



## Wafdal

### News from the committee November 2019

Dear Members!

Here is the first News from the Committee, which we hope to send out a few times a year.

First of all, I'd like to apologize that the agenda from the meeting this year come rather later after the Meeting in Bratislava the 15. August 2019.

As you probably know a new board was elected, and we are proud and ambitious to lift the inheritance from earlier boards of directors.

WAFDAL's history goes back to mid-70s, when Dalmatian enthusiasts established an organization with international cooperation. It has taken a lot of time and energy to create a network of countries and overseas members has been associated. The name has changed and the active people as well over the years. We send our grateful thanks to all those that have worked for years in the organization.

Today, we have a working committee covering aspects of health and a committee mainly consisting of breed specialists that has commented the standard and given feedback to the changes that have been for the last two decades. The standard with comments as you find it on the website was written by the Croatian Kennel Club who hold the standard as the breed is a Croatian national breed.

The main work in the organization in the past few years has been the show and the meeting, which has been held every second year. The goal is to organize the specialty show together with one or more international shows to make the travel for WAFDAL worthwhile with a possibility for more experiences the same weekend.

Also a very nice website has been established and maintained covering interesting subjects of special interest for the breed.

A lot of effort has been put into negotiations with the Croatian Kennel Club to accept WAFDAL as an official partner in matters that concern our breed. This work will be continued.

There have been some open meetings along with the WAFDAL shows over the years covering subjects as health investigations and specific subject as dwarfism, LUA dogs, the Dalmatians as a working dog. As well a meeting with the committee and members delegates has been held the day before the official show.



For a few years the organization has been quite inactive with the exception of the show but it does need a lot of work to make things happen.

The shows the last years has been well visited and this gives a basic possibility to meet breed enthusiast and make new friends.

At the meeting in Bratislava there was a suggestion for change of statuettes. As the suggestions was not send out early enough for the delegates to study, it couldn't be decided at the meeting. Instead we to send it for all the member countries. The changes suggested in an attached document to this newsletter. The suggestions were made by Oleg Fintora.

Please read, consider and send your vote for the secretary Ursula Voitle; [dalmi@vol.at](mailto:dalmi@vol.at) **last day to give your vote is the 31.01.2020.**

You are welcome to contact anyone from the committee for a discussion if you have comments or questions about this matter.

We want to make the WAFDAL event even more interesting as we want to invite for a new kind of event at the meeting in 2021.

We'll arrange a meeting with panel debate over the standard with known breed specialists in the panel. This will be of interest for everyone that has passion or commitment to the breed. This includes the typical dog owner, breeders, skilled specialists and judges who want more knowledge about the breed.

In addition to this we want to have a meeting with discussion over some specific health issues that will be of interest for all participants as our breeding covers many countries and the genes often travels around with a tremendous speed. We hope to invite local experts as veterinarians or genetics specialists who has a main interest in a specific subject.

These ambitions mean that the meeting needs to be a day longer and this gives a larger opportunity for a gathering in informal style, where friendships and relations can be made. We could meet over a glass of wine or beer and some affordable food. Ideas for small sessions as obedience training, demonstration of special subject or craft as how to do dog lines or collars could be an evening event, please tell us if you have an idea.

On behalf of the committee - Charlotte Jenvall, Chairwoman