

Hochland Dog Club

P O Box 6475, Windhoek



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Attn: Mr Ron Jukes – venron@vodamail.co.za

Dear Mt Jukes

Hochland Dog Club in Windhoek, Namibia was first established in 1977 and over the years has been run by a group of dedicated dog lovers, I myself have been involved in showing almost from the beginning and been a committee member in one capacity or another for the last forty years, and many of our other committee members have invested a multitude of years supporting the club.

Over the years, as with many other clubs, we have seen a decrease in numbers exhibiting especially since the ruling that exhibitors at championship shows have to be KUSA members. In our very small showing community this did affect us very badly.

Covid of course threw a whole upset into the showing world and we therefore missed holding two championship shows in 2020 and 2021. While we have a number of loyal SA exhibitors who for years have supported us here in Namibia the travel restrictions between countries ruled this out.

This year, 2022, we did schedule two championship shows, one under the license of the Windhoek Dog Club, license fees and show schedules had been supplied and approved and show licenses issued, Tania Edwards and Carol Immelmann had kindly consented to judge for us.

However due to the lack of entries and the expenses involved in flights for our judges we had no option but to cancel these shows, which we were very sad to do.

The committee have decided that we now need to try and regenerate interest in the dog showing world and also get newcomers involved and advertise our club to those who may have forgotten that we are here!!

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To this end we plan to hold open shows in October this year and March next year to get the dog loving public and owners of pure-bred-dogs involved once more. Thereafter we will organise our championship show for our usual appointed date in July 2023.

We are well aware of the KUSA ruling that if a club has missed holding three championship shows their next show needs to be a qualifying show, having to do this would really mean the end of our small club as we don't think we would get entries, especially from SA exhibitors to travel all this way for a qualifying show, and we do need their entries to make a proper competition out of any championship show.

Therefore we are most sincerely asking the members of the federal council to grant dispensation to the Hochland Dog Club to hold a championship show in July 2023 and not a qualifying show as rules dictate. We would also request permission to accept entries from exhibitors who are not KUSA members.

Your kind consideration in the continuation of the Hochland Dog Club is whole heartedly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivien Thomson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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SECRETARY

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