

Prague Ratter deserves the recognition!

That our two national breeds have been provisionally recognized by the FCI, you know from the pages of our canine magazine. But do you know how it all happened with the Prague Ratters? It is obvious that the walk through the rose garden was by no means. Finally, see for yourself...



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The Prague Ratter is undoubtedly considered our oldest and smallest national breed. It boasts an absolutely unique genome and has been recognized on the basis of the so-called effective population. Hardly anyone has any idea what these technical terms mean. So not only about their importance, but also about a lot of other necessary steps in this process, we will talk with the chairman of the Club of Friends of the Dog of Prague Ratter Bc. Helena Janková. And that this interview is more than interesting, so you can "take poison."

Mrs. Janková, I would like to congratulate you on behalf of our entire editorial office for the success that all breeders and your whole club have succeeded. Provisional recognition of the FCI breed is a good step forward. How do you perceive this?



It is nice. Thank you for myself, the Ratter breeder and our club. Yes, after thirty years since the first entries in the Czech stud-book, it is the culmination of one long stage of regeneration and breeding

of the breed, when we now have some sort of certification and roofing for the world's largest canine organization. We now belong to the "official" FCI breed family.

Personally, I think that the stage, when we were a purely original, Czech and "only" national, had its place in development and magic. Over the years, we have evolved and sometimes have changed abruptly in parallel with the entire society and Czech cynology.

Of course, international recognition will expand the opportunities for exhibitors worldwide and make it much easier for breeders in all FCI member countries. Breeding and exhibitions will be governed by the regulations of the FCI and will no longer be subject only to the (un) will of individual national kynologických organizations to cooperate and support national (FCI still unrecognized) breeds.

Could you tell our readers what exactly the provisional word means?



Provisional recognition is the first step towards a definitive recognition that a Member State can apply for at least five generations and no earlier than ten years after provisional recognition. During this time, the health, numbers and development of the breed are monitored worldwide.

For temporary recognition of a new breed, a member of the FCI requests the international recognition of new breeds to comply with the FCI conditions. The FCI Bureau decides on it after the advice of the FCI Scientific and Standard Committee.

FCI breeds are temporarily recognized in the breeding books of the member countries, they can be exhibited and judged at international exhibitions organized by the FCI, they can obtain the CAC title (and also the World Dog Show Winner, Section Exhibition Winner - Europe, Asia and the Pacific, America and the Caribbean) but not CACIB (until final recognition). In addition, pedigrees of dogs of these breeds must bear the FCI logo.

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Even more pleasing to the Czech kynologu brings the fact that it succeeded at two national breeds (Prague Ratter and Chodsky dog) at once. Are you in closer contact with the kennel dog club? And did you help each other with something?



Despite the diversity of our breeds, we have several links. For example, the DNA DNA profiles of our breeds are kept by the same genetic laboratory (and gave us a similar expert opinion). We were subject to the same requirements in the same time sequence. We have consulted and coordinated progress on many united issues. During my personal consultations within the FCI General Assembly (GA) with the representatives of the commissions, the secretariat or the FCI Bureau or during the promotion at the CMKU booth, it was always both breeds simultaneously.

But the whole process was certainly not a pink orchard. How long did it really last and what was needed to prove?



The Club of Friends of Dogs of Prague Krysari and Club of Friends of Chodsky dog through the Czech-Moravian Cynological Union filed a request for provisional recognition of these Czech national breeds at FCI in 2011/2012. There were many dozens of steps and intermediate steps, stops, turns and jumps before we stumbled to the finish. It would release the whole article. Many and many ungrateful intense ant work done by a few enthusiasts for the thing. It's like every other human activity. So, I deeply appreciate anyone who has been willing to contribute positively to the process of recognition, instead of grinning forever.

Nonetheless, the specific framework and requirements required are determined by the appropriate FCI procedure: after at least twenty years of registration with a national organization, a minimum of eight families shall be supported by a third generation of unrelated (at least two males and six females, two different litters born within five years) , DNA tests showing the purity of the breed, questionnaires regarding health, behavior and nature, and of course the FCI breed standard in one of the official FCI languages.

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I wonder if there was any seemingly difficult problem to solve during the approval process.



