

# **Agreement of Co-operation**

**Between the**

**Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)**

**And the**

**Internationalen Schnauzer-Pinscher Union (ISPU) e.V.**

15. October 2005

## **Preamble**

The Fédération Cynologique Internationale – henceforth referred to as FCI – is worldwide the leading cynological umbrella organization for breeding and training of dogs of all breeds. It has its current headquarters in Thuin, Belgium. According to its by-laws, it is subject to Belgian law. Its members are national kennel clubs that are to carry out its goals as put forth in the by-laws.

In accordance with its by-laws and the FCI breed standards 181 – 186, the Internationale Schnauzer-Pinscher Union e. V. (ISPU) – henceforth referred to as World Association - endeavors to supervise worldwide the Pinscher and Schnauzer breeds it represents. The ISPU headquarter is located in Remscheid, Germany, and is a registered association according to German law. Its members are national clubs, which endeavor to put into action the goals of the World Association as put forth in its by-laws.

Both parties to the contract intend to support each other in all cynological areas and for this purpose have come to an agreement as follows:

### **§ 1 Legal Foundations**

1. In order to reach the goals of this contract, as put forth in § 2, the parties are obliged to exercise their influence worldwide in the FCI, its agencies, institutions and member clubs on the one hand, and on the other hand, in the World Organization, its agencies, institutions and member clubs.
2. The World Organization does not gain the right to membership in the FCI on the strength of this agreement of co-operation and cannot do so in the future. FCI membership is restricted to national breed clubs.
3. The FCI does not gain the right to membership in the World Organization on the strength of this agreement of co-operation and cannot do so in the future. Membership in the World Organization is restricted to national breed-specific clubs.
4. FCI and World Organization recognize and respect the particular clubs and associations of each organization. The parties to the contract endeavor to further them to the best of their ability.
5. The World Organization strives that its member clubs are themselves members of the FCI through their national umbrella organization. This applies only to countries in which the FCI has accepted a cynological organization as member.
6. The FCI will only sign one such contract of co-operation per breed-specific world organization.

## **§ 2 Common Goals**

Within the framework of the contract, the parties to the contract strive for the following cynological goals:

1. The World Association observes and implements the worldwide FCI Standards of its breeds, as determined by the country of origin.
2. Worldwide establishment of the temperament (disposition) and performance abilities as required in the breed standards.
3. Worldwide preservation of the working ability.
4. Worldwide implementation of criteria for breed-specific good health.
5. Co-operation in fundamental cynological issues, especially those of national or international political significance.
6. Drafting the preceding goals in a breed-specific addendum if a detailed regulation is needed.

## **§ 3 Accepting New Members**

1. Both parties to the contract strive to make sure that the member clubs of the World Organization will become members of the FCI by gaining membership in their respective national kennel clubs that are affiliated with the FCI.
2. In order to co-ordinate future cynological interests, the parties to the contract will keep each other informed regarding the respective national situation of applicants for membership of new kennel clubs into the FCI and breed-specific clubs into the World Organization.
3. In this context, the parties declare their intent to provide access to their existing contacts in those countries in which the other party to the contract is not yet represented and thus help to mutually support and expand their respective spheres of influence.

## **§ 4 Solution of Problems**

Both parties to the contract are cognizant of the fact that in certain isolated cases problems between the existing organizations might arise. These problems may essentially be rooted in differences on a national plane and may have a variety of causes. Both parties to the contract declare their intent to endeavor to solve such problems with mutual

agreement. However, should a short term solution not be reached in spite of honest efforts on both sides, both parties to the contract will continue their mutual co-operation, excluding those isolated problems on which a consensus has not been yet reached.

### **§ 5 Effectiveness, Duration and Termination**

This agreement becomes effective with the signature of the parties to the contract. It will stay in effect until one of the parties rescinds it in writing. In that case, the agreement is terminated six months after receipt of the written notice of cancellation.

Dortmund, Federal Republic of Germany, 15. October 2005

FCI

Hans Müller – President  
(Signature)

ISPU

Rüdiger Ahrendts - President  
(Signature)

Acknowledged by the regional office (Landesverband) of the FCI in charge of the standard:

VDH  
Uwe Fischer - President  
(Signature)