Report of the DCLH for the meeting of the International Union for Leonberger Hounds 2014

Dear Delegates of the Clubs and members of the executive committee, In terms of content the German Club for Leonberger Hounds can look back on a very successful year 2013/2014.

Approximately 2200 members are being looked after in 12 successfully working national committees with lots of leisure facilities. The number of members stayed constant during last year despite the hard economic times. The process of modernization in the member administration was successfully continued by Miss Yvonne Natterer and Mr. Paul Geuer in 2013/2014.

In the last year we had a slight fall in the number of members taking part in our lively program of dog shows. The DCLH is organizes approximately 30 shows and nearly 10 special shows per year. The Leonberger is still often one of the top five in the registration numbers in the shows of all races.

The financial situation of the DCLH is good. The modernization of the club house in Leonberg is at the center of our efforts. In 2014 and 2015 we will repair the roof of the club house.

Last year the fight against polyneuropathy type 1 and type 2 was at the centre of the efforts of the club again. The DCLH is happy to have the chance to use the test for polyneuropathy type 2. In December 2014 it will be not allowed to breed with dogs which have a D/N - test-result in type 2. The results were obtained from the University of Bern.

In the year 2013 417 puppies were born in 58 litters of puppies.

The following results exist in the evaluation of HD in dogs of the birth cohort 2011:

A 41 dogs B 12 dogs C/D/E 9 dogs

It's a pity-only 10 percent of all dogs of the birth cohort 2011 were x-rayed.

571 puppies were born in 81 litters of puppies in the year 2014.

The club is making a great effort to usefully regulate the breeding at different stages. Some examples are:

- Mr Daniel Krebes and Mrs. Nathalie Mayer are being trainer to become a special judges.
- There are training course offers for new breeders. -
 - "Kormeetings" and evaluations after breeding
- The breeder of the DCLH can use male Leonberger dogs, which are older than 10 years, for breeding activities. It should ensure that we breed long living, healthy and active dogs.

To conclude I can mention that there will be new elections of the executive committee of the German Club in the next main meeting in spring 2015. It's sure nearly all members of the current executive committee are ready to continue the work for the matters of our Club. And I'm sure there are very good conditions to get the votes of the members for the next 4 years.