



# **Cooperation Agreement**

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# Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)

and the

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#### Preamble

This Cooperation-Agreement provided for as a framework agreement between the FCI and all the world associations in question, whereby any World Associations should be active on at least two continents

At present time, the FCI is the leading umbrella organisation for cynology in the world related to breeding, training (hunting, working, utility etc.) of dogs of any breed. Its headquarters are situated in Thuin (Belgium). According to Art.1 of its Articles of Association, the FCI is submitted to the Belgian law. Its members are national Kennel Clubs which endeavour to realise the objectives of the FCI, as set by its Articles of Association, within their area of responsibility, at their respective national level.

According to its own Articles of Association, the World Association for Irish Red Setter has the ambition to promote the breed it represents worldwide on the basis of the FCI standard N° 120 / 02.04.2001. Its members are national breed clubs which endeavour to realise the objectives of the World Association, as set by its Articles of Association, within their area of responsibility at their respective national level.

Both parties to this agreement have the intention to assist and support each other in all areas of cynology and enter, for this purpose, into the following agreement:

#### § 1 Legal basis

- 1. The parties undertake to assert their influence for the purpose of implementing worldwide the objectives of this agreement -according to § 2- within the FCI, its bodies, institutions and member associations as well as within the World Association for Irish Red Setter, its bodies, institutions and member associations.
- 2. The World Association shall not acquire any membership rights in the FCI by way of this cooperation agreement either now or in the future. Membership of the FCI is reserved exclusively for national Kennel Clubs.
- 3. The FCI shall not acquire any membership rights in the World Association by way of this cooperation agreement either now or in the future. Membership of the World Association is reserved for national breed-specific clubs.
- 4. The FCI and the World Association recognise and respect the clubs and associations amalgamated in the respective organisations. Both parties to this Agreement shall try to promote their individual interest as far as possible.

- 5. The breed club members of the World Association have to be member of their national kennel club member of the FCI. This applies exclusively to the countries where the FCI has a national kennel club as member.
- 6. The FCI will not enter into a cooperation agreement with more than one World Association representative of a breed/breeds.

#### § 2 Common objectives

The parties to the agreement declare their intention to achieve the following cynological objectives within the frame of this agreement:

- 1. to guarantee the worldwide application of the FCI standard of the breed(s) as established by the country of origin.
- 2. to secure worldwide the essential working ability and temperament characteristics required by the standard for the breed in question.
- 3. global preservation of fitness for use
- 4. to meet with any health requirements within the breed in question worldwide.
- 5. Cooperation on fundamental issues of cynology, especially those of significance with regard to national or international political importance

In case the objectives listed above require detailed regulatory provisions, such provisions shall be covered by an additional agreement specific to the breed in question.

#### § 3 Admittance of new members

- Both parties to the agreement shall endeavour to ensure that the breed clubs members of the World Breed Association be recognised by the FCI by having applied for or received membership with their national canine organisation, which itself is a member of the FCI
- 2. In order to achieve a consolidation of cynology interests for the future, the parties to the agreement therefore shall inform each other about to admitting new Kennel Clubs or new specific breed clubs as members
- 3. In this context, the parties also declare their willingness to inform the other party of existing contacts in those countries where the latter does not yet have a presence in order to support and assist together in the expansion of their respective sphere of influence.

### § 4 Solving problems

Both parties are fully aware, that isolated problems could develop. In principle the reason for these could be caused by different opinions at a national level or else on completely different grounds. Both cooperation parties declare their willingness to find a solution by mutual agreement in order to eliminate such fields of problems.

### § 5 Effectiveness, duration and termination

This agreement shall enter into force at the time of signing by the parties.

This agreement shall remain in force unless one of the parties explicitly requires the termination by written notice. In that case, the agreement will expire six months after the receipt of the notice of termination.

For the FCI

For the International Irish Red Setter Club - I.I.R.S.C.

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