



NORDIC POODLE MEETING

Minutes from the Nordic Poodle Clubs' conference 27-28 February 2016, Stockholm, Sweden

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The meeting started with Madeleine Bergendahl wishing Denmark, Finland and Norway welcome to Sweden and the 5th Nordic Poodle Meeting, beginning in 2009.

Membership and Registration numbers

Denmark: 680 members as of 31.12.2015

Registered Poodles 2015:

43 litters of Toy Poodles
41 litters of Miniature Poodles
21 litters of Medium Poodles
16 litters of Standard Poodles
Total: 121 litters (compared to 103 litters 2014)

Apr. 41% of all dogs in Denmark are registered in DKK

Finland: ~ 2 100 members 2015

Registered Poodles 2015:

197 Toy Poodles
437 Miniature Poodles
299 Medium Poodles

84 Standard Poodles

Norway: 1353 members 2015 (compared to 1350 the year 2014)

Registered Poodles 2015:

83 Toy Poodles (compared to 111 the year 2014)
115 Miniature Poodles (compared to 149 the year 2014)
155 Medium Poodles (compared to 169 the year 2014)
262 Standard Poodles (compared to 265 the year 2014)

All sizes are decreasing in Norway

Sweden: 3328 members 2015 (compared to 3445 the year 2014)

Registered Poodles 2015:

145 Toy Poodles (compared to 156 the year 2014)
464 Miniature Poodles (517)
329 Medium Poodles (307)
387 Standard Poodles (297), an increase of 30% from an extremely low number 2014

All the Clubs have regional sections that take care of for example, member activities, competitions and conformation shows.

Health 2015

Denmark: mandatory to register health results in official Danish registry

Hip dysplasia

11 Standards x-rayed; 10 A, 1 B
3 Medium x-rayed; 1 A, 1 B and 1 D
3 Miniatures x-rayed; 2 A and 1 C

Elbow dysplasia

7 Standards were x-rayed for ED; all Normal

Patella Luxation

8 Toys; all status 0-0
8 Miniatures; all status 0-0
5 Medium; all status 0-0
1 Standard; status 0-0

Eye examination

1 Toy; Normal
3 Miniatures; all Normal
3 Medium; 1 Normal, 1 Distichiasis and 1 Cataract

Finland:

Hip dysplasia

5 Toys examined; 5 A (100%)
42 Miniatures examined; 27 A (64%), 15 B (36%), 0 C, 0 D and 0 E
76 Medium examined; 24 A (32%), 30 B (39%), 20 C, 2 D and 0 E
43 Standards examined; 27 A (63%), 10 B (23%), 3 C, 3 D and 0 E

Elbow dysplasia

2 Toys examined; 2 Normal (100%)
34 Miniatures; 30 Normal (88%), 4 grade 1
65 Medium; 62 Normal (95%), 2 grade 1 and 1 grade 2
29 Standards; 27 Normal (93%), 2 grade 1

Patella Luxation

74 Toys examined; 66 Normal (89%), 6 grade 1, 1 grade 2 and 1 grade 3
195 Miniatures examined; 180 Normal (92%), 12 grade 1, 3 grade 2 and 0 grade 3
117 Medium examined; 108 Normal (92%), 7 grade 1, 2 grade 2 and 0 grade 3
17 Standards examined; 17 Normal (100%)

Eye examination

118 Toys; 88 Normal (75%), 0 PRA, 29 Distichiasis (25%), 3 E. Cilia, 0 Cataract and 0 RD
268 Miniatures; 177 Normal (66%), 0 PRA, 85 Distichiasis (32%), 4 Ec. Cilia, 6 Cataracts and 0 RD
166 Medium; 123 Normal (74%), 0 PRA, 37 Distichiasis (22%), 1 Ec. Cilia, 3 Cataracts and 0 RD
64 Standards; 61 Normal (95%), 0 PRA, 2 Distichiasis (2%), 0 Ec. Cilia, 1 Cataract and 0 RD

Finnish Poodle Club will compensate the ophthalmologist test in all sizes of Poodles which are at least 8 years old and have been used for breeding. The club will reimburse 25€ per dog from 2016.

Spondylosis

1 Toy; 1 Normal
6 Miniatures; 6 Normal
17 Medium; 17 Normal
8 Standards; 7 Normal and 1 grade 2

Norway:

NPC is from 2016 reimbursing members that will register health results with NKK with a certain amount of money.

