downfall.

There are seven members in the board: chairman, vice chairman/secretary, treasurer and four board members. One takes care of memberships, another of shows, another breeding and health and another of regions. In addition there are committees for showing, health, breeding and publication.

The club publishes magazine Pudel Nyt 5 times year with new editor who started in 2013.

The club has a web site [www.pudelklubben.dk](http://www.pudelklubben.dk), the club is seeking for a new web master at the moment.

There is a separate committee for obedience and agility, and there are lessons in Aalborg, Odense and in Copenhagen, especially in Copenhagen with great success. Unfortunately the agility has been given up.

The show committee arranges ~6 shows a year, the entry is 70-80 poodles each show. There are two new titles: Club Junior Champion (3 junior cc's) and Club Veteran Champion (4 veteran cc's).

There are 5 divisions which arrange different lectures, club meetings, open shows etc.

There has been only one Mental test in PK region in 2013.

Registrations 2013: Toy 69, Miniature 147, Medium 52 and standard 74. Total of 111 litters 111, which is a low number. The main reason is legislation. There is a new law, that a hobby breeder can have only two litters a year. Most breeders in Denmark are hobby breeders. It is very difficult to get a breeders license according to the government rules. There are restrictions for amounts of having dogs and also of the size of the living space. Reports to the authorities is very common in conflict situations.

Imports 2013: Toy 7, Miniature 4, Medium 3, Standard 10.

Health statistic for 2012 and 2013

#### **HD**

22 standards: 18 status A, 2 status B, 1 status C (B/C), 1 status D (B/D)

5 mediums: 4 status A, 1 status C (B/C)

4 toys: 1 status B, 1 status C, 1 status D, 1 status E

#### **AD**

5 standards, all status 0

#### **Patella Luxation**

17 toys, 16 status 0-0, 1 status med 0-1

16 miniatures, all status 0-0

10 medium, all status 0-0

1 standard, status 0-0

#### **Eye check**

10 toys, 2 with distichiasis grade: minor

6 miniature, 5 checked normal, 1 with distichiasis grade: minor

5 medium, 3 status normal, 1 had PRA, 1 with distichiasis

3 standards, 1 with distichiasis grade: minor

Breeding Value Examinations:

The Club had 18 poodles for examination

Club provides financial supports in case of puppies are born blind or weak-sighted.

Breeding: DKK has made new rules 2012. Now all poodles can be bred from as long as they have a DKK pedigree. No quality rules at all. Male needs a testicle attest if it hasn't been shown. Toys, Miniatures and Mediums don't need prcd PRA test as long as they are bred to A/Normal status poodle. A toy bitch has to be measured officially in 15 months of age; otherwise the puppies will be registered as Miniature poodles. A dog with HD D or E can exceptionally be used with A/B dogs. A dog with AD grade 3 can exceptionally be used with 0 grade dog.

Recommendations for breeding:

All sizes should be shown or recommended for breeding before bred.

Known HD status. Status C should be bred to status A

Toy, miniature and medium:

Eye check, known patella lux status, and grade 2 should not be used in breeding. Grade 1 should only be bred to grade 0.

Breeders are recommended to be careful when mixing colors.

## THE FINNISH POODLE CLUB

2 100 members 31.12.2013.

The board consists of 8 members from which 2 are vice members.

There are 9 local non-independent clubs which organize lectures, courses, mental descriptions, health checks, breeding value examinations etc. There are also local advisors who answer general questions concerning poodles and their care.

Breeding council is currently under construction, at the moment the board uses breeders and specialists for consulting.

Magazine Puudeli is published 4 times a year.

One specialty show is arranged once a year, the club has right to arrange two shows but there is a problem with getting active volunteers.

Obedience- and agility championship competitions are arranged yearly by local clubs.

Club provides financial support for health checks when needed and follows the health situation closely. The club arranged 2012 financial support (total of ~5000 €) for X-raying of hips and elbows in medium sized poodles with great results.

Main problem at the moment is to get active volunteers to participate and organize events and happenings.

Registrations 2013:

Toy 180, Miniature 491, Medium 329 and Standard 103.

