

Leonberger Club, New Zealand - Annual report
September 2014
Leonberg, Germany



It is with regret that we cannot attend today's meeting, as you know the distance is great, but we are certainly with you in spirit.

Our committee remains keen and focused on driving the club forward. We held a successful Championship show earlier in the year with Mr Chris Quantrill (UK) judging. It is fair to say that his generous help and critiques give us valuable insight to our future choices and direction with breeding here in New Zealand.

We have seen the passing of many of our elderly Leos this past couple of years. They have been the foundation blocks of our Leo population and their demise underlines even more how dependent we are on the wider world for your support in the supply and import of new genetics. As you all know the geographic remoteness of New Zealand makes our breeding programmes here extremely difficult. We just cannot travel across continents to do matings. We rely heavily on the generosity of breeders around the world to help us out and we take this opportunity to publicly thank those who have done so in the past.

I feel this is also an opportune moment to ask for consideration regards the rulings on artificial insemination. We, here in NZ would appreciate more leniency in this field and feel by harmonizing guidelines and regulations across member clubs and countries we could achieve incredible synergy in the future of Leonbergers worldwide.

We keep actively supporting a social momentum for our club members despite the geographical challenges of our small country. I make mention of these social events to help you all understand that the majority (90%) of our members are not show people. We find that having assorted social gatherings throughout the year creates a healthy and cohesive environment, helps keep our membership growing and fulfils all of the objectives in our club Constitution.

Thankyou

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