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CROPPED/DOCKED DOGS OF BREEDS CUSTOMARILY CROPPED/DOCKED

Referring to our two earlier publications, dated 17/12/2015 (Dobermann) and 4/1/2016 (Cane Corso) and the cancellation of FCI circular 85/2002 announced on 24/12/2015, the FCI General Committee conducted a detailed study of the situation which arose following the publication of some breed standards which were amended on basis of the standard modifications by the countries of origin of the breeds concerned.

Taking in consideration the importance of our breeders’ interest and in order to provide clear guidance to our FCI judges as well as avoiding judging malpractice, the FCI General Committee made the following decision:

1. **Countries where a ban on showing cropped/docked dogs exists**: in this case, the laws of the country being the highest authority, there is no possibility to show, at FCI sanctioned events, cropped/docked dogs of breeds customarily cropped/docked.

2. **Countries where no ban on showing cropped/docked dogs exists**: in this case, dogs of breeds customarily docked/cropped can be shown without any restriction, whether cropped/docked or not, at FCI sanctioned events, and there cannot be any discrimination, from the judges, between cropped and non-cropped dogs and between docked and nondocked dogs.

This measure applies from the date of its publication until December 31st, 2024.

We request the FCI members and contract partners to inform the breeders, the dog owners, the judges and show organizers in your country about this decision.