



## FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE - FIFe

Hrušovany n/J, 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2017.

Dear members of the FFH Board, dear Alfred, dear Stephanie,

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter, sent by email, received on 28.02.2017.

We wish to state that sending your reply does not have any suspensory effect on the instructions as issued to FFH by the Board in our letter of 26.02.2017, namely:

- 1) to synchronise their breeding rules with the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules
- 2) to revoke all their documents and forms regarding the subject breeding permission, including their publication on and availability for downloading from the FFH website
- 3) to cancel any scheduled event and refrain from organising any future event intending to obtain breeding permissions issued by FIFe Judges
- 4) to forward the letter we sent (and this one) to their affiliated clubs
- 5) to publish the letter, which we sent on the News page of the FFH website.

Please confirm to us for each of the above 5 instructions if they have been effectuated by FFH, the latest by 24.03.2017. If we will receive no reply or an incomplete or unsatisfactory answer, this will be considered as disobeying instructions from the Board by FFH and will be forwarded as a separate case to the Disciplinary Commission for their recommendation.

**After reading your letter we order FFH to stop misinterpreting FIFe rules and the continuously mixing up registration, breeding and showing of cats, these are different matters.**

We would like to answer the questions you raised in your letter of 28.02.2017 as follows:

1. *Does a FIFe Member have the right to control the implementation of the FIFe rules regarding the approval of a cat for breeding?*  
Yes, however we advise FFH to focus more on educating their breeders rather than controlling them.
2. *If yes, which possibilities are available?*  
In the context of the Breeding & Registration Rules chapter 3 (Breeding conditions), FIFe Members have the right to require a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian before a cat is permitted for breeding.
3. *How can article 4.6.2 of the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules be applied?*  
This article is very clear and only deals with the registration of cats imported from non-FIFe organisations and cannot be applied in any way to enforce breeding permissions for these cats. For example: the first paragraph states "*the importing FIFe Member decides on the reliability of the non-FIFe organisation*" which refers to the quality of the issued pedigree (correct application of genetic principles) and not to the (breeding quality of the) cat itself.
4. *Can these cats be checked before they are registered?*  
Yes.
5. *If yes, in which context?*  
Only if the EMS code of the cat imported from non-FIFe organisations does not genetically correspond with the EMS codes of its parents. This check can never be considered as an obligation to obtain a breeding permission for any cat. Imported cats must be registered, the original pedigree must be respected, however errors in the pedigree need to be corrected (refer to article 4.6.2).

We remain with our best regards and kindly request you to send us a confirmation of receipt of this letter.

By order of the Board,  
Annette Sjödin - President

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