

Referat af Nordic Poodle Konference / minutes of the Nordic Poodle Conference

Saturday 1th. - Sunday 2th. February 2020

Location: Kryb I Ly Kro, Kolding Landevej 160, Taulov, 7000 Fredericia

Participants: Johanna Markola, Jaana Rinkinen, Finland
Tone Rognstad, Eli Hall, Norway
Fredrik Nilsson, Aime Ambrosen, Sweden
Anne Birgitte Schilling, Cindy Holmfred, Denmark

Facilitator: Lene Kildeborg Jakobsen

Purpose of the conference:
- Broadened knowledge of common poodle topics especially national kennel club - and poodle club practices
- Exchange of information about health issues in poodles
- Discussion about sharing data about health issues
- Exchange of information about multi-colored poodles
- Discussion - eventual adoption - about what and how the Scandinavian clubs can/will develop a closer cooperation
- Exchange of ideas about actions taken under the club umbrella (e.g. campaigns, events)

1. Welcome - Anne Birgitte Schinning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of agenda (purpose + duration) participants, + facilitators role
2. What has happened since last conference?

- Update about the national poodle- & kennel Club. (Finland)
Is the Danish Poodle Club interested in asking the Danish Kennel Club to make the breeding database (Hundeweb) public available? (Norway)

JM: in Finland nothing much has happened. We have pretty same things going on.

From the file:

- Members ~ 2000 • 6 members and 2 vice members in board, chairwoman Johanna Markola
- 8 non-independent local clubs
- organizing lectures, grooming courses, obedience/show/agility courses, track racing, mental descriptions, health checks, breeding value examinations etc.
- Local advisors answer general questions concerning poodles and their care.
- Breeding council : the board which uses breeders and specialists for any breeding matters and questions when needed.
- Magazine Puudeli is published 4 times a year
- One specialty show is arranged yearly
- Obedience-, rally-obedience- and agility championship competitions are organized once a year by local clubs
- Club provides financial support for health checks when needed and follows the health situation closely.
- Main problem is to get active volunteers to participate and organize events and happenings.

One very nice happening is the education for poodle fanciers, breeders and judges. We have had two like this. First go through the breed standard, then people are divided into groups and they start to judge various poodles we have collected there as models. We can this way educate new judges and breeders. All dogs are evaluated and then we talk about these dogs, what was good, what was not good and so on. This is also a good way to show people that it is not that easy to be a judge, and maybe they give more value to the work judges do.

- Breeding regulations (Finland)
What is done nationally to avoid/prohibit too much inbreeding?
Does your kennel club accept foreign prcd-tests done by approved laboratories? (Norway)

JM: see the file for regulations.

Nowadays we accept all labs making prcd-PRA.

- Discussion of pure-breed poodles vs the popular poodle crossbreeds (Sweden)

JM: this is a big issue. Mixed breeds are getting a lot of notice and these fashion breeds like labradoodles are getting more popular. There is a lot we could learn from them... How to promote the purebred poodles. We should show more pictures and other material about poodles and how versatile breed we have, in sizes as well as colors.

- Registrations - increase or decrease in the different sizes? (Finland)

JM: see the file, registration numbers are listed. We see a slight increase in the number of standards, a lot of imports and some increase in the number of litters.

- Puppy referral (Finland). Puppy referral rules (Sweden)

JM: For puppy referral, prcd PRA genetically normal or carrier can be used. Carriers can be used only with normal status dog. Affected dogs can not be used for breeding (FCI regulations for breeding).

A dog needs to be ophthalmologically tested before mating/once a year. If the dog is genetically normal or carrier, FPK requires a new ophthalmology test every 2 years.

Breeding regulations can be seen in the file we have added to the FB group.

3. Health issues in poodles

- Mutual information and update about the poodle health situation in each country - patella, hips, elbows, spondylosis, addison, SA, PRA-rcd-4, DM, epilepsi, vWillebrand & NE. How do you nationally register the diseases?(Finland, Norway) What about NE-carriers (Norway) and PRA-rcd4 (Sweden)?

JM: statistics in the file.

- Discussion about the possibility to have same rules for eye examinations in all 4 Nordic countries? (Norway)

4. Multi-colored poodles

- Mutual information about the situation with multicolored poodle in the Nordic countries. (Denmark) Do you have an increased number of registrations? How do you register them? (Finland)

Toy poodle: no litters in 2019. One multicolored female and one black male with multicolored sire were imported.

Miniature poodle: two litters were registered, four multi colored males and two females were

imported.

Medium size poodle: no litters or imports in 2019. Two litters which were born as multicolored, were registered as solid colors (from solid colored parents)

Standard poodle: no litters in 2019. One black female with multicolored sire and brown dam was imported

Multicolored poodles are registered as these can be born also in the litters from solid colour parents, it is important to get the info correct, which dogs can result this. Kennel club has rules for breeders and this is one very complicated issue. Finnish poodle club was talking with the Kennel club representatives about the problems around this issue.

- Is the request from the French Poodle Club to make multicolored poodles to a separate breed denied from FCI or is it still under consideration? (Norway)

5. Optionally new topics for discussion

6. What about more cooperation between the Nordic countries?

- Discussion - eventual adoption - about sending a common inquiry to the French Poodle Club about changing the standard of the tail carriage > curly tail from disqualifying to a serious fault. (Norway)

JM: one very interesting idea was this poodle conference. I was meant to make some more detailed ideas with Fredrik. Some ideas were already there, but then this corona time came and everything remains to be seen....

7. Exchange of ideas about actions taken under the national poodle club umbrella (e.g. campaigns, events)

- Optionally "Walk and talk" workshop with the purpose to come up with and plan joint actions for the benefit of the poodle and its owner

JM: I had a walk with Eli. We were talking for example about the co-operation in making the poodle magazines. We could have more exchange of articles and ads. We talked about how to activate people. I hope the notes are still somewhere as I can not remember all...

These were all in post-it notes, so I hope those are somewhere, or at least a photo :)

8. Completion of the conference

What do you bring with you from this conference?

Action plan?

When and where should the next conference take place?

JM: we are planning to invite Mr Dupas to the next meeting, plan was to have the next meeting in Norway. We had a really good conversation about all poodle issues and we agreed with many things. This is a very important way to cooperate as all clubs are facing the same issues, if not yet, clubs can anyway be prepared to