

## **Information about breeding your Stabijhoun with a foreign female Stabijhoun, artificial insemination and/or puppies going abroad.**

As many of you know, the Stabijhoun can now be found in several countries outside of the Netherlands.

There is a Stabyhoun Association in each of the Scandinavian countries and, since 2006, there also is a Stabyhoun Club in North America now.

Mid 2011 the first meeting of the joint Stabijhoun Associations took place and, since then, the Breeding Advisory Committees of all the countries have been working together intensively and have come to a number of guidelines.

These guidelines were made to make sure that our Dutch stud dogs will be used in a responsible way in the combinations with foreign bitches, either through natural breedings or Artificial Insemination, (A.I.) in order to ensure the health and future of the Stabijhoun population.

### **How do we work together?**

We need to use more Dutch stud dogs from different bloodlines with foreign bitches in order to diversify the Stabijhoun gene pool. It is also extremely important that breeders of new litters place puppies with new owners who are interested in breeding with their Stabijhoun in the future.

It is important to use many different Stud Dogs in order to make sure that there will not be too many offspring of certain individual bloodlines in a particular country, which would make healthy combinations in the future there nearly impossible because of inbreeding and/ or health problems.

We therefore decided that:

- “The breeder in a foreign country will file a request with their local Breeders Advisory Committee (BAC) for a natural, or A.I. breeding with a Dutch Stud Dog.
- The BAC from that country will then contact the Fok Advies Commissie (FAC) in the Netherlands and they will then look at the proposed combination together, first for possible health risks and secondly to determine its value for the diversification of the Stabijhoun gene pool in the foreign country.

- It is possible that the Dutch FAC could suggest a different Stud Dog, in case they feel there might be a health risk in the proposed combination, or if the requested Stud Dog, or a close relative, has recently had a breeding in that particular country already.
- The Dutch FAC will then contact the owner of the proposed Dutch Stud Dog and inform him/her about the request for a breeding with a foreign Bitch.
- If the owner of the Dutch Stud Dog agrees with this, the Dutch FAC will then forward his/her address to the foreign BAC, so they can pass this on to the owner of the foreign Bitch (the Breeder).
- The foreign breeder can then contact the owner of the Stud Dog to discuss when they expect to come to the Netherlands with their Bitch in season, or

**In case of Artificial Insemination (A.I.) the Dutch FAC will supply the owners of the Stud Dog with information about:**

- The procedures concerning artificial insemination, including the expected costs associated with this.
- The available specialized A.I. clinics in the Netherlands.
- The necessary forms for the shipping and customs clearance of the packaged semen. The owner of the foreign Bitch, and/or the foreign BAC is however ultimately responsible for selecting their preferred shipping method and for providing the necessary documentation for the shipping and customs clearance of the packaged semen.

Owners of Stud Dogs in the Netherlands may therefore not be contacted directly by a foreign breeder and/or breed association. This can only happen after the Dutch FAC has made the initial contact with the owner of the Stud Dog, who must then approve to share his/her contact information with the foreign BAC that requested this information.

Under no circumstances will the Dutch FAC give its approval of a certain breeding combination, but they will only share information with the foreign BAC about potential health issues of the proposed Stud Dog, his parents and his siblings. Based upon this information the foreign BAC and the future breeder will then decide to go ahead with the proposed breeding combination or not.

**Pups going abroad?**

We also discussed with the foreign Breed Clubs that we will look for puppies in the Netherlands that can add value to the Stabijhoun gene pool in Scandinavia or North America.

The Dutch FAC, or the Dutch Puppy Intermediary Service could therefore possibly contact a breeder that is expecting a litter and ask if he/she would be willing to let a puppy go abroad. If you, the Breeder, are interested in doing this, we will then inform the foreign Stabijhoun club about this. We will again help the breeder with the necessary papers, travel regulations and in finding the best airlines to be used.

This carefully selected puppy will most likely be used to secure a healthy Stabijhoun population in the foreign country. And, who knows, some day in the future a breeder in the Netherlands may use your bloodline again through your puppy that emigrated years ago!!