The worst were the delays caused by the procedural setting of the recognition process (various authorities, different deadlines for notification / consultation / notification / official report...). Meanwhile, personnel changes as a result of the elections and their impacts, the unavailability of official records, the mismatch of unofficial reports.

Different settings of legislative rules in individual countries played a great role in inter-club international cooperation and at the same time different organization of canine and breeding.

It is also not possible to notice a certain form of the Prague Ratter with a Russian toy. Wasn't this a thorn in the eye of the Russian breeders, for example?



This is perceived very individually. I do not think that the owners of RT (which is already FCI recognized) somehow basically storm against PK. By the way, according to the available information, Russia records the highest number of offspring every year in the Czech Republic and Sweden. Even the opposite theory can be heard - many of the rats who have been abused to develop a Russian toy. Anyway, the Ratter has its own unique history and had to meet very hard demands to be provisionally recognized. Similarity exists, visual and character differences also provably.

The Prague Ratter was also recognized on the basis of the so-called effective population. What can we imagine under this term?



It is at the GC and subsequently the GA FCI in China, the newly adopted proposal of the FCI Scientific Committee. "Alternatively, instead of eight family groups, the Scientific Committee accepts a listing of the pedigrees of the new breed, including the reference population and its ancestors over three generations. It is generally believed that the effective population size should be greater than 50 to 100 to maintain reproductive health in the short term (Frankham et al., 2002). During the ten-year interim recognition period, measures should be taken to maintain population variability. "

Likewise, your breed is said to have a totally unique genome. These are many really professional expressions for ordinary doggies. Would you tell us more about this?



Our club collaborated through the Genomia lab to map the genome genesis of dog breeds. The project was funded and funded by the British laboratory of the Mars Veterinary Corporation. The aim of the project was to determine the dog breed from an unknown sample. It maps the genome of

each breed, looking for common features of the breed that distinguish it from others. Twenty-five mucosal swab specimens from typical mutually unrelated breeders had to be evaluated for project needs.

How much were breeders involved in the whole process of recognition?

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Did the commission have any reservations or conditions for modifying the standard? And how much has been involved in it in recent years?

In the meantime, the FCI demanded a revision of the standard into a "model format" uniform for all breeds. The Commission gradually made some recommendations. Most concerned the form (eg percentage or proportion) or led to simplification of interpretation and understanding. From our side, changes were made in line with the Czech standard update.

The second Saturday in April was a show of breeds Prague krysarik and Chodsky dog, which were also present representatives of the scientific committee FCI Mr. Oliveira and Leroy. What were the preparations and how many dogs were shown here?



Preparations were hectic, because we are told that everything else is already properly accomplished and confirmed, they were very close to the next possible observation on the spot. breed inspections live in home country. So there was a month to organize a trip for the representatives of the two commissions so that our breeds could be voted on at the FCI Bureau meeting after an amendment to the alternative assessment of the new breed population on GA was approved in China in late April.

What criteria were used to select the dogs that presented themselves at this event? Or could everyone login?



All of the character-balanced Prague rats had the opportunity to showcase their full standard of health and exhibition condition. There were over ninety individuals from all over the country and abroad registered. Breeders arrived, who considered a landmark and an honor to take part in the event.

The show showed the equilibrium of individuals and width in terms of age, type of hair and colors, commented on history, current breeding and club activities, cooperation and promotions, was shown the rat bear in a position with a comment by an international judge with emphasis on breeding specifics (and differences from similar breeds), named breeding conditions, breeding statistics presented, information on the unique genome, breeding abroad and activities with krysarik. Delegates' questions were answered and thanked to all present. Not everything originally planned and prepared was used, but everything was done. The program was flexibly adapted to the weather and the expectations of FCI representatives. Their positive evaluation report was the final document of the recognition procedure.

Would there be anything that would be good or appropriate to mention this?

It should be borne in mind that the Prague Ratter is above all our unique national (albeit temporarily FCI recognized) breed and we are the guarantor and we must as a country of origin strive for a lasting priority position in his breeding.

Finally, try to tell us what our smallest national breed is waiting for now?



Certainly, the rats will continue to enjoy all aspects of life as gently as they can, regardless of their appreciation.

If the bipeds are drawn into some official club events, then they can take part in the Special Show and Bonitation in KD in Hostoun near Prague on the holiday weekend of 20 - 21 July 2019.

Thank you for a very beneficial and interesting interview.

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