Hip dysplasia 2014 and 2015

9 Toys; 7 A and 2 B (0 % HD)
15 Miniatures; 9 A, 4 B and 2 C (13,3 % HD)
91 Medium; 34 A, 26 B, 22 C, 7 D and 2 E (34 % HD)
184 Standards; 132 A, 40 B, 9 C and 3 D (6,5 % HD)

Elbow dysplasia 2014-2015

1 Toy; 1 Normal
0 Miniatures;
27 Medium; 21 Normal, 3 grade 1 and 3 grade 2
84 Standards; 78 Normal, 5 grade 1 and 1 grade 2

Patella Luxation Aug. 2013-2015

57 Toys; 51 Normal, 4 grade 1, 2 grade 2 and 0 grade 3
81 Miniatures; 77 Normal, 4 grade 1, 0 grade 2 and 0 grade 3
93 Medium; 89 Normal, 4 grade 1, 0 grade 2 and 0 grade 3
No Standards
It is still voluntary to register in Norway, so we see in general only good results.

Eye examination 2014

Toys; 24 Normal, 25 Distichiasis/E. Cilia, 6 Cataracts and 1 PHTVL/PHPV
Miniatures; 55 Normal, 38 Distichiasis/E. Cilia, 3 Cataracts and 1 PHTVL/PHPV
Medium; 48 Normal, 16 Distichiasis/E. Cilia, 4 Cataracts and 2 PHTVL/PHPV
Standards; 72 Normal, 8 Distichiasis/E. Cilia, 8 Cataracts and 1 PHTVL/PHPV

Sweden:

Hip dysplasia examined 2014-2015

During 2014 SPC reimbursed the members with 600 SEK for each Medium Poodle that was hip x-rayed.

171 Medium; 44 A, 62 B, 46 C, 16 D and 3 E (38 % HD)
247 Standards; 142 A, 68 B, 29 C, 7 D and 1 E (14,9% HD)

Elbow dysplasia examined 2014-2015

64 Standards; 61 Normal, 2 grade 1 and 1 grade 2

Eye examination

197 Toys/Miniatures/Medium (2013-2014 year of birth); 176 Normal, 15 Distichiasis/E. Cilia, 0 Cataract, 2 Optic nerve hypoplasia, 3 PPM and 1 Vitreous prolapse.
99 Standards (2007-2015 year of birth); 90 Normal, 7 Cataracts and 2 Entropion

Other diseases like SA, Legg-Perthes, epilepsy, Addison and NE (Neonatal Encephalopathy) were also discussed and Norway mentioned that they have many Carriers of NE in their database. Most of the Clubs keep a registry of reported diseases for the members to share.

Breeding regulations

Denmark: Requirement is that dogs has to be Optigen tested. Only A and AB can be used in breeding. A can be bred to not tested.

Finland: Registration; No Kennel Club health or show regulation except for FCI-rules.

Puppy referral from FPC; Eyes: Toys, Miniatures and Medium; Once before mating, and after that once a year. The dogs which are Optigen PRA prcd Clear or Carrier or if one of their parents is genotypically Normal, eye examination every 2 years. Affected dogs can't be used.
Standards: eye examination every 2 years. There are certain eye diagnoses that exclude the animal from breeding,

Patella: Toys, Miniatures and Medium; 0-1, the partner must always have result 0. Grade 2 or worse is not allowed

Hips: Medium: Recommended but not mandatory. If x-rayed, A-B allowed and C in special cases.
Standards: A-B allowed and C in special cases.

SA-test for Standards is recommended but not mandatory.

Official show result or approved B.V.E. are required for all sizes.

Norway: For registration in NKK the only requirement is hip x-ray for Standards

Puppy referral from NPC: Hips: Standards; only A and B, total index of more than 200 is recommended for the combination. Medium; A, B and C, but C can only be bred to A or B. Elbow x-ray is recommended for Standards.

Eye examination within 1 year before breeding for all sizes*. Toy/Miniature/Medium: one parent must be A for PRA-prcd and B can only be bred to A and Patella examination: grade 0 or grade 1, and 1 can only be bred to 0.

Official show results; 2XExcellent are required for all sizes

Age: 24 months for Standards and Medium and 18 months for Toy and Miniature

*Changed to within 2 years before breeding after the Nordic Poodle Clubs' conference.

