

**Letter of Understanding**  
**between the**  
**Fédération Cynologique Internationale**  
**and the Kennel Club**

**WHEREAS** the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) and the Kennel Club (KC) share the common goals of promoting and protecting, in the case of the FCI, pedigree dogs and in the case of the Kennel Club, all dogs; and

**WHEREAS** the parties hereto have in the past cooperated to a certain extent in carrying out this object and have been acting pursuant to certain informal agreements made from time to time for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS** it is agreed that the relations between KC and FCI and its member registries should be explicitly written with a view towards future cooperation;

**NOW**, this letter of understanding encompasses the mutually agreed basis for the relationship between the parties as follows:

- 1. The KC, where it recognises the breed in question, will recognise the pedigree of any FCI registry that meets KC requirements and that wishes to have such recognition.**
- 2. In so far as it is lawful, the KC will give exclusive recognition to the FCI registry in any country in which there are multiple registries provided that these registries meet KC requirements and the FCI will give exclusive recognition to the KC's registry in the United Kingdom. For the time being this will not include Malta and China.**
- 3. The KC will not register any dog, or issue a pedigree to any dog, born in an FCI member country whose registry the KC recognises, until that dog has been registered in the FCI registry in that country. No dog born in the UK will be registered, or have a pedigree issued, by an FCI member registry unless the dog has been registered by the KC in the United Kingdom.**
- 4. Each of the parties agree that when any information comes to its knowledge which might reasonably affect or be useful to the other party (KC or FCI judges suspension, amended standards, etc.), it will immediately communicate such information to the other party.**
- 5. The FCI and the KC will endeavour to agree on the conditions to make their respective judges eligible to officiate at events sanctioned by them (FCI and KC).**
- 6. The KC will not sponsor or support any event for dogs in the country of a current FCI member without the express permission of the FCI member. The FCI will not sponsor or support any event for dogs within the territory of the United Kingdom without the express permission of the KC. For the time being this will not include Malta and China.**



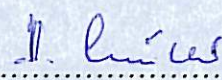
7. While the KC is not an FCI member, the FCI has graciously agreed to permit the KC to participate in its World or Section Agility, Utility, Obedience, etc. Championship Event provided that this participation does not prevent representative teams of FCI member organisations from taking part. The KC teams may win the competition but are not eligible for the title of FCI Winner at these events.
8. The FCI agrees to send to the KC headquarters all revised breed standards and the KC agrees to send to the FCI headquarters copies of all revised breed standards. The FCI and KC will discuss health issues connected with breed standards on a regular basis.
9. FCI members are allowed to refer to the title of UK Champion by using the abbreviation "UK Ch + name of the dog".
10. Except with the agreement of the KC, the FCI will not register kennel names of breeders living in the UK and, except with the agreement of the FCI, the KC will not register kennel names of breeders living in countries where the FCI has a member, which the KC has accepted.
11. The terms of this letter of understanding are agreed to by the parties listed below. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon reasonable notification to the other party.

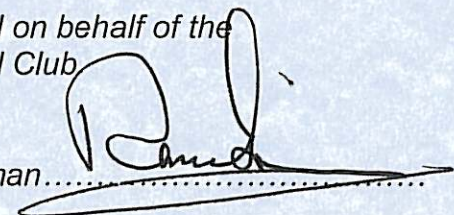
Signed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May

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Signed on behalf of the  
Fédération Cynologique Internationale

Signed on behalf of the  
Kennel Club

President ..... 

Chairman..... 

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