Imports 2013:

Toy 8, Miniature 26, Medium 19 and Standard 13.

Breeding:

Demands:

Breed	Eyes	Knees	Hips	SA	Show result or B.V.E.*
Toy	Once before mating, second time when dog is 5 years old (if prcd status is known, otherwise once a year)	0-2, the other dog must always have status 0.	-	-	Official show result or accepted B.V.E.
Miniature	Once before mating, second time when dog is 5 years old (if prcd status is known, otherwise once a year)	0-2, the other dog must always have status 0.	-	-	Official show result or accepted B.V.E.
Medium	Once before mating, second time when dog is 5 years old (if prcd status is known, otherwise once a year)	0-2, the other dog must always have status 0.	Recommended but not mandatory.	-	Official show result or accepted B.V.E.
Standard	Every 2 years	-	A-B (C in special cases)	Every 2 years	Official show result or accepted B.V.E.

\*B.V.E. = Breeding value examination

Prcd PRA C/Affected cannot be used for breeding (FCI breeding regulations)

Breeding Value Examinations:

2013 Toy 24 passed – 3 not passed, Miniature 37 passed – 5 not passed, Medium 39 passed, Standard 7 passed. At the moment there are total of 107 dogs gone through the B.V.E. from which 8 dogs were not passed. Passed breeding value examination is equal to the mandatory official show result in the club's puppy referral list.

Health – Eyes, no hereditary diseases 2013:

Toy: 70%, Miniature 67%, Medium 75%, Standard 92%.  
The diseases are mainly extra eye lashes (distichiasis).

Health – Knees 2013 status 0:  
Toy 87%, Miniature 90%, Medium 91%, Standard 100%

Health – Hips 2013 status A/B:  
Toy A 67%, Miniature A 75% B 19%, Medium A 35% B 35%, Standard A 49% B 27%  
D.O.B 1990-2013 there have been 383 miniature poodles X-rayed (7% of all the poodles born in that time): A 53%, B 26%, C 18%, D 3% and E 0%.

Health – Elbows 2013 status 0:  
Toy 100%, Miniature 93%, Medium 93% and Standard 90%.  
Medium 2012 Hip & elbow campaign were 80 poodles X-rayed: 0 86%, 1 5%, 2 9% and 3 0%.

Health – other diseases 2013:  
No known new official SA-cases. There are rumors of new affected but the club has not received any diagnosis of them.  
There have been some separate diagnosis of Legg Perthes, Addisons, Epilepsy and Spondylosis etc.  
Finnish Kennel Club has started to give official diagnosis of back problems. The diagnosis done can be found from FKC's database.

The club is studying if there is need to have a survey to the breeders if there is need to change the rules for SA-testing: the dog should be checked clinically before mating and the biopsy should be taken only if there are any symptoms.

### **THE NORWEGIAN POODLE CLUB**

1 353 members 31.12.2013. A member must be also member of the Norwegian Kennel Club which collects the membership fees (275 NOK + The Kennel Club membership fee 160 NOK = 435 NOK total).

90 shows arranged per year from which 11 are international. There is three specialty shows for poodles, one arranged by the main board and two by the sub groups. The show regulations are changing 20.5.2014. The championship regulations are decided in the club.

Breeding committee consists of 4 persons and two external advisers.  
There is separate committee for obedience, agility and working dogs (KLAB). Sep 2013 was organized a MH test with 16 poodles who all passed the test.  
Activity committee arranges meetings every month. Meetings are mainly for the owners.

NPK publishes Puddelposten –magazine 4 times a year. The editor gets 5000 NOK from every release.

There are 3 subgroups: Gruppe Rogaland (South-West Norway), Gruppe Nordenfjeldske (Mid Norway) and Gruppe Nord (Northern region).

The club's economy is very good and stable.

Registrations 2013: Toys 90, Miniatures 189, Medium 172 and Standards 254. Normal price for all sizes is ~15 000 NOK.

The breeder can decide to which size he/she registers the puppies (pilot in 2014).

