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FCI Guidelines for awarding the CACIT at International Rescue Dog Tests

These regulations supplement the Standing Orders of the FCI and the **International Testing Standards for Rescue Dog Tests of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) and the International Rescue Dog Organisation (IRO)** with regard to these trials at which a "Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Travail de la FCI" ("CACIT", award for the titles of „FCI International Working Champion" can be awarded.

For these events a fee is charged by the FCI, the amount of which is determined by the General Assembly of the FCI. This fee is due on receipt of the application to hold the CACIT event, even if no CACIT was awarded.

1 BASICS

Every FCI member is allowed to organize CACIT trials according to **the International Testing Standards for Rescue Dog Tests of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) and the International Rescue Dog Organisation (IRO)**. The members are solely responsible for determining at which trials the CACIT can be awarded and have to send an application to the FCI to get a CACIT trial sanctioned by the latter.

The FCI members must be informed about the CACIT trials sanctioned by the FCI through an official schedule.

The trials which have been sanctioned by the FCI must be designated as follows: "**International Trial with Attribution of the CACIT of the FCI**". The catalogue of these trials must be clearly marked with the FCI logo and the following expression: "**Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)**".

2 APPLICATIONS

Applications to organize a CACIT trial sanctioned by the FCI must be sent to the General Secretariat of the FCI and to the person in charge in the Rescue Dogs commission latest 3 months before and earliest 4 years before the date of the trial through the FCI member. The Rescue Dogs commission draws up the calendar of the events and sends it to the FCI Office for distribution to all the members and contract partners of the FCI.

The discipline (Rescue) i.e. the regulation on the basis of which the CACIT is awarded must absolutely be indicated on the application.

3 RESTRICTIONS

The FCI will only authorize trials to be held on the same day provided that these events are held at an air distance of at least 200 km i.e. there must be at least 200 kms between 2 trials in this discipline (Rescue). Otherwise the approval can be given provided that the organiser who first submitted an application gives his consent to the second applicant.

No CACIT trial in this discipline can be held on the day of the World Rescue Dogs Championship.

4 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS / ADMISSION OF DOGS

Micro-chips (ISO-standard) and tattoos are accepted equally for the identification of dogs. If in the relevant country there are no scanners for reading, the participant has to bring his own scanner.

The different "competition levels" can be organized in the frame of a CACIT trial sanctioned by the FCI but the CACIT can only be awarded in the highest level (RH-F B, RH-FL B, RH-T B, RH-L B, RH-W B).

The entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the evidence from the respective canine organisation that the dog can take part in the requested level.

5 AWARDS

The only dogs which qualify for the CACIT or Reserve CACIT are those which:

- have obtained at least the qualification "VERY GOOD" in a show,
- have obtained at least a qualification "VERY GOOD" in the trial in question. The CACIT is not automatically linked to the qualification.
- appear, according to the FCI Breed Nomenclature, as breeds subject to a working test in groups 1, 2 and 3 (Rescue)

6 CONFIRMATION OF THE CACIT

The CACIT proposals are issued by the appropriate judges. The final confirmation will be made by the FCI. It is up to the FCI General Secretariat to check whether the dogs proposed comply with the requirements for confirmation of the CACIT (with the exception of the requirements expressed at point 5).

JUDGES

Only the judges authorized by their national organization to judge in this discipline (Rescue) may carry out judging and evaluation of dogs. They are obliged to judge in accordance with the valid FCI regulations.

A judge can only officiate in another country after he has been authorized to do so in writing by the FCI member upon which he depends.

A judge must be informed well beforehand about the number of dogs he is scheduled to judge. It is the responsibility of the trial organiser to send these information as well as information concerning the place and date of the event in advance and in writing to the judge.

Judges' fees depend on the individual regulations of the inviting national organisation or on a written agreement between the judge and the trial organiser. The judge must be informed about the fee arrangements on receipt of the invitation.

8 CHIEF STEWARD AND ASSISTANTS

During his work a judge must always be assisted by a chief steward or the necessary assistants. These people have to be fluent in the preferred language of the judge, which must be one of the four working languages of the FCI. These people must have a good knowledge of the FCI regulations as well as the special regulations of the country where the trial takes place. The organizer is not allowed to entrust any person who takes part in the trial with the task of looking after a judge.

9 ENFORCEMENT DISPOSITIONS

Each organizer of a CACIT trial has to follow the FCI regulations and the rules and laws of the relevant national kennel club, member of the FCI. These rules cannot be in contradiction with the FCI regulations.

These regulations have been discussed and elaborated by the FCI Rescue Dog Commission in English and German. In the event of disputes (especially concerning translations in the other languages) the English text is the authentic one.

These Guidelines were approved at the meeting of the FCI General Committee in Luxemburg, March 2009 and are valid from September 1st 2009.