



International Federation of Rottweilerfriends

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Dear Rottweilerfriends,

I refer to the e-mail by the Delegate of the Argentine Rottweilerclub holding the following questions :

- *Ms. Hoffmann, handed over the money belonging to the IFR? . The money he still held in his power irregularly?. The Pienkoss Books and all the historical documentation of the institution?*
- *The former treasurer, Mr. Pedro Pujals, sent the money to the new authorities and closed the official IFR account, on behalf of the IFR, this was not communicated.*
- *Why do we now have a bank account in the name of people and not in the name of the IFR? International Federation of Rottweiler Friends account Nr: BANK: BNP PARISBAS FORTIS, Ridder Portmansstraat 1, 3500 Hasselt HOLDER: VANDECASTEELE-VOS, Kermtstraat 56, 3510 Hasselt Account: BE81 0015 9621 5024*

I will answer these questions in the same order.

1. Yes, all the money was transferred from the German bankaccount to the present bank-account. This was done immediately, on first request after hearing that undisputed elections had been organized.

The Pienkoss-books are still in possession of the family Hoffmann and this is based on an agreement between the IFR-Board and the family Hoffmann.

Mrs. Hoffmann indeed agreed to ship the books to those who order them. The way of working will be exactly the same as before. People can order by e-mail or on-line and pay by bankaccount or credit-card (paypal). Cfr. the IFR-website. Once we learn that payment is done, Mrs. Hoffmann will ship the books.

The alternative, taking the books away from Germany to another country would cause high costs of transport (several tons of books ...) and stocking. This (temporary) solution is in the best intrest of the IFR.

2. Yes, Mr. Pujals has transferred the money from the Spanish account to the present IFR-bankaccount. Mrs. Niemelä is in contact with him concerning the last sum to be transferred.

All Memberclubs will be kept up to date as foreseen in the IFR-constitution (cfr. art. 8.4) ¹

The new bank account was published on the IFR-website and the invitation to pay the Membership fee for 2017 will of course mention the new account.

3. The current bank-account is indeed an account with the following details :

Bank : BNP PARISBAS FORTIS, Ridder Portmansstraat 1, 3500 Hasselt
Name of the account : IFR
Holder : VANDECASTEELE-VOS, Kermtstraat 56, 3510 Hasselt
Account : BE81 0015 9621 5024
BIC : GEBABEBB.

The IFR is an international factual association. This means that legally it does not exist and has no obligations nor rights.

This is the reason why all the banks that we have contacted all refuse to open an account in the name of the IFR as an organisation :

- I have personally contacted two banks in Belgium and both refused.
- Mr. Niemelä Kristiina has tried this in Finland and the bank refused. Even more than this, the bank said they will refuse to accept the transfer from abroad without proof of its origins..
- Mr. Horn (Switzerland) and Mrs. Stepanauskine (Lithuania) confirm that this is the same in their country.

Please remember that even the old bank account in Germany was **not in the name of the IFR but in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann as persons** !. The account was titled "Internationale Föderation Rottweilerfreunde" but the holder of the account was the family Hoffmann. Now the name is "IFR" and the holder is the family Vandecasteele-Vos.

Further : when some years ago, the IFR was selling the Pienkoss books with Paypal, we had to open a bank account to link it with Paypal. I tried to open this account in Belgium in the name of the IFR and this was refused then too.

I then opened an account in Belgium in the name of myself + my wife Kathleen Vos so if something would happen to one of us, the money would not be blocked but would remain available.

It is still this same account that still exists and that is mentioned above ;

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BIC : GEBABEBB.

¹ 8.4

By April 30 of every year a treasury report (all costs and revenues) must be sent to all member countries which have fulfilled their obligations to the IFR including having paid their fees.

The IFR-Board has unanimously decided to use again this same account for the IFR. No transfers from this account will happen without the order and agreement of Mrs. Niemelä (treasurer).

Also, myself and my wife will give a written and signed declaration to the Board of the IFR that all the money on this account belongs to the IFR and is not personal. So should something happen, it would be clear that the money does not belong to our family but to the IFR.

This is the way the IFR Board has unanimously decided to work and I assure you that it is the best and only possible way.

I hope this explanation helps you.

With friendly greetings,

D. Vandecasteele.