As exhibition manager of the IHA Oberwart 2022 I would like to welcome you and your four-legged friends, wish you a pleasant stay and much success.

I would like to familiarize you with some regulations/measures which have been stipulated by the authorities, the observance of which is necessary and which should contribute to the good success of this exhibition:

- 1. smoking is prohibited in all exhibition rooms.
- 2. only dogs that are obviously healthy, uninjured, well-fed and not disturbed in their behavior may be exhibited.
- 3. only dogs vaccinated against rabies may be brought onto the show grounds. Vaccination must have taken place no less than 30 days prior to entry.
- 4. all dogs, unless shown in the ring, shall be either muzzled or leashed in such a manner that their behavior can be controlled at all times.
- 5. Consideration must be given to the dogs' need for exercise according to their species, breed and age.
- 6. the animals must be given sufficient rest periods to prevent them from being overstressed.
- 7. animals must not be left unattended in the showroom. They are to be housed in such a way that they cannot escape.
- 8. each respective owner of the exhibited animals is responsible for the necessary care of his own animals and must in any case be continuously present on site and reachable by telephone.
- 9. short-term accommodation in a transport cage for a maximum of two hours is permitted. With regard to the size of the boxes, an area is required for each dog that allows the dog to lie down in a relaxed manner, to stand in an upright position and to turn around. The boxes must be constructed in such a way that the dogs can be taken out without difficulty. Lying down must be possible in a lateral position with limbs extended and curled up. The box material must be waterproof. The lying surface in the boxes must be non-slip, with soft carpet pad and absorbent, insulating material.
- 10. the uninterrupted stay of the dogs in the show must not exceed twelve hours.
- 11. heavily pregnant bitches may not be exhibited.
- 12. only dogs that have not been presented at a similar event within the last four days may be exhibited.
- 13. dogs born after 01.01.2008 and who have undergone operations on body parts prohibited in Austria (e.g. docked/cropped) may not be exhibited.
- 14. animals with shortened, shorn, shaved or cut whiskers may not be exhibited.
- 15. animals showing torture breeding characteristics according to the Animal Welfare Act may not be exhibited.
- 16. prong collars, coral collars, as well as electrifying or chemical dressage devices are prohibited. Only collars or leashes that rest broadly on the dog's neck may be used. A leash/pulling mechanism that can make it difficult for the dog to breathe by "pulling" it together is not permitted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a show management staff member directly.

Please note that, to the extent permitted by law, the organizer accepts no liability whatsoever for any disadvantages you may suffer during your visit and stay at the International Dog Show Oberwart.

The visit of the IHA Oberwart is at your own risk.

Please do not hesitate to contact the show management/organizer immediately in case of any queries or perceptions that could jeopardize the smooth running of the dog show.

I thank you for your understanding and wish us all good luck,

Günter Wonisch