Breeding:

Standard poodle: 2 x excellent from two different judges, Hips A or B, eye certificate cannot be older than 1 year

when bred. Minimum age for breeding the female is 24 months. Also recommended: X-raying the elbows. If index for hip dysplasia is available, the mean of combination index should be above 100 (the sum not under 200) and mental testing.

Medium poodle: 2 x excellent from two different judges, Hip X-ray (C result can be bred to A/B). Dogs with D or E should not be bred. Known status of patellar luxation, status 1 allowed if the partner has status 0. Eye certificate cannot be older than 1 year when bred. Also at least one of the parents must be prcd PRA Normal/Clear (A). Minimum age for breeding a female is 18 months.

Miniature & Toy poodle: 2 x excellent from two different judges. Known status of patellar luxation, status 1 allowed if the partner has status 0. Eye certificate cannot be older than 1 year when bred. Also at least one of the parents must be prcd PRA Normal/Clear (A). Minimum age for breeding a female is 18 months.

The breeding regulations (updated in 2013) apply in the club's puppy referral and they have been active for some years without any negative effect.

### **THE SWEDISH POODLE CLUB**

There was 3 600 members 31.12.2013. The amounts have been stable for a long time. In registrations there are drops in Standards and Miniatures (Dwarves).

There are 7 members and 2 vice members in the main board.

The club has 4 local sections: Södra (south), Västra (west), Mellansvenska (Mid Sweden) and Norra (north) which act under the main board. Each year the delegates meet to vote for the people to the main board and to make decisions on various topics sent in as petitions. Each region organizes its own activities and they are responsible for all the shows except The Poodle National.

The PudelNytt is published 4 times/year.

The club organizes shows, obedience trials, puppy training courses, trimming courses etc. There is also breeding counselling and puppy referral lists.

Registrations 2013:

Toy 177, Miniature 447, Medium 366 and Standard 338. In the long run the registrations of standard- and miniature/toy poodles have gone down as a trend.

Health:

There has been total of 62 Medium poodles X-rayed in 2013. Of them, 17 are A and 23 B. There is an X-ray campaign going on in 2014 with Medium poodles sponsored by the club. In 2013 there has been 4 grade E, 2012 2 grade E and 2010 1 grade E.

Standard poodle total amount of X-rayed dogs in 2013 is 149. Of them 85 are A and 43 B. In 2012 and 2009 has been 1 grade E, no other cases of the worst grade has been found.

The club also organizes judging conferences every 10<sup>th</sup> year. The conferences are mandatory to the poodle judges.

### **Other matters**

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#### **Hip dysplasia in medium poodles**

In Sweden there is in 2014 a campaign for Medium poodles hip X-ray. The club has set aside 60 000 SEK for the purpose and the amount per dog ar 600 SEK. The dog must be registered in SKK, no previous X-rays and

the owner must live in Sweden and member of the Swedish Poodle Club. The X-ray must be registered in SKK.

The same procedure was done in Finland 2012 with Elbows & Hips (total amount given ~5000 €).

### Statistics:

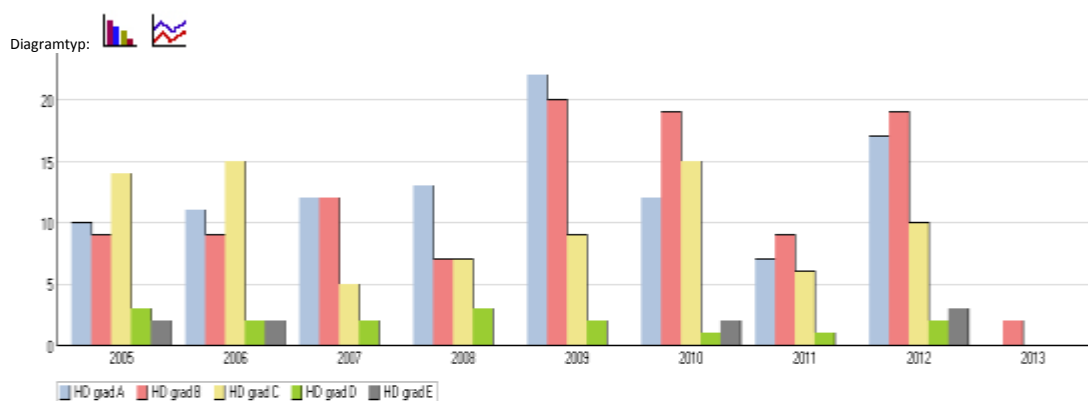
#### Sweden Toy/Miniature/Medium:

