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Statement from the Icelandic Kennel Club

Regarding the incident at the Russian Annual Sighthound Show, which has been discussed and published extensively on the internet recently, the Icelandic Kennel Club wants to make the following observation:

The Icelandic Kennel Club deeply deplores the fact that a dog, in, what appears to be, a health threatening condition, was awarded “Best of breed” at the Russian Annual Sighthound Show recently. This unfortunate incident happened despite the clear principal rule that dogs’ welfare and health must be of **UTMOST PRIORITY** at all dog shows. This rule applies to all international dog shows and is stated in Article 4 of the regulations for FCI dog shows.

We sincerely hope that his sad incident, that drew attention and criticism, will make everyone give the matter their careful consideration and always have the general health and wellness of the dogs as a primary matter. That applies to all involved; exhibitors who are responsible for the welfare of the dogs they handle, judges who put up those dogs and organizers who must ensure compliance and react when necessary.

One of FCI’s main goals is to promote welfare, well-being and protection for dogs worldwide. It is our sincere hope that all FCI member countries will stand together preventing an incident like this from happening again in the future.





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