



REPORT OF THE FINNISH LEONBERGER CLUB 27.9.2014

The Finnish Leonberger Club has 595 members. In 2013 31 litters was born with 210 puppies, 9 puppies was imported. Average litter size was 6.8 puppies. These 31 litters was produced by 25 breeders. These puppies were born out of 30 different females and 25 different males.

The Club organized its special Club Show in May. Invited judges were Per Kristian Andersen, Natalia Romanova and Olli Kokkonen. Best of Breed was Skjaergaardens Profumo Di Abruzzo and Best of opposite Sex was Maxigor Morisette.

Finland had the pleasure to host the FCI World Winner Dog Show in August. Best of Breed and World Winner 2014 was Amicus Optimus Antonius from Russia and Best of Opposite Sex and World Winner 2014 Lempoileijonan Yks Cuklaacilma from Finland. Judges were Jean-Paul Kerihuel (FR) and Peter Machtetanz (DE). In total 102 Leonberger dogs were entered in Show.

The Club will organize in early October a two day breeder's seminar and is happy to see that almost all breeders have confirmed their participation. Topics to discuss are: general health and breeding problems, DLA survey as a tool for breeding, basics in genetics, the standard — how to read it, type and movement.

The Breeding Committee has re-written and submitted the new Breeding Regulations to the Kennel Club. Currently the Club is waiting for the response and approval of the program by the Kennel Club. The Club did not suggest any major changes to the regulations except an increase in the allowed amount of offspring for males. Currently the limit is 40 puppies and new suggestion is 50 puppies per male.

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