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The matter: The declaration of disagreement with change of the country of origin of Tibetan Spaniel and Shih-Tzu breeds.

Dear FCI General Committee

We would like react to the resolution of the FCI General Committee from 18th and 19th March 2015, in which the proposal of China to change the country of origin of Tibetan breeds was accepted. According to that, China is suppose to be presented as the country of origin instead of Tibet. The resolution to change the patronage of certain breeds from FCI to China is to be discussed on higher level. As you may know this unprecedented decision stirred up an outrage among breeders and owners of Tibetan breeds not only in the Czech Republic but all over the world. The president of FCI in his reaction to this issue (from 23rd June 2015) said that any changes of standards are implemented on the basis of approval by Standards and Scientific Commissions FCI. We are astonished that the change wasn't discussed with each member of FCI or at least with the Great Britain as the country of patronage of most Tibetan breeds. It was decided basically on the request of one state, which has no relationship of patronage to these breeds.

We're very much aware of the fact that Tibet is considered as part of China, but it doesn't mean that Tibet doesn't exist anymore. Tibet has traditions, history and culture of its own and it cannot be erased from history of humankind just like that. It has happened in history of FCI that it was necessary to update or adjust a breed standard a bit. The breed no. 332, the Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, can be great example. His country of origin is now not existing Czechoslovakia. In his Standard it is referred to as former Czechoslovakia.

We are also very concerned that China will change the names of breeds because of its politics against Tibet after overtaking the patronage. Tibetan Spaniel could become Chinese Spaniel.

We're convinced that the decision of General Committee FCI to change the country of origin wasn't right thing to do and should be revoked.

Best regards,

In Prague 30th June 2015

The chairman of The Club of Tibetan Spaniels



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