

Thuin, 4 May 2023

Dear FCI Members and Contract partners,

Dog welfare and health has become a major topic in our Society and the FCI has found itself in the centre of the debates on different occasions, being targeted by politicians or extreme animalist groups.

The time has come to show again, our unconditional commitment to Dog Welfare and Health !

<u>As indicated to you on January 27th, 2023</u>, the FCI will hold a Seminar and Workshop FCI BOAS Seminar and Functional Grading Workshop in Oslo (NO), with the essential and precious help of our member, Norsk Kennel Klub. It will take place on June 20-21, 2023 just outside Oslo, at the Conference Center «X meeting point» (Kragerudveien 50, N-2013 Skjetten, see <u>https://www.xmeetingpoint.no/en</u>)

Please do not hesitate to send between 3 and 5 experts in the field of BOAS; they will have the opportunity to attend the Seminar and get familiar with Dr Jane Ladlow's functional grading scheme. Only veterinarians can attend the practical Workshop in Day 2.

Upon their return to their homeland, they will be able to teach their colleagues in their own country, based on the «Teach the Teacher» principle.

DO NOT MISS THAT GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOUR NATIONAL CANINE ORGANISATION AND ALL ITS STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE TOOLS TO FACE THIS VERY SERIOUS AND THREATENING PROBLEM !

Hotel bookings have to be made using the following link <u>by May 20th, 2023</u>: <u>https://events.provisoevent.no/xmeetingpoint/events/nkk-fci-boas-seminar--functional-grading-workshop/register/cat/c485d864-4159-4cae-bb7f-3a4f2f84e9ea</u>

The participation to the Seminar and Workshop is free of charge, except for the travelling and accommodation expenses.

For your complete information, the whole event will take place in English.

For any practical/organisation questions, please contact renate.sjolie@nkk.no

The programme of the Seminar and Workshop is attached to this invitation letter.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Oslo!

Best regards,

Dr T. Jakkel FCI President Y. De Clercq FCI Executive Director

PROGRAMME, FCI BOAS Seminar and Functional Grading Workshop

DAY 1

10.00: Welcome

NKK by General Secretary Agnes Beate Steen Fosse and Head of the Executive Board Tom Martinsen

10.10: Introduction

FCI by President Tamàs Jakkel

<u>A.M.</u>

10.20: BOAS: patophysiology and recognition Jane Ladlow, MA Vet MB Cert SAS, Cert VR, DipECVS MRCVS

11.00: The RFG-scheme

Jane Ladlow, MA Vet MB Cert SAS, Cert VR, DipECVS MRCVS

11.30: Break

- 11.45: Surgical techniques for treating BOAS Thomas Sissener, DVM DipECVS
- 12.30: The Kennel Club -how to implement Fern McDonnell, Health coordinator The Royal Kennel Club

13.00: Lunch

<u>P.M.</u>

- 14.00: Implementation, usage and effects of health screening Åke Hedhammar, DVM PhD DipIECVIM
- 14.30: Breed Specific Instructions (BSI): Assessments of breathing distress in the show ring Astrid Indrebø, DVM PhD
- 14.45: Different approaches around the countries including legislation Brenda Bonnett, DVM PhD

15.30: Break

15.45: The effect of a ban

Jakko Broersma, Raad van Beheer / The Bulldog Club Netherlands

16.15: Experiences from Norway

Wenche Lagmo, The Norwegian Bulldog Club

16.45: Break 15 min

- 17.00: Panel debate / round table
 - Delegates from the kennel clubs

20.00: Dinner

DAY 2

09.00-11.30: Practical training on dogs for BOAS-grading

11.30: Lunch

12.30-15.00: Practical training on dogs for BOAS grading

Groups of up to 10 veterinarians per lecturer, grading all four grades (BOAS grade 0, I, II and III) on all three breeds (English bulldogs, French bulldogs and pugs).

Lecturers:

- Jane Ladlow, DVM DiplECVS
- Thomas Sissener, DVM DiplECVS
- Tonje Trinterud, DVM DiplECVS