



Statement on recent dog diseases in Norway

The highest priority for us is the health of the dogs, both the participating dogs and the dogs living in Austria.

We have waited with our statement on the current cause until all details have been completed, as we can make our decision regarding participation only on the basis of the facts established by the Authority and the veterinarians.

For the FCI IGP World Championship 2019 in Schwechat one participant from Norway is registered. The Norwegian dog in question has been in Austria for more than a week and was examined clinically and by laboratory diagnostics on Sunday, 8 September 2019. The dog is absolutely inconspicuous, due to the acute course of this undetermined disease, it can be assumed that the dog is disease-free.

Both the veterinarian of the event and the responsible veterinary office closely monitor the situation.

We are in intense and constant contact with both the veterinary office and the municipality Schwechat.

When the illness became known the following measures were taken immediately:

- The Norwegian starter was not allowed to enter the stadium and surroundings.
- The dog has been extensively checked far from the stadium and separately from all others (large blood test, clinical and laboratory diagnostic tests).
- We have received a certificate from an animal clinic in Norway that no such case of illness has occurred within 100 km from the place of residence of the Norwegian starter.

Although there is no ban on entry of Norwegian dogs by the Austrian authorities, not only the participating dog, but also the visitors' dogs are subject to a check.

If the Veterinary Office or veterinarian had given any reservations, the Norwegian dog would not have been allowed to enter the stadium or remain in Schwechat for any longer.

Both the official veterinarian and the veterinarian responsible for the event have no reasons and doubts that the dog will not participate in the event.

As further information, the statement of the city administration Schwechat: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10156146350142331&id=339332192330