

KUSA GSD Liaison Committee Chairman's Report 09/10/2018

I would like to thank the committee for the support I have received during this year. This is our 4th year since our inaugural meeting on the 15/11/2014.

The Grand Victor IGP Schedule was submitted and approved by FEDCO and is known as Schedule 5E 19B. Hopefully we can host a Grand Victor Breed and IGP Show/Trial during 2019.

I am encouraged with the growth we are showing. Our registrations have gone up from 135 during 2017 to this year from January to August 2018 we are already sitting at 147. Our breeding stock numbers have also improved, 2017 15 male and 22 bitches was bred from. In the first 8 months of 2018, 19 males, and 39 bitches were bred from.

Registration before the Liaison Committee was formed in 2013 was 134 and in 2014 it was 212 from this it can be seen the formation of the Liaison committee was a very good decision.

For us to progress and bring our breeding standard up to international standard's we need to implement a minimum breed-show standard of "Good or better" in both our Stud dogs and our Brood bitches. This means that a "breeder" will have to attend at least one Breed show in the dog's lifetime.

As we are dealing with working dogs Working qualifications for Stud dogs are very desirable. But we have to find a happy medium where we can improve the breed and still keep the once off breeder happy.

On the international scene, we are all aware that the FCI has terminated the agreement with the WUSV. What it means for us is that we can no longer convert Federation Pedigrees into FCI recognized pedigrees. As from the 10/05/2018 all Federation dogs that come over to KUSA will have to be accommodated on the Appendix register. All privileges available for dogs on the Breed register is available for Dog on the Appendix register except they can't become a breed champion, nationally or internationally. They are open to be bred from and to compete at world championship level.

The fact that the SV is still allowing their Judges to officiate at Federation events are against the FCI Regulations prohibiting FCI recognized judges to officiate at dissident organization's events. I have asked KUSA to send a letter to the FCI and the VDH bringing this contravention under their attention. We are awaiting the FCI and VDH's reaction to our complaint.

Once again thank you all

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