

Rottweiler Breed Council of K.U.S.A
FEDCO CHAIRMANS REPORT
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These challenging times have certainly affected our sport, all specialist shows have been cancelled/postponed except for the Meridian Rottweiler League who were able to still hold the show prior to the countrywide lockdown in March. We live in a very different world right now and one where we cannot take shows for granted. We may very well be heading for another lockdown or at least a variation on that theme. Having said that clubs are hesitant to invite international judges due to the obvious associated risk.

Having said that clubs are encouraged to invite local judges and to resume activities where possible simultaneously observing the new requirements pertaining to COVID.

We have some progressive proposals on the table and thank the clubs who have taken the time to construct these documents for our consideration. It has been noted that the Breed Standard ryder has not been removed as indicated by the EXCO Chair at the time. We therefore request FEDCO to consider removing it as the FCI standard which is observed in South Africa includes a tail. On that note I again remind clubs that this ryder only refers to dogs who have been docked. If a dog is shown with a tail the tail should be judged.

I would like to remind our clubs and representatives to remain aware of their responsibility of educating non specialist judges on how they should typically approach Rottweiler's during a show. Having said that I again remind our clubs and representatives are equally tasked with educating their club members on proper socialisation and training of dogs prior to exhibition. It is imperative that the perception of our breed is not tarnished after all the hard work that has been completed in the past.

I would like to thank each and every member club, delegate, breeder and exhibitor for the concerted effort during the past year. I would also like to thank FEDCO and especially Jenny Hubbard for your assistance and guidance.

We are mindful of our responsibility to promote the immense working ability of our breed and constantly seek ways to grow this area. I would like to encourage the clubs to host working seminars, trials and training that displays the mental and physical ability of our working breed. Without preserving these aspects of our breed we lose the essence of the Rottweiler. To conclude, the council remains committed to its mandate and will continue to pursue the development of the Rottweiler within the KUSA jurisdiction through the support and input from affiliated clubs and their dedicated membership bases. I would like to thank all the members of FEDCO for their continued support for the Rottweiler and the initiatives that have enabled us to develop our breed to this extent.

Neil Perkins
RBC Chairman