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To the President of the FCI, the General Committee of the FCI, the Members of the Standard Commission of the FCI and the President of the China Kennel Union (CKU)

re: Transfer by FCI of the 4 Tibetan Breeds under the authority of the China Kennel Union

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We regard the recent decision of FCI to transfer the 4 Tibetan breeds - the Do Khyi (FCI), the Lhasa Apso (patronage Great Britain), the Tibetan Spaniel (patronage Great Britain) and the Tibetan Terrier (patronage Great Britain) - under the authority of the CKU as an unprecedented move.

First of all, this move has been unprofessionally as well as unfairly managed by FCI as we are not aware of any consultations between the FCI and The Kennel Club in this matter - the latter holding the patronage of three of these 4 Tibetan breeds.

Secondly, the highly controversial issue of two different breeds being judged under the same FCI standard - the ancient Do Khyi / Tibetan Mastiff (230) and the newly created molossoide and long coated Chinese Zang Ao - has not even been addressed by the FCI, although a detailed written expert proposal to split both breeds has officially been put on the table by the then FCI Vice-President already four years ago (see 'Zang Ao / Do Khyi Memorandum' of June 28, 2011).

We are of course aware of the fact, that the move itself follows the country-specific logic of the FCI and its Full Members, but the way the process was handled by the FCI does not look like being in any way appropriate, inclusive or embracing as far as the two above issues is concerned, not to mention being responsive to the interests of the wider world of the Tibetan breeds people.

What we as the German KTR - the world's oldest club for all four Tibetan breeds within the FCI - expect from you is to officially and publically confirm to the huge global fraternity of breeders, exhibitors and friends of the 4 Tibetan breeds throughout the world that the cultural Tibetan heritage of these four

autochthon breeds will be fully honoured and stay unquestioned, and the valid FCI standards of these four breeds will be untouched going forward so that their integrity can be preserved for the future.

We are looking forward to receiving your response re the above.

We have asked our own national Kennel Club (VDH) to fully support us in this highly sensitive matter and to make sure that the necessary principles of honesty, transparency and respect towards the achievements of the dedicated Tibetan breeds people from all over the world will properly treated.

Sincerely

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(KTR-Chairwoman)