Sweden: Standards; Mandatory for registration: Parents must be X-rayed for hip dysplasia. Health regulations for HD; lowered in Oct. 2014 from level 3 (only normal hips) to level 2, (known status).

For Puppy referral SPC only allows A and B. Eye examination is not required. Show result at least VG

Toy/Miniature/Medium; Eyes; Mandatory for registration: Prcd-PRA, only A & B are allowed for breeding

Puppy referral: Show result at least VG

Eye examination at 18 months and after 5 years

Age: 24 months for Standards and 18 months for Toy/Miniature/Medium

From 1st June 2016 *new* puppy referral rules: Toy & Miniature; Patella examination required and Medium; must be x-rayed for Hip dysplasia, no specific result required, but general SKK regulation

(no E-hips and not D to D) must be followed and SPC's recommendation is that C-hips are bred with A- or B-hips.

Breeding between sizes

Denmark: All sizes can be bred together and puppies are registered in the size of the mother.

Finland: Toys and Miniatures can be bred together, only Medium to Medium and Standards to Standards. Puppies are registered in size of the mother.

Norway: Standards only to Standards, NKK register matings between Toy-Miniature and Miniature-Medium, not Toy-Medium, but for puppy referral from NPC only Toy and Miniature (dwarf) can be mixed, Medium only to Medium.

Sweden: Toy/Miniature/Medium can be bred together according to SKK's breeding regulations, but the SPC only recommends Toy to Miniature. Standards can only be bred to Standards.

Solid/Multi color

Denmark: DKK does not register multicolored Poodles with FCI-pedigree. If a puppy from 2 solid Poodles is multicolored it will be registered as faulty colored and cannot be used for breeding and shows in Denmark.

Finland: FKK gives full registration to multicolored Poodles, but they can only be bred with other multicolored Poodles. Multicolored Poodles registered 2015: 1 Toy litter and 1 puppy from solid colors, 1 Miniature litter and 1 puppy from solid colors, 2 Medium puppies from solid colors and no Standard litter.

Norway: No restrictions from NKK on mixing of colors – most mixes are also allowed for puppy referral. We encourage people to know what they are doing, and contact our breeding committee if they have questions. Multi colored puppies are registered with breeding restrictions if they have 2 solid parents. Multi colored dogs with FCI-pedigree can be registered with breeding restrictions.

Sweden: SPC's policy states that only solid colored Poodles should be used for breeding and only solid colored litters and parents are referred on the lists. SKK register multicolored Poodles marked with an "X" on the pedigree, meaning "non-standard conforming color", but they have no breeding restrictions since SKK claims that it would be against the SKK's "Breeding Policy". 29 (3%) multicolored Poodles out of 980 totally Toy/Miniature/Medium were registered 2014 and 26 (2,8%) out of 938 during 2015.

We noted that the countries have different approach to the issue of multicolored Poodles.

Breeding Specific Strategies

Denmark: No

Finland: Yes, since 2007

Norway: Yes

Sweden: Yes

Over size/ Wrong size/ Measuring

Denmark: Measuring is not mandatory, only done if one would like to change size. Results will follow the dog to the new size.

Finland: Measuring is not mandatory, an actual Toy registered as a Miniature or an actual Miniature registered as Medium can't be shown and changed before 15 months, but a Toy or Miniature that has overgrown can be changed at 9 months, results will not follow the dog to the new size

Norway: Measuring is not mandatory, results will not follow the dog to the new size

Sweden: Mandatory measuring at every show between 9-15 months, results will follow the dog to the new size

The Nordic Poodle Clubs would like to have the rules for measuring combined for the Nordic countries somehow and would like to address the NKU in this matter.

REC

The President of the French Poodle Club, Jean-Jacques Dupas has in a letter to countries involved suggested that the REC, (European Poodle Clubs Union) would be dissolved. The Nordic Poodle Clubs have sent a letter to Jean-Jacques Dupas saying that we agree to the decision and hope that we still can cooperate in the future.

Next meeting

Next meeting of the Nordic Poodle Clubs will be in Denmark and Charlotte Linneberg hopes that it can take place already 2017.

Summary

The Nordic Poodle Clubs have many similar challenges, so it is very beneficial to meet and share our experiences. The key outcome of this year's meeting was to try to get a common way of handling the measuring of the smaller Poodle sizes.