Föde

Iseår: yp:

Diagnos		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
HD grad A	10	(26,3 %) 11	(28,2 %) 12	(38,7 %) 13	(43,3 %) 22	(41,5 %) 12	(24,5 %) 7	(30,4 %) 17	(33,3 %)	
HD grad B	9	(23,7 %) 9	(23,1 %) 12	(38,7 %) 7	(23,3 %) 20	(37,7 %) 19	(38,8 %) 9	(39,1 %) 19	(37,3 %) 2	(100,0 %)
HD grad C	14	(36,8 %) 15	(38,5 %) 5	(16,1 %) 7	(23,3 %) 9	(17,0 %) 15	(30,6 %) 6	(26,1 %) 10	(19,6 %)	
HD grad D	3	(7,9 %) 2	(5,1 %) 2	(6,5 %) 3	(10,0 %) 2	(3,8 %) 1	(2,0 %) 1	(4,3 %) 2	(3,9 %)	
HD grad E	2	(5,3 %) 2	(5,1 %)			2	(4,1 %)	3	(5,9 %)	
Totalt antal undersökta	38	39	31	30	53	49	23	51	2	
Snittålder för undersökning (månader)	27	30	24	21	22	21	20	16	12	
Antal födda	1 426	1 298	1 393	1 121	1 173	1 100	1 070	1 098	1 005	

\* Se även gamla avläsningsystemet



#### Finland Medium statements 2009-2013:

Year	A	B	C	D	E	Total
2009	19	3	8	2	0	32
2010	20	8	7	2	0	37
2011	26	11	8	1	0	46
2012	38	31	12	2	0	83
2013	17	15	12	1	0	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>243</b>

#### Denmark Medium 2010-2013:

Total 13 dogs

A 6 dogs

B 4 dogs

C 3 dogs

No D or E grades.

#### Norway Medium 2009-2013:

Total of 154 dogs have been X-rayed during the time slot.

A 74 dogs

B 29 dogs

C 38 dogs

- D 8 dogs
- E 5 dogs

### **Index for hip dysplasia: how it has been introduced in Norway**

Sweden is considering the indexes.

In Finland the indexes are not in use yet.

Denmark has the indexes in use but they are not found in the database reporting at least yet.

In Norway, the Kennel Club made the indexes for a lot of breeds, also the poodle. Indexes are automatically calculated for the dogs if possible and if not, the dog (for example import) is given a so called security number. The combination should not be under 200.

### **Optic nerve hypoplasia and other new diagnosis in our breed**

There has been individual cases of iris hypoplasia in every country but there is no significance yet. In Finland there is statistics available:

#### **Born 1990-2014:**

*From d.o.b. 1990 there is one medium poodle and one toy poodle with iris hypoplasia.*

*7 dogs (2 toys, 2 miniatures, 3 medium) have a diagnosis with hypoplastic/micropapilla.*

*2 medium poodles have microphthalmos.*

#### **2013 checked:**

*In toy poodles, there is 1 suspected cataract case in addition to confirmed diagnosis.*

*In medium poodles, there are 3 cases of Hypoplastic/micropapilla and one case of microphthalmos (the dog has also micropapilla) and 1 case of papillar coloboma (the dog has also micropapilla).*

It was also discussed about Cushings, epilepsy and Finnish Poodle Club's 2013 health survey. The survey results were shown and compared to the epilepsy diagnoses lists (found in FPC's FI web site).

### **DNA-tests available today: fancy tool for breeding or only "nice to know" information**

There are at the moment several laboratories offering different genetic testing for diseases and diversity.

The accepted laboratories in Kennel Clubs at the moment are:

DK: Optigen, Laboklin, Asap, Idexx

NO: Optigen

SWE: Optigen (only blood test)

FI: Under construction, the negotiations are still ongoing with the Finnish Kennel Club. Plan is that some DNA test results will be shown in FKC's database.

