



Questions and answers on the crossbreed project

The chairman of Norsk Lundehund Klubb has received an inquiry on the crossbreed project from a member of the club living abroad. The inquiry is related to the project initiating background, and NLK wants all interested parties to have the opportunity to read the answers. Hence, the two questions below and the answers from NLK are translated from norwegian into english, german and french.

Further questions may be directed to the chairman of Norsk Lundehund Klubb, Rita Daverdin, e-mail leder@lundehund.no or by mobil phone [+47 922 36 662](tel:+4792236662).

The questions:

Was the project initiated

1. under pressure from Norsk Kennel Klub (NKK): either NLK themselves will initiate a cross breeding project, or the project will be carried out under the supervision of NKK?
2. by NLK without interference/pressure from NKK?

The Norwegian Lundehund Club's outcross project – Answers to questions forwarded by Stein Erik Greter:

1. The project was initiated as a result of the findings NLK made during the work with the breeding strategy for the "Norsk Lundehund" (RAS) and was included in an Action Plan for NLK after a workshop on RAS at Starum, an open meeting at Øysanden and an open hearing, all in 2013.

The outcross project is carried out by NLK in cooperation with and under the control of the Norwegian Kennel Club (NKK), and in collaboration with NordGen and Norsk Genressurscenter.

2. NKK has not demanded that NLK start the outcross project. But, the high occurrence of IL and other intestinal problems, the reduced fertility and the high degree of inbreeding made it clear that NLK risked having a cross breeding program imposed on us, or that such projects were launched elsewhere (eg in Finland and the USA). Finland had already raised the issue of inbreeding and health problems in the Lundehund breed with the Nordic Kennel Union. The signals were quite unmistakable. We were clearly urged by the leader of NKK's health panel, Astrid Indrebø, (a meeting with Indrebø in Oslo in 2013 where Rita Daverdin and Hanna Gautun were present) that NLK would be best off by taking charge of an outcross project ourselves.
3. Project dogs might be placed in other Nordic countries than Norway in the future. There are, however, a number of issues to address before this can be done. We are currently considering these matters and working out the formalities. In any case, ONLY dogs resulting from combinations approved by NLK and NKK will be accepted in the project.