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Open letter from the board of SPKK

Dear friends,

We would first and foremost like to complement all breeders in ČR and the club KPPPK to an excellent work with the rescue of Pražský Krysařík.

As the breed now has spread across the world, the need for international cooperation has increased. Since the Swedish Pražský Krysařik Club was founded, we have been working hard to establish a good connection with KPPPK. An exchange of information and statistics has been our biggest wishes. We have repeatedly sent letters and emails, but haven't received the response we hoped for.

However, we were invited by KPPPK to a meeting in Řásná in July 2010. The objects for the meeting were: international cooperation, problems in breeding and application to FCI for breed recognition. SPKK sent three representatives from the board, of by whom one was an interpreter.

The meeting was unfortunately very unprofessionally handled, and in short it was all about scaremongering (as we now understand, but didn't know at the time of the meeting), with the purpose that all participants would approve a new organization. A paper was sent around in the room, and a representative for each country was supposed to sign it to show which countries that has Pražský Krysařiks, so that the application for recognition would be sent to FCI by ČMKU. So imagine our surprise when we a month later received the notes from the meeting in Řásná, which stated that we had approved statutes and a preparatory board for this new organization at the meeting. This never happened.

The statutes that the new organization "IAPK" now are using, are also in direct conflict with the statutes that we, as an FCI-associated club of breed, has to follow. We have tried to explain this to the people in charge several times. Why start an international organization with statutes that eliminates an international membership, and why even start an organization that isn't needed? In addition, we recently found out that the initiative to neither the meeting in Řásná nor the creation of IAPK has been rooted with KPPPK, but is only a private project. We fully support KPPPK and an international cooperation, but we cannot support something that has been created on a false foundation with manipulation and lies.

We also heard that representatives from KPPPK have taken credit for the breed approval of Pražský Krysařik in Finland. The breed has actually been approved in Finland for more than a year, and the approval had nothing to do with KPPPK. It was only approved due to the Nordic cooperation between the kennel clubs (NKU), which is a great example of how cooperation should be handled. The fact that representatives from the board of KPPPK claims otherwise is under all critique. This is just an example of how a few people are abusing the good name of KPPPK, and sadly they are destroying the credibility of what could have become a good and rewarding cooperation.

We always had the greatest respect for the board of KPPPK and for the knowledge of the breed and breeding that we believed to exist, but we now understand that there are huge lacks of knowledge in the present board concerning both non-profit organizational knowledge and of breeding. We have several times offered our help, even the Swedish kennel club (SKK) has offered to help our breed. Unfortunately, the current "leaders" of KPPPK seem to be too proud to realize when it is time to let go of the gunwale and reach for the helping hand.



Now, after more than three years of trying, we feel that we have done all that we can concerning getting a cooperation started between the clubs. We have realized that KPPPK since a few years are controlled by a few people that are not interested of exchange of information over the borders. These people also have a big influence at your "bonitations", and we are very puzzled by this conflict of interest, which would never be approved in Sweden.

We certainly welcome an equal and honest cooperation that gives opportunities to share information and important statistics.

We want nothing else than to work together to save the breed Pražský Krysařík!

Important information from the Breed Council of SPKK

The opinion of the Breed Council of the Swedish Pražský KrysaříkClub is that for the breed to move forward, the international cooperation has to move forward, i.e. an increased exchange of information about the population status in different countries. When you are breeding and the breed is under construction, you have to constantly keep in mind the genetic variation in the population, and ensure that this does not decrease too drastically.

It means that you must see to it that as large part of the population as possible are used for breeding. The Swedish Pražský KrysaříkClub has for a long time been asking KPPPK for information on the population status in ČR, which is the country with the biggest population. This information is important to enable compiling of statistics, which then form the basis for breeding recommendations.

We have neither received the desired information nor any statistics from KPPPK, but according to our calculations, (based on the registered stud dog use in ČR), the situation is alarming. We have reported our statistics to your "Head of Breed", but without response. This is for us a clear indication of large knowledge gaps in the area of population genetics.

At the meeting arranged in Řásná (where breeding was supposed to be discussed), all participants were asked to eliminate dogs larger than 22 cm from breeding. Nothing was said about the importance of genetic variation or other important items from a population genetic point of view. To give the withers such a major impact on the future of the breed, and to say that Pražský Krysařík can be implemented in the breed Russkiy Toy, is not only false claims but also devastating to the continued restoration of Pražský Krysařík. Each part of a breed standard should be considered just as valuable in determining a dog's value in breeding; you cannot prioritize one exterior detail of a breed that is under construction. Changing the exterior through breeding is done relatively fast, but restoring loss of genetic variation is impossible.

All modern research shows how devastating the loss of genetic variation is of a population, not to mention how it affects the individual.

We therefore ask you to take part of all modern research findings and build breeding recommendations based on those, instead of with obsolete breeding traditions carve away large sections of the population in favor of the temporary exterior benefits (which you may not even manage to extract).

If there truly are fears for interconnection with Russkiy Toy or other similar breeds, the priority in breeding should be on healthy, strong individuals of good mass, real rathunters instead of fragile accessories.

Regardless of size, color and exterior advantages and disadvantages, the health of the individual and the breed must always be the first priority.



If you have any questions or reflections, whether it's about breeding, dogs in Sweden, exports and imports, statistics, club cooperation or other dog-related issues, you (breeders, owners and friends of the Pražský Krysařík), are always welcome to contact SPKK by email or phone.

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You can also contact Helena Janková, vice president of KPPPK, who will forward any inquiries to SPKK.

With hopes of a brighter future,
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