

International Federation of Rottweilerfriends

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Dear Rottweilerfriend(s),

I refer to the e-mail of the Delegate of the Argentine Rottweiler club dd. 22.11.2016.

Until now only 13 clubs have answered our questionnaire. As the cooperation we seek for is an obligation for all IFR-Members, the IFR-board decided last Friday to send a reminder later this week, mentioning the clubs that have not yet cooperated.

I am a bit surprised by the question : *“what would be the purpose of this questionnaire and how does this topic follow”*.

Both the IFR-Constitution and the many letters that were sent during the last months will answer this question : the information that we are asking for touches the very heart of the IFR, the reason why the IFR was founded and exists.

The information indeed concerns the conformation of the Rottweiler to the standard, his health, social behavior and his characteristics as a utility breed. The information even concerns the conditions for IFR-Membership. Cfr. art. 2 and 3 of the IFR-Constitution.

As soon as we will have received a representative number of answers, we will make a analysis and synthesis and will work on a report for the next Meeting of Breed Wardens and Delegates, most probably with suggestions for minimal criteria in breeding regulations and breed suitability tests. All Memberclubs will be kept up to date as quickly as possible.

You will later this week receive a draft of adapted regulations for the organization of the Worldshow and of the IFR-Worldchampionship.

You will also receive an invitation for the Meetings of Breed Wardens and Judges dd. 2017.

We are actively in contact with scientists to prepare a sort of educational brochure for breeders about basic genetics and the nature of existing genetic disorders. This should be a first step towards an awareness about breeding conditions to ensure the health of the breed.

We have made 2 drafts of an "Assessment of Social Behavior" and we are now discussing these regulations before we will make suggestions to the Meetings of 2017.

We decided to start up the Magazine again and the next issue is in the phase of lay-out and will be printed shortly.

We have asked and received scientific advise concerning the minimal age of breeding dogs, this as a part of the report we will prepare for the Meeting in 2017.

The money from the bank-accounts were transfered to the new account and as soon as our treasurer will have received all documents from the former treasurer, the financial administration will be updated.

An analysis of the website was made and it will shortly be updated.

We are contacting former IFR-Memberclubs about a renewal of cooperation, possibly even of Membership.

We are preparing a budget and and a proposal for a Membership Fee that is more in proportion to the IFR's needs and the Member Club's means.

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Please remember that this board has only been elected 2 months ago (22.09.2016 !) but we will do our best to work towards the goals that we set ourselves (cfr. our letter dd. 23.10.2016)

Lastly, I must refer to my e-mail of 26.09.2016 to the former Board asking if new clubs were accepted on a provisional basis and if so, to send me the information (application and documents concerning their breeding regulation, breed suitability tests, ...) :

*Mrs. Brink has sent us a copy of recent emails but has communicated that she is not in the possession of any other documents or communications, incl. the applications by candidate Memberclubs that were announced and this also including the application by the ADRK that was announced on a public forum. **In view of the importance of these applications, I dare ask to send these to us as soon as possible.***

I have not received an answer from you. So we must consider that such applications and/or provisional acceptances do not exist.

I will therefore only address the Delegates mentioned on the IFR-website.

I do add that we have a positive contact with the President of the ADRK and will keep our Memberclubs up to date on this.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the Board of the IFR,

D. Vandecasteele,
President.