Johanna showed examples of the MyDog DNA –results which could help finding the perfect combination for the litter and the color tests and results of the analysis were shown and discussed.

Jytte showed DNA results from the ASAP laboratory (Australia).

Conclusion: some of the tests are useful such as coat colour, NE and von Willebrand but all the results are not necessary to publish (for example the disease diagnosis meant for other breeds).

### **Multicoloured poodles**

In *Norway*, there is problems with registering multicoloured poodles. They can be in "not for breeding" – register. The dogs are registered in special register at the moment.

In *Sweden* the multicoloured are registered with X-marking. It concerns only colour and does not prevent breeding. There has been lots of discussion about multicoloured after Hundsport had an breeder announcement. SPC has made a letter but it has not been published in Hundsport. The letter can be found at the SPC web site. The multicoloured can't be prevented from breeding in Sweden because of the colour. In 2012 was registered 12 multicoloured litters from which 5 litters were from unicoloured parents.

*Danish* Kennel Club registers the multicoloured. The dogs are registered in special register.

Multicoloured puppies born from solid colored parents will be registered with remark "faulty color".

In Finland multicoloured can be registered in normal register and the colour is "multicoloured". There are some difficulties at the moment with online registering because multicoloured can not be chosen. There is statistics available from Finland:

Breed	2013 registered puppies	Total amounts in register
Toy	0	1
Miniature	18	75
Medium	2	10
Standard	0	1

There is couple multicoloured breeders who have litters every year in Miniature poodles. In Medium size poodles the multicoloured are usually from unicoloured litters and sold as faulty. Finnish breeders can not mix multi- and unicoloured dogs in breeding, only use solids for solids and multicoloured for multicoloured.

The Kennel Clubs must go with the FCI regulations for breeding.

In all Nordic countries there are problems which are solved when the multicoloured poodles are officially independent breed for example "parti colour Frise Dog".

### **REC, French poodle club & breed standard update, what will be going on in 2014 in other poodle clubs - hot events?**

Hot Events: In Finland World Dog Show in August, in Sweden Poodle National etc.

Norman Deschuymer (secretary of REC). The copy of the letter is below:

Dear REC members  
Letter received by J.J. Dupas from de Société Centrale Canine

**Mr President,**

**We inform you that at its meeting on 18 December, the Committee of the Société Centrale Canine endorsed the proposal from the Commission and Zootechnical Standards 21 October.**

**In this case, changes in the standard Poodle were validated and sent to the Standards Commission of the FCI.**

**The new standard of "parti colour Frise Dog" was also validated. A book will be open to the Société Centrale Canine to save the dogs registered in a foreign origin recognized by the FCI after confirmation book.**

**However, these dogs will obviously not included in the breed "Poodle" even if their pedigree specified as the standard Poodle concerns only one colored dogs.**

**As regards the award of a second CACS for Toy Poodle variety of the application will be submitted to the next Committee of the Société Centrale Canine on February 18.**

Norman Deschuymer

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There is going to be changes in the breed standard, if approved by FCI. Lena told about some examples of these:

- Red and apricot colours will be only one colour: Fawn. The suggestions from French Kennel club are light fawn – fawn rouge. The problem is with the genetics: red and apricot are not the same colour genetically. The problems arise also with the breed standard translations.



- There has been a request to get 2 cc's to the Toy poodle (in France). Request to get 2 CACIBs for Toy has been made by the French Poodle Club to the French Kennel Club earlier, according to information given at the REC-meeting in Genova, Italy.
- The List of Faults has been moved to "serious faults" or "eliminating faults"
- "Symmetrical" missing teeth have been removed from the fault list and now it only states that 2 missing PM is a serious fault.
- Low tail set has been added to the serious faults.
- Totally rolled tail is now a disqualifying fault.

All the representatives agreed, that REC –membership is a must to find out at least some things that are happening at the moment with the breed.

#### **Next meeting**

Next meeting will be held 2016 in Sweden!

2.3.2014 13:30 Johanna closed the meeting. See you in 2016!