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#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At its board meeting on 5.6.2024, the Finnish Poodle Club has discussed issues related to the new breed standard of poodles. In the beginning of April, the Finnish Poodle Club asked the chairman of the French Poodle Club, Mr. Jean-Jaques Dupas, for further clarification on some essential points of the breed standard, so that we as an association could make the necessary decisions. However, these questions were not answered.

On Talking Dogs with Ante -live on Wednesday 29.5.2024, Ante Lučin interviewed Mr. Jean-Jaques Dupas. One of the main contents of this interview was, of course, also the new Poodle breed standard and the factors that were influencing it to be changed. In this interview, Ante Lučin raised several key issues. Unfortunately, many important questions remained unanswered, and the interview did not provide further clarification on these issues and the illogicalities of the standard.

The interview confirmed our opinion that the new breed standard has been made too hastily, and we suggest that the breed standard will be reformulated, and its implementation will be postponed.

Poodles are a huge breed globally and the changes now made have a wide impact. Adding new colors will also influence e.g. to registrations, breeding instructions, training of judges and the organization of exhibitions. We also believe that the materials mentioned in the interview, should have been provided by the country of origin before the new breed standard